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Next week is the final week of the school year! Please review the [Royal Update – Knight News for 5.22-5.26](#) newsletter for important end of year and summer information. This is the last week for district finals and state testing make ups. It is crucial that all students complete their make ups as they will affect class placement for next year and current grades.

On Monday, May 22nd, 8th graders will be participating in Promotion Practice, watching the 8th grade video, and the 8th Grade Picnic. They do not need to bring school items with them. They may wear bathing suits with their 2027 t-shirts or a cover up. They should bring a towel, hat, sunscreen, and change of clothes. The picnic will begin at 11:30AM at the middle school track. Students who submitted the picnic permission form will receive a wristband to participate after the Promotion Practice.

On Tuesday, May 23rd, we will be hosting the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony in the Gym at 8:30AM. Doors will open at 8AM. Students should report to the cafeteria at 7:15AM. Dress is business casual. Students who submitted the early release paperwork will be permitted to leave with their family after the ceremony. All other students will return to class.

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Starting Wednesday, May 24th through Friday, May 26th, backpacks will not be permitted on campus. Students may bring small purses or slingpacks. Any one who brings a backpack, it will be stored in the front office for the entire day.

The 6th and 7th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards invites were distributed a few weeks ago. This event is on Thursday, May 25th at 8:00AM (6th Grade) and 9:30AM (7th Grade). Families are invited to attend.

On Friday, May 26th, we will be hosting our 7th Grade Crowning Breakfast during 1st period in the Cafeteria. All 7th Graders who will be 8th graders are invited to attend. Our new kings and queens of the castle will get to make their 8th grade crowns and be celebrated with a special breakfast from McDonald's and Cosmic Donuts! Bring your crown making supplies! If 7th Grade parents/guardians would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Hammelman at shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Current 6th Graders, please make sure that your TDaP vaccination is completed and up to date. Student will not get a schedule in the fall if this paperwork has not been received by the school nurse. Please contact School Nurse Leah Janssens at ljanssen@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Finally, River Ridge Middle and High Schools will be offering a variety of summer camps this summer for students of all ages. There will be recreation sports, football, volleyball, basketball,

dance, theatre, visual arts, STEM/Engineering, baseball, and music. Registration and fee information are located on the RRMS website at this link: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9796>. Please complete payments online using Rycor, GoFan.co, or bring cash/check to the front office. Please mark your calendars for two dates this summer: Storm the Castle for new students and incoming 6th graders will be Thursday, July 27th from 8AM-12PM. An RSVP sign up will be sent to all families. The RRMS Open House for all returning students will be on Friday, August 4th from 8AM-12PM.

We hope that everyone has a Royal Summer – Be Safe, Have Fun, and Stay Royal!
Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

5/14

We are down to the final two weeks of the school year! End of year testing will continue this week but we also will have several opportunities this week to recognize our amazing Royal Knights!

To receive in depth information, please review the [Royal Update – Knight News for 5.15-5.19](#) newsletter which is available online and has also been emailed to all families.

The 8th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards invites have been mailed and distributed to all recipients. The event will be on Monday, May 15th at 6PM in the RRMHS Gym. Families are invited and there will be light refreshments following. The 6th and 7th Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards invites have also been mailed. This event is on Thursday, May 25th at 8:00AM (6th Grade) and 9:30AM (7th Grade). Families are invited to attend.

There will be 23-24 Dance Team Try Outs for current 6th and 7th graders May 15-17. Please get the packet from Mrs. Vairo in the dance room.

On Tuesday, May 16th, the RRMS Music Department presents their spring concert including band, chorus and orchestra at 6:30PM at the River Ridge Center for the Arts.

On Wednesday, May 17th, the RRMS Theatre Department will be recognizing our Thespians with a banquet in the Cafeteria at 6:30PM.

We will also be hosting the annual End of Year Athletics Banquet on Thursday, May 18th at 6PM in the gym. All student-athletes and their families are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

8th Grade Families, please make sure to pay the \$30 end of year activities fee so that your 8th grader can participate in the 8th Grade Picnic on May 22nd. You may make payment on Rycor or bring it to the front office. Please also bring in the permission forms for the picnic and if you are going to have early dismissal after the Promotion Ceremony on May 23rd. The deadline for payment and forms is May 18th.

