

5.21.17

Good afternoon, Royal families... this is the last week of school and it has been a great year!

We have district finals for 6th grade science and dance on Monday. On Monday afternoon, we will be also hosting a yearbook signing ice cream party at 12:30PM for all students who have purchased yearbooks. You must bring your yearbook in order to attend. Yearbooks can be purchased for \$35 in the cafeteria or see Mrs. Baumaister.

On Tuesday, is our Spring Music Concert in the theater at 7PM.

The end of year activities for our 8th graders continue on Wednesday, May 24 with the 8th grade picnic. Students who have turned in their permission forms to their Language Arts teachers and \$15 will be able to attend. Students are also encouraged to bring sunscreen, wear hats, and may wear clothing which can get wet but must be in dress code for the picnic only.

On Thursday and Friday, students should not bring backpacks to school. They may bring small purses or string packs.

The Promotion Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 25 at 8AM and has been moved to the gym based on the expected turn out. Students must have an early release form signed in order to leave early that day. That evening from 6PM-8PM we will host the 8th grade dance in the gym (tickets are included in the \$15 end of year participation fee).

Friday, May 26th is last day of school. We will be holding a breakfast 1st period for our 7th graders as they become kings and queens of the castle. 7th graders are encouraged to bring in items to decorate crowns during this time.

Information on Extended School Year will also be provided to those students who are eligible to make up courses. ESY will be 10 days on June 12-15, June 19-22, and June 26, 27.

As you plan your schedule for this summer, River Ridge will be offering several summer camp opportunities in the following areas: football, volleyball, dance, STEM/Engineering, Drama, and Music. Registration information is located on the River Ridge Middle and High School website.

Let's make it a great week and finish Royal Strong!

5.14.17

Good afternoon, I would like to wish all of our Royal Knight mothers a Happy Mother's Day today. There are only two weeks left of the school year and we have a lot of exciting activities beginning this week to celebrate the achievements of our Royal Knights. We will be on the modified schedule on Monday starting at 10:45AM-5:10PM. We will be meeting with the

county and school district on Monday morning and will let you know what the schedule will look like on Tuesday. Thank you again for your flexibility and support during this difficult situation.

District finals begin this week in the following courses engineering, art, Spanish, PE, music, world history, digital design, computers, US History, and 7th grade science. These exams will be calculated as 10% of the final course grade. We will also be administering the Civics EOC, which will count as 30% of the students final grade. The schedule is as follows: Tuesday: 7Navy, Wednesday: 7Red, Thursday: 7Orange in the Media Center. There are limited make up days so please be here and do your best.

On Wednesday afternoon, we will be hosting a yearbook signing ice cream party at 1:30PM for all students who have purchased yearbooks. Yearbooks can be purchased for \$35 in the cafeteria or see Mrs. Baumaister.

On Thursday evening, we will celebrate our 8th graders at the Celebration of Excellence academic awards ceremony at 6PM in the cafeteria. This is an invitation only event.

On Friday morning, we will be recognizing our Students of the Month for February, March, and April at our Student of the Month breakfast at 7:30AM in the cafeteria. The Graphic and Fine Arts department will be hosting their annual Art and Design Showcase on Friday exhibiting all of our student artists' work from the year.

Finally on Saturday, our Dance department will be hosting their Dance Showcase at 2PM and 7PM in the Theatre.

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5.8.17

Due to the adjustment of our school schedule this week from 10:45AM-5:10PM, there will be some shifting of testing and after school activities. Students may arrive on campus at 10AM and we will be serving breakfast from 10AM-10:40AM. The complete bell schedule is on the RRMS website. Students who ride buses should add 3 hours and 15 minutes to their regularly scheduled bus time. This will be your new pick up time. The Algebra EOC testing scheduled for tomorrow has been moved to Wednesday and Thursday. Ms. Riddle will be contacting students with start and end times for testing. Everyone will have the appropriate amount of time to show what you know. The football club has been cancelled this week after school and rescheduled for next week. The Student of the Month breakfast for February, March, and April will be rescheduled to Friday, May 19th at 7:30AM. Friday's Gradventure field trip is still a go and students will board

buses at 1:30PM. There will be a Gradventure student meeting during 6th period on Tuesday in the cafeteria. Please continue to check the website and social media for the latest information.