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May 15th. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AAAB2DAA8-rrms2>
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5/7

There are 3 weeks left to finish Royal Strong! Please continue to check your student's grades in myStudent and provide encourage and motivation to take the end of year assessments seriously as they will affect next year's placements. The FAST Assessment data is available to families with in 48 hours of the student taking the assessment in myStudent. This upcoming week we will be administering the Science FSAA to all 8th graders and 7th graders in Accelerated Science as well as 7th grade Math FAST on Monday. The rest of the week will be Math FAST assessments. The testing calendar and parent informational letters have been published on the RRMS website: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9779>. Attendance for all end of year assessments is key as there will be very few make up days.

Please review the [Royal Update – Knight News for 5.8-5.12](#) newsletter which is available online and has also been emailed to all families. On Tuesday, May 9th, we will be inducting the newest members of the FAME Academy in the Media Center from 5PM-5:45PM including incoming 6th graders. Immediately following will be the 8th Grade FAME Art Show and Dinner. Please contact Mr. Grosso for more information. This Saturday, May 13th the RRMHS Dance Department will perform their spring dance showcase at 3PM and 5PM at the River Ridge Center for the Arts. Tickets can be purchased at <https://buy.tututix.com/riverridgedancedept>.

This week in sports select members of the Track Teams will compete in the conference meet at Mitchell High School on Thursday, May 11th with field events beginning at 5PM and running events to follow. Go Knights! We also will be hosting the annual End of Year Athletics Banquet on Thursday, May 18th at 6PM in the gym. All student-athletes and their families are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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The 8th Grade Let's Glow Dance is this Friday. It is a semi-formal dance. The gym will be turned into a Glow-in-the-dark party to celebrate our 8th graders! Make sure to pay your \$30 end of year activity fee as that is your ticket. It is semi-formal. There will be plenty of food: McDonald's, Pizza, Culver's, and chips, a photo booth, and DJ. We are still looking for 8th grade parent volunteers who would like to help at the 8th Grade Dance on May 12th (6PM-9PM) in the concession area. We are also looking for volunteers for the 8th Grade Picnic to help with grilling, the food table, and supervision. Please contact Sue Hammelman at shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us.

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Believe it or not, there is only 4 weeks left to finish Royal Strong! Please review the [Royal Update – Knight News for 5.1-5.5](#) newsletter which is available online and has also been emailed to all families. This week we are celebrating our dedicated RRMS Staff with Staff Appreciation Week. Take a minute and give a shout out to a deserving staff member at this link: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/mform/view.php?id=13869>.

Thank you those families who have donated items for Staff Appreciation. We are still in need of donations of gift cards, baskets, prizes, or services for the raffle baskets! Please drop them off at the front office.

End of Year testing (FAST, EOC, FSSA Science, and District Finals) begins this week with FAST ELA PM 3. The testing calendar and parent informational letters have been published on the RRMS website: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9779>. Attendance for all end of year assessments is key as there will be very few make up days. Student results will determine what courses students will be placed in for the 23-24 school year.

The PTSA election and general meeting is on Monday, May 1st at 6:30PM in the media center. If you are interested in joining the PTSA Executive Board, please complete the interest survey online at

<http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/mform/view.php?id=95986> Please email riverridgemsptsa@gmail.com with any questions.

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4/23:

Please review the [Royal Update – Knight News for 4.24-4.28](#) newsletter which is available online and has also been emailed to all families.

Progress Reports were available in myStudent on Friday. This week the Student Success Team will be meeting with students who are considered at risk or off track from high school promotion. We will be creating a success plan and providing Extended School Year letters.

End of Year testing (FAST, EOC, FSSA Science, and District Finals) is right around the corner the entire month of May. The testing calendar and parent informational letters have been published on the RRMS website: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9779>. Attendance for all end of year assessments is key as there will be very few make up days. Student results will determine what courses students will be placed in for the 23-24 school year.