Thank you again to the River Ridge Middle and High School staff and families for your patience and jumping in this morning to make sure our students were safe. It takes a strong partnership and that definitely was evident today.

5.7.17

The year is winding down with only three weeks to finish strong! This week we are officially celebrating our outstanding faculty and staff at River Ridge Middle School with Staff Appreciation Week. Please take a moment to thank a dedicated teacher, administrator, or staff member for all that they do to make River Ridge the best middle school in Pasco County! We would also like to thank our business partners and PTSA for providing treats and gifts to our staff as well as supporting our students all year long. Please see a list on the RRMS website.

On Monday morning, we will be hosting our Student of the Month breakfast for February, March, and April. In the afternoon during 6th period, there will be an important meeting for all students attending Gradventure in the cafeteria.

Tuesday and Wednesday the FSA Algebra 1 EOC assessment will be administered in the media center. Attendance is crucial as there is very limited time for make ups.

On Friday, there will be Student Council elections for 7th graders. Also, our 8th graders will attend the Gradventure field trip leaving at 2PM and returning by 2AM on Saturday morning. Students must follow the Pasco County Schools and Universal's dress code to be admitted. All students who attend will need to wear their Gradventure RRMS t-shirt.

Finally, as we close the year out, please make sure that we are following the appropriate procedures for the car loop as well as that all students use crosswalks when crossing Town Center and DeCubellis Rd. The Pasco Sheriff's Office will be monitoring the entrance of RRMS and RRHS in the upcoming weeks to reinforce the safety expectations. Thank you for being a partner in education with us! We are proud to be Royal!

4.30.17

We had a great week at the Ridge last week as we finished up the majority of FSA testing, the week culminated with Progress Report distribution and ice pop on track incentive as well as the Neon Knights Dance on Friday night. It is crucial that we finish the year both academically strong showing positive behavior as there is less than a month. Please check MyStudent and make sure that your child is taking advantage of our academic lunch, tutoring, and extended school day opportunities on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will also be offering Extended School Year this year for those students in need of course recovery to meet Middle School Promotion

Requirements. There are limited seats. Please look for more information next week as to registration.

On Monday, May 1st all 8th graders will take the NGSSS State Science Assessment. Lists are posted on team as well as on the front of the media center with testing locations. There will also be FSA Reading and Math make ups for all 6th and 7th graders on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Attention 8th graders: 8th grade end of year letters went home through Language Arts teachers a few weeks ago. This letter is also posted on our website and it contains information about many important events to finish the year strong including our 8th grade picnic on May 24 and Promotion Ceremony on May 25 at 8AM in the Theater as well as our 8th grade Dance that evening. We are looking for parent volunteers for the picnic and donations from local businesses for prizes and such. Please contact Karen Tabone at 774-7208. There will be a \$15 participation fee which includes the picnic and dance tickets. Permission forms were included in the letter. Please turn your payment and permission forms into your Language Arts teachers as soon as possible.

Attention all student athletes: Dr Mirabello and his staff will be at River Ridge HS Gym on Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:30PM. The physicals will be good for one school year. There will be a notary so all paperwork can get completed at this time. Cost is \$10 and all money is donated back to River Ridge Athletics.

For our 6th and 7th graders interested in football, the Football club will be starting on May 1st through May 11th after school Monday through Thursday from 2PM-4PM at the Middle School Football Field. Permission forms are on the RRMS website or you can pick one up from Coach Koos.

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4.23.17

This upcoming week begins our FSA Language Arts and Math assessments for our 6th graders. Testing lists with times and locations are posted on the media center windows. Monday's schedule will begin with the Purple team/accommodated students testing at 7:30AM, Yellow team at 9:30AM, and Green at 11:30AM. All testing will take place in the media center and labs. All students who are testing will get a free breakfast on the day of their test. Students are encouraged to bring headphones or earbuds as there are audio portions of the assessment. Please make sure to get some rest, eat well, and do your very best!