This upcoming week is the RRMS PTSA Color Fun Run! There is still time to register for your child to participate at www.MyBooster.com. The Color Fun Run fundraiser will take place on Thursday, April 27th for 1 hour at the end of the day. This is an exciting event for students who participate. You can register online to give and/or receive credit card donations. You may also submit cash/check donations. Checks should be made payable to River Ridge Middle PTSA. Donations are due no later than Wednesday, April 26th at 12:00 NOON in order to receive event prizes. Prizes will not be awarded for donations given after April 26th. Students must raise at least \$5 in order to participate on April 27th.

To participate, follow these simple steps:

1. Register your child at www.MyBooster.com It's free, quick, & easy! Just click on Sign up, I'm a Parent/Guardian, enter the parent's info, search for school name, then enter student's name and select your teacher's name.
2. Email and/or Text your student's fundraising webpage to your friends and family.
3. Post on Facebook, Twitter, etc. You'll be surprised when donations come in from distant relatives, friends from the past, and co-workers. Please share your page today.



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4/16:

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On Wednesday at 6PM in the theater, NJHS Induction will take place. Family is invited and there will be light refreshments following.

This week in sports that Track Teams travel to Fivay High School as BPMS hosts the meet with field events beginning at 5PM and running events to follow. Go Knights!

On Friday, Progress Reports will be available in MyStudent. The incoming 6th graders will be visiting the campus for tours and a prep rally from 10:30AM-12:30PM. We encourage everyone to wear their Royal Knight gear to show our new students all of our Royal Spirit!

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4/9:

Happy Easter, Royals! Please check out the [Royal Update – Knight News for 4.10-4.14](#) newsletter which is available online and has also been emailed to all families.

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Those who register in the first week will receive a NO HOMEWORK pass for one class.



On Wednesday, April 12th, we will be holding our final Enrichment Activity Day of the year. We will be on an AM Activity Schedule. Students should wear appropriate clothing and bring materials for their enrichment activity.

This week in sports on Thursday, April 13th, the track team travels to Hudson High School for the track meet hosted by HAC. Field events begin at 5PM and running events following. Good luck, Royal Knights!

ATTENTION 8th GRADE FAMILIES: The [8TH GRADE END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER](#) which contains promotion, end of year 8th grade activities, yearbooks, and important contacts was sent home on March 24th and is located on the RRMS Website. Also, Included in the newsletter are permission slips for the 8th grade picnic and early dismissal after the 8th grade promotion ceremony. **There will be a \$30 8th Grade End of Year Activities participation fee, which will include admission to the 8th Grade Picnic and Dance. Payment can be made to the front office or online through the Rycor system on the RRMS website. Some people have already made payments so please check Rycor. Students will need a signed parent permission form to go on the waterslides, wrecking ball, and obstacle course at the picnic.**

River Ridge Middle School presents

8TH GRADE LET'S GLOW! CRAZY DANCE

MAY 12, 2023 6PM-9PM RRMHS GYM

Tickets included in the \$30* EOY 8th Grade Activity Fee & can be purchased on Rycor. Tickets will not be sold the day of the event.
Dress is semi-formal. Pasco County Schools dress code applies.
**Students must be on track for promotion to high school and not have any Level 2 or 3 referrals during semester 2 to attend.

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE PICNIC

MAY 22, 2023 11:30AM-1:30PM

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Deadline for Photo Submission is Friday, April 28th

It's that time of year, the RRMS PTSA will be holding their elections on April 17th @ 6:30pm in the RRMS Media Center. If you are interested in a position or would like to nominate someone use the link below:

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Finally, we are preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week a bit earlier this year with a call for donations!

#royal Donations Needed! May 1-5



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This year, we are thanking our teachers and staff for all they do with Teacher Appreciation Week May 1st-5th! Together with administration and the RRMS PTSA, we have a great week planned to spoil them all. We are collecting items for a raffle that week. We would love to be able to give something away to as many teachers and staff as possible, but we need your help! We are looking for donations of gift cards, baskets, prizes, or services! Really, anything that you can think of that would make a good prize! If you are able to donate something, please sign up and indicate what it is. Please turn in any donations to the front office by April 28th and mark them "TAW Raffle." You can sign up at this link:

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4/2:

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This week the 6th and 7th grade students will be working with their school counselors to complete Naviance college and career readiness lessons through science classes.

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QUARTER 3 REPORT CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MYSTUDENT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH. Please check myStudent regularly to keep up with grades, attendance, and test history. **In order to be promoted to high school, students must earn a D or higher in all Core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) for the semester and complete the career component.**

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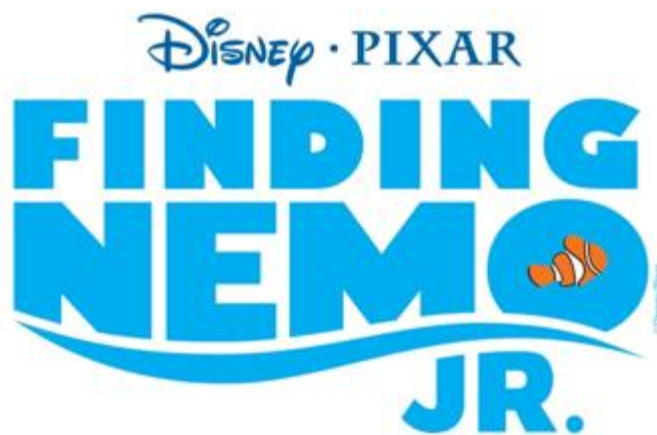
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2. Knight Time Intervention Period (daily)
3. Second Chance Learning Opportunities (work out with teacher as needed)

4. After School Tutoring with HS NHS students (Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30PM-2:30PM Media Center)

The 7th Grade Science students will begin field trips to Cross Bar Ranch this week, which will include Mr. Polonski and Mrs. Adams' classes.

The School Store will be open online on Monday and Tuesday this week. Students may purchase 2 items and 1 privilege using their Knight Dollars on the PBIS Rewards app. School store distribution will be on Thursday at lunches.

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The [8TH GRADE END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER](#) which contains promotion, end of year 8th grade activities, yearbooks, and important contacts was sent home this past week and is located on the RRMS Website. Also, Included in the newsletter are permission slips for the 8th grade picnic and early dismissal after the 8th grade promotion ceremony. **There will be a \$30 8th Grade End of Year Activities participation fee, which will include admission to the 8th Grade Picnic and Dance. Payment can be made to the front office or online through the Rycor system on the RRMS website. Some people have already made payments so please check Rycor. Students will need a signed parent permission form to go on the waterslides, wrecking ball, and obstacle course at the picnic.**

River Ridge Middle School presents

8TH GRADE LET'S GLOW! CRAZY DANCE

MAY 12, 2023 6PM-9PM RRMHS GYM

Tickets included in the \$30* EOY 8th Grade Activity Fee & can be purchased on Rycor. Tickets will not be sold the day of the event.
Dress is semi-formal. Pasco County Schools dress code applies.
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RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE PICNIC

MAY 22, 2023 11:30AM-1:30PM

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3/10, 319:

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There are a few activities as we return from the break that you should mark your calendars: Track season is right around the corner... try outs will be March 21-24 from 1:30PM-4PM. Please make sure that all athletic paperwork is complete including an up to date physical and uploaded to the athletic clearance website prior to trying out. See Coach Koos or Coach Brando with any questions.

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3/5/23

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This upcoming week is our Spring Fling Spirit Week with dress up days, enrichment activity day on Wednesday, and we finish the week off with the RRMS PTSA Dodgaton!