Thursday, April 27th is the National Take Your Son or Daughter to Work Day. Students must submit pre-approved absence forms no later than Monday, April 24. It is strongly recommended that 6th graders who are testing report to school as make up time is limited.

Progress Reports for Quarter 4 will be distributed on Friday, April 28th. Please check MyStudent and make sure that your child is taking advantage of our academic lunch, tutoring, and extended school day opportunities on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will also be offering Extended School Year this year for those students in need of course recovery to meet Middle School Promotion Requirements. There are limited seats. Please look for more information in the coming weeks as to registration.

We will be hosting our next school-wide dance with a Neon Knights theme on Friday, April 28th from 6-8PM. Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, April 24 for \$8 in front of the media center every morning, and at the door for \$10. Students need to be in dress code but are encouraged to wear neon colors or white as we will have black lights.

We are still collecting Box Tops through Friday, April 28th as a fundraiser. The team with the most donations will win a prize.

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4.16.17

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8th grade t-shirt sales have been extended through Wednesday, April 19 for \$10. Students will want to get these glow in the dark, tie dye shirts for end of year activities.

We would like to congratulate our Boys' and Girls' Track Teams who won 1st place in their final meet of the season last week. The following athletes have qualified for the middle school state meet: Grant DeShazer - shot, Cole Castro - high jump, long jump, 100 m hurdles, & 4 x 400, Kyle Butchko – 4 x 400, Royalty Formant – 4 x 400, and Brett Clouse – 4 x 400 . They will go to the conference meet on Tuesday, good luck Royal Knights!

4.9.17

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We also need 8th grade baby pictures. It's time to find those incredibly cute baby pictures for our 8th grade End of Year video. Please email 1 baby picture and 1 current picture of your student to Mrs. Baumaister. More information and email address can be found on our website.

Yearbooks are still available for pre-sale for only \$30.00. You can purchase a yearbook online until April 12th. All ordering information is on our school website. We will also be having a Yearbook Signing Party on May 17th for all those students who purchased a yearbook.

Please start collecting boxtops for RRMS tell your friends, neighbors, family members as this is a great fundraiser that will help us reach our goal to purchase technology for the classrooms. We receive 10 cents per boxtop. We will be having a "Race to the Finish" boxtop collection by team through the end of 4th quarter. The team that brings in the most boxtops will win a fabulous team prize for the students. Box tops can be turned into Ms. Tabone in the front office.

Calling all runners to sign up for the Starkey Ranch Distance Classic which includes a family-friendly 5k and 10k on April 29 starting at 8AM. Proceeds of the event will benefit River Ridge Middle School and High School. Check out the link on the school website to register. Advanced registration is \$20 and \$30 the day of the race.

4.3.17

We had a fantastic first week of the 4th quarter with our Spring Fling dress up spirit week, goal setting sessions during enrichment, TEDx speeches (congratulations Madison Woolridge who will be representing RRMS at the district event in May), 8th grade Pep Rally and culminating with the Broadway caliber show Seussical Jr.! I would encourage all parents to ask your students about the personal and academic goals that they set for this quarter to finish strong. This will be extremely relevant as 3rd quarter Report Cards will be distributed on Monday, April 3rd.

We have several opportunities for students to finish academically strong:

- Be here. Attendance is the first key to success in school!
- Continuously work with the teachers, school counselors, administrators to develop a plan for success
- Academic Lunch help daily in the media center with our teachers
- Tutoring from high school students in the media center after school
- Take advantage of the intervention/enrichment Tuesday schedule by getting extra help on your team
- Extended School Day on Wednesday after school from 2-4:45PM
- For those students needing course recovery, the APEX lab courses can get a student back on track as well as all APEX coursework can be done at home and we will be extending Extended School Day on Fridays for course recovery from 2-4PM in the media center.

I would also encourage you to make sure that you have a myStudent account to monitor grades, attendance, and behavior. If you do not have a parent account, you may go to the "parent" link on the district website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teachers, school counselor, or administrator.

Due to converting to myStudent system, transportation letters will not be sent home this year. Parents are asked to go on myStudent and verify the student's address and bus route. These will transfer to the next school year. If they are not correct, please contact us.