MARCH 6-10 Spring Spirit Week: Theme Days, Dress Up, Be Involved, Join in on the Fun!
Let's Finish ROYAL Strong... Spring Break Here We Come!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 THEME PARK DAY WEAR YOUR DISNEY, UNIVERSAL, BUSCH GARDENS, ETC. GEAR! 	 TOURIST BEACH DAY WEAR SCHOOL APPROPRIATE BEACH ATTIRE, HAWAIIAN SHIRTS, SUNGLASSES, STRAW HATS, & FLIP FLOPS! 	 STAY-CATION DAY WEAR COMFY CLOTHES OR ACTIVE WEAR! 	 TRAVELER DAY WEAR SOMETHING FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY OR STATE! 	 ROYAL ST. PATTY'S PRE-CELEBRATION WEAR YOUR ST. PATTY'S ACCESSORIES, SHIRTS, OR GREEN! ROYAL SPIRIT GEAR TOO! DODGETHON 11:30AM \$25 TO PLAY, \$10 TO WATCH

MARCH 13-20 Students return 3/21 for Quarter 4!

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JOIN US FOR A
TROPICAL GOOD TIME!

SPRING FLING LUAU DANCE

Friday, March 3 2PM-4PM
RRMS Cafeteria

Tickets are \$10 on GoFan.co, at the front
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Wear your tropical gear, grass skirts, leis,
and flip flops as we celebrate SPRING!

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The poster is decorated with confetti and stars. It features the RRMS logo at the top left and right. The title "RRMS #BeKind-DoKind Week" is written in a large, stylized font. Below the title, the dates "February 13-17, 2023" are displayed. The poster is organized by day, with each day having a specific theme and kindness act. The days are: Monday (Wake Up), Tuesday (Twinning), Wednesday (Crazy for Kindness), Thursday (Team Up), and Friday (World Random Acts of Kindness). Each day's theme is accompanied by a small icon or image. The poster concludes with the phrase "Throw Kindness Around Like Confetti!" and the RRMS logo.

RRMS #BeKind-DoKind Week
February 13-17, 2023

Monday
"Wake Up" All You Need is Love!
Wear your school appropriate PJs!
Kindness Act: Hold the door for someone and give someone a high five for being amazing!
New Student Social 7th Period Media Center (by Invite)

Tuesday
Twinning Tuesday
Grab a friend or group of friends and dress up as twins.
Kindness Act: Spread a drop of kindness and see the ripple effect!

Wednesday
Crazy for Kindness Day
Wear your craziest attire, hats, socks, mis-match clothes.
Kindness Act: Tell someone that they are important and share why.

Thursday
Team Up for Kindness
Wear your favorite team shirt!
Kindness Act: Help clean up and give someone a compliment.

Friday
World Random Acts of Kindness Day
Wear your favorite shirt with kind words or something that inspires you (favorite sports, character, show, book, etc.)!
Kindness Act: Put someone before yourself. Say nice things and treat people with respect. Be open to others. Make someone else's day!

Throw Kindness Around Like Confetti!

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8th Graders planning to attend RRHS: The high school will be holding a Rush Day where students and their families can explore all of the courses, academies, and clubs at RRHS. It is Thursday, February 16th from 6PM-7PM in the gym. You may download the flyer: [Rush Night Flyer](#) High school course selection will begin 2/28-3/2 with high school counselors visiting 8th grade ELA classes. High school course cards will be due to ELA teachers on Friday, March 3rd. HS Academy applications are open through March 1st on the RRHS website: <https://rrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/rrhs-academies/>. There will be a future RRHS 9th Grade Parent Night on April 5th from 6PM-7PM. If you have any questions, please contact 8th Grade Counselor, Mrs. Stanton at mostanto@pasco.k12.fl.us.

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2/3/23

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1/29/23

This week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 1.30-2.3](#) as there is important upcoming information included. This Friday, February 3rd the Quarter 3 Progress Reports are available in myStudent. Please take advantage of all of the Royal opportunities to get academic help. There is weekly tutoring after school, extra help during Knight Time, opportunity hall and multiple second chance learning opportunities. Students need a D or higher in all core classes to be promoted to high school. To be on track for activities, student must have no referrals and only As, Bs, and Cs. Please reach out to your child's teachers or request a parent teacher conference through Student Services with questions and concerns.

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Finally, in the next few weeks we will be providing additional information on the 23-24 Course Selection process for all students. Mark your calendars for the RRMS Curriculum Night on February 15th from 6PM-7:30PM. This night is for current 6th and 7th graders as well as incoming 6th graders families. There will be a transition presentation from 6PM-6:30PM for incoming 6th graders in the theater and for current 6th and 7th graders in the cafeteria. From 6:30PM-7:30PM, come and visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, and experience all of the Royal opportunities! There will be a 9th Grade Parent Night at River Ridge High School on February 16th from 6PM-7PM. More information will be coming soon.

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1/22/23

Please review this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 1.23-1.27](#) as there is important upcoming information included. This is the last week of FAST Progress Monitoring 2 assessment for ELA and Math. Students have been provided when and where they test. Reports are available in myStudent under Test History. Teachers will also be reviewing student progress and goal setting for the final assessment in May.

This week is Celebrate Literacy Week and we look forward to sharing our love of reading with our students! Students are invited to participate in dress up and activities each day. Monday is Reading is a Superpower. Wear your favorite superhero t-shirt. Tuesday is "Oh, the Places You'll Go," wear your favorite college shirt. Wednesday is "Wear your words Wednesday." Wear a shirt with school appropriate words on it! Thursday is "Throwback Thursday," wear your favorite book, movie, etc. t-shirt from your childhood. Friday is Royal Spirit Day and "Friendship Friday." Everyone is encouraged to show their River Ridge spirit by wearing purple, black and silver. We will be hosting our Winter Pep Rally on a PM schedule. Who will win the Winter Spirit Stick? If students would like to be considered to participate in a Pep Rally game, they will need to sign up through the myPBIS. Participants will be notified on Thursday. We can't wait to experience all of the Royal Spirit!

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1/13/23

Please make sure to check out this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 1.16-1.20](#) as Report Cards will be available on myStudent today. **In order to be promoted to high school, students must earn a D or higher in all Core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) for the semester and complete the career component. Students who earned an F for semester 1 in a core course (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA) will receive a MANDATORY schedule change into the academic lab for one of their elective classes to complete course recovery.** However, for "On Track" events at RRMS students must earn As, Bs, and Cs and have no referrals. Please encourage your student to take advantage of all of the Royal Opportunities that we offer to get academic help so that they can be successfully promoted and participate in Royal Rewards incentives.

We will be continuing the FAST Progress Monitoring 2 assessments in ELA and Math this week. Students have been provided when and where they will be tested by ELA teachers and are also posted on the media center windows and grade level hallways. These assessments are crucial to measure student progress toward meeting grade level standards and may impact future course selection. Attendance is key as there are very few days set aside for make up. If students have questions, please come to the media center or contact Ms. Martanovic.

This Friday, January 20th we will be hosting the Winter Wonderland Dance from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. Tickets are on sale for \$10 on GoFan.co, at the front desk, and the door. Students should be on track and have no referrals for 2nd quarter. There will be concessions and Kona Ice for sale.

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This week in sports: Boys' Basketball and Girls' Soccer Parent Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18th at 3:30PM in Cafeteria.

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1/8/23

We have had a great start to the new year this past week! Please make sure to check out this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 1.9-1.13](#) as Report Cards will be available on myStudent on 1/12. **In order to be promoted to high school, students must earn a D or higher in all Core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) for the semester and complete the career component.** Students who earned an F for semester 1 in a core course (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA) will receive a MANDATORY schedule change into the academic lab for one of their elective classes to complete course recovery. However, for "On Track" events at RRMS students must earn As, Bs, and Cs and have no referrals. Please encourage your student to take advantage of all of the Royal Opportunities that we offer to get academic help so that they can be successfully promoted and participate in Royal Rewards incentives.

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On Wednesday this week, we will be running an AM Activity schedule to continue with enrichment activities. There are no longer Early Release Days and the school day will end at 1:30PM. Updated student lists will be posted. Please make sure that you bring materials and wear appropriate clothing for your activity. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Pruneau or Ms. Grubbs in the front office.