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Thank you for listening to the complete message. Let's make it a Royal week!

3.29.17 (8th grade only)

The RRMS Drama Department presents Seussical Jr. the Musical on Friday, March 31st at 7PM and Saturday at 2PM and 7PM at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5, cash only. Please come out and support our students it promises to be a magical show.

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3.26.17

Good Afternoon Royal Families,

This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School hoping that you have enjoyed your Spring Break! I have your weekly preview for the week of 3/27, which is the first week of the 4th quarter.

This upcoming week...

Spring Fling Spirit Week sponsored by the RRMS and RRHS Student Councils. Students are encouraged to dress up in school appropriate attire. Students may wear hats if it goes with the dress up day.

Monday is Pajama Day, Tuesday is Involvement Day – students can wear their club or sports team shirts, Wednesday is Disney Day, Thursday is Throwback Thursday – students can dress up from a decade or as little kids, and Friday is Spirit Day!

The 8th graders will be attending a Pep Rally on Friday with the HS in the morning as a part of the knighting ceremony transition to 9th grade. Everyone is encouraged to show their spirit and wear purple! Go Knights!

3.12.17

This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School with your weekly preview for the week of 3/13. This is the last week of the third quarter and we need to CHARGE into Spring Break and finish STRONG!

This upcoming week...

Quarterly Checks will continue in Language Arts, Science, and US History.

Gradventure tickets for 8th graders are still on sale for \$130 which includes admission to both Universal Parks, charter bus, meal voucher, and this year's 8th grade shirt. Please see Ms. Sullivan for more information. All money is due by March 31st.

Thursday, March 16th is the last day of the quarter and Friday, March 17th is a Teacher Planning Day with no school for students.

The following week is Spring Break with school reopening on Monday, March 27th. We would like to wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and refreshing break.

Please continue to connect with River Ridge through our website at rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us , follow us on Twitter @RRMSRoyalKnight, Facebook and Instagram as we will be updating it with important information and showing how great it is to be Royal!

As always, thank you for your support and let's make it a great week!

3.6.17

This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School with your weekly preview for the week of 3/6.

We had a great week last week with 99% of our students participating and excelling on the FSA Writing Assessment. This is one portion of the FSA ELA Assessment, the next part will be administered in April. Thank you for your commitment to show what you know!

This upcoming week...

Monday, March 6th Track tryouts begin after school, please make sure that you have a physical to participate. Please see Coach Hack or Coach Koos for more information.

There will be an 8th grade class panoramic picture taken on Monday after A Lunch in the gym. 8th graders are encouraged to wear a River Ridge shirt or school colors. These pictures can be purchased at a later date.

Gradventure tickets are still on sale for \$130 which includes admission to both Universal Parks, charter bus, meal voucher, and this year's 8th grade shirt. Please see Ms. Sullivan for more information. All money is due by March 31st.

As a reminder, there are only two weeks left in the quarter. Please make sure that you are checking myStudent reviewing grades with your student and if he or she need extra help encourage them to come to academic lunch in the media center or extended school day on Wednesdays after school.

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As always, thank you for your support and have a great weekend! Proud to be Royal!

2.27.17

This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of River Ridge Middle School with your weekly preview for the week of 2/27.

I want to thank everyone for coming out to the Curriculum Night on Thursday. We had a fantastic turn out, which shows the dedication and support of our community.

This upcoming week...

Monday through Wednesday will be the FSA Writing Assessment for all students. Testing lists with locations are posted on the media center windows. 6th and 7th graders will use paper-based tests on Monday in the classrooms, while the 8th graders will be in the media center by team on the computers. Monday is silver, Tuesday is teal, and Wednesday is maroon... On the day of testing, students will receive a free breakfast from the cafeteria or breakfast cart. We wish our students the best, show what you know!

Due to testing, the media center will be closed before and after school until Thursday.

We would also like to wish our OM Team good luck at their competition on Saturday at Rushe Middle School.

Lastly, Math teachers will be collecting all course cards for the upcoming year on Wednesday.

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