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This week in sports: Boys' Basketball try outs continue with 6th graders on Monday and 8th graders on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be callbacks for 6th and 7th graders on Tuesday. Girls' Soccer Try Outs also begin with 6th graders on Monday, 7th graders on Tuesday and 8th graders on Wednesday. All try outs are from 1:30PM-3:30PM. Please make sure that all of the athletic paperwork and up to date physical is completed and upload to the Athletic Clearance at least 24 hours prior to trying out. See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

Last Friday, 8th graders recieved the 8th Grade Mid-Year newsletter and Gradventure information through ELA classes.

8th Grade Mid-Year Newsletter and Gradventure Parent Letter has been posted on the RRMS website: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9505>. This includes important information on high school registration, 8th Grade End of Year Activities, promotion requirements and Gradventure. Gradventure 2023 tickets are on sale now for \$175. Please see the parent letter which includes the dress code and permission form. Students must be in good standing academically and behaviorally to attend from January 3, 2023 through May 5, 2023. If you have any questions about Gradventure, please contact Ed Collier at ecollier@pasco.k12.fl.us.

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1/1/23

Happy New Year, Royal Knights! I hope that everyone had a wonderful break spending time with family and friends. After two weeks off, we are so excited to welcome our Royal Knights back to second semester on Tuesday morning, January 3rd at 7:06AM.

On Tuesday morning, students should check lists posted on the media center, cafeteria, and grade level hallways for their first period classes. New schedules will also be posted on myStudent.

There will be several adults with lists to help students navigate their classes.

As we begin the new semester, please review the weekly newsletter [Royal Update – Knight News for 1/2-1/6](#) as there is very important information included regarding upcoming events at RRMS.

We would like to congratulate our Girls' Basketball Teams for a great season and our Boys' Soccer Team on their conference championship. The second half of the season begins this week with tryouts for Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball on Thursday with 7th grade try outs from 1:30PM-3:30PM, then the following week Monday, January 9 will be 6th grade try outs and Tuesday, January 10th and 11th will be callbacks and 8th grade tryouts. Girls' Soccer Try Outs will be Monday, January 9th through Wednesday, January 11th from 1:30PM-3:30PM. Please make sure that all of the athletic paperwork and up to date physical is completed and upload to the Athletic Clearance at least 24 hours prior to trying out. See Athletic Director Coach Brando for more information.

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Please stay connected with RRMS by checking RRMS website which is updated constantly as well as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to stay up to date with all important RRMS information.

This new year provides an opportunity to refresh and reset for all of us and to take advantage of

all of the ways to be engaged at RRMS by always showing our Knightly Values of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Problem Solver.

Thank you for partnering in your child's education and looking forward to a Royal 2023!

12/11/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is the last week of the quarter and semester before Winter Break. Please read the important information in this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 12/12-12/16](#).

This week is our Winter Spirit Week with dress up days and fun holiday activities. District finals and quarterly benchmarks are also this week for select courses. Monday is Santa vs. Grinch day, Tuesday is dress like a elf or reindeer with holiday accessories, Wednesday is Ugly Sweater Day, Thursday is Candy Cane day, and Friday is Royal Spirit or holiday shirt day!

🍪 Calling all bakers! 🍪 (Or bakery shoppers...shhh we don't mind 😊) PTSA will be hosting a cookie bar for the teachers & staff where they can pick out a dozen cookies to take home before winter break. Drop off will be on Dec. 12 all day.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084DADA82DABFF2-holiday7>

If you know of any businesses that would like to donate treats, please email: rrmsptsa@gmail.com.

Please join us on Tuesday, December 13th at 5PM at the FAME Winter Art and Design Showcase. From 5PM-6:30PM, our Royal artists, dancers, and actors will be performing in the courtyard and art rooms. Hot Cocoa and cookies will be served. At 6:30PM, the Winter Concert for chorus, band and orchestra will begin in the theater. Come out and support these amazing students! Community is welcome.

This week in Sports the Girl's Basketball Teams are home this week on Monday vs. CLMS at 6PM and away at Starkey Ranch on Tuesday at 6PM. JV will play first with Varsity to follow. The Boys' Soccer Team plays at River Ridge on Wednesday vs. Starkey Ranch at 7:30PM. This is a Starkey home game. Tickets are \$5 and the Pasco County Clear Bag policy will be enforced. All River Ridge Middle home athletic event tickets can be purchased at GoFan.co. Go Knights!

River Ridge Middle School would like to wish the entire Royal Family a happy holidays and a Royal new year. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd with a new start time of 7:06AM. Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

12/4/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! We have 10 days left in the quarter to finish Royal Strong before Winter Break. Please read the important information in this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 12/5-12/9](#). This week begins the district finals and quarterly benchmarks for select courses. Please see the RRMS website for the assessment parent letter.

This is the second week of our Season of Kindness calendar. We have several fun, dress up days, kindness activities, and community-building events planned for December to spread our #royalcultureofcaring! This week on Tuesday we have our first holiday Knight Dollars event, cookie decorating, which students can purchase through PBIS Rewards under events. There are 100 tickets per grade level. Don't miss out on the fun!

We will be taking holiday card and candy cane donations from families for student activities by December 9th to the front office. You can sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dada82dabff2-holiday6> Thank you for your support!

We are hosting a holiday food drive for our River Ridge families through this Friday, December 9th. The requested items are at this link: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9462>. Please turn in the items to your Knight Time class or the front office. We will be counting the items and each Knight Time will get 1 point per item. The top 3 Knight Time classes will earn the following: 1st Place: Pizza Party 2nd Place: Ice Cream or Doughnut Party 3rd Place: Doughnut or Ice Cream Party and BRAGGING RIGHTS for helping the River Ridge Royal Family!

On Monday, December 5th at 6:30PM in the Media Center there will be an RRMS PTSA General Meeting.

Holiday Cheer Requests for RRMS Teachers and Staff from PTSA... Let's make our teachers and staff holiday season a little brighter with donations of gift cards, gift baskets, or other donated items! Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../30e084dada82dabff2...>

Each year the RRMS PTSA like to take a collection to put together gift baskets to be raffled to the staff before Winter Break! Please drop off donations by December 9th to the front office. Thank you for your support and generosity!

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If you know of any businesses that would like to donate treats, please email: rrmspts@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 7th will be our last Early Release Day of the year, where school is out at 11:30AM. We will have enrichment activities so please dress appropriately and bring appropriate items. Skip the cooking for a great cause! On Wednesday evening from 4PM-8PM we will be hosting a Royal Dine Out Night at Panera Bread in Trinity. Please mention RRMS or

provide the flyer. 20% of proceeds from the night will go to student recognition programs at RRMS.

On Friday, December 9th, 7th grade accelerated and 8th grade science students will be going on a field trip to NASA. Please make sure that students arrive in the middle school bus loop with their RRMS NASA Field Trip shirt by 5:30AM. The buses will leave promptly at this time. The buses will be returning by 9:30PM.

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11/27/22

Welcome Back, Royals! We have 15 days left in the quarter to finish Royal Strong before Winter Break. Please read the important information in this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 11/28-12/2](#).

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Skip the cooking for a great cause! Monday evening from 5PM-8PM we will be hosting a Royal Dine Out Night at Culver's Port Richey. 15% of proceeds from the night will go to student recognition programs at RRMS. On Friday, Mrs. Adam's Physical Science students will attend a field trip at Busch Garden's Physics Day. On Saturday, the River Ridge Dance Department puts on their Winter Showcase at the RR Center for the Arts at 3PM and 5PM. Tickets are available from Mrs. Vairo or at the box office. Come out and see all of the Royal talent!

This week in Sports the Girl's Basketball Teams are home on Wednesday vs. GMS at 6PM. JV will play first with Varsity to follow. The Boys' Soccer Team is home on Tuesday vs. GMS and travels to PRSMS at AHS on Thursday at 6PM. Tickets are \$5 and the Pasco County Clear Bag policy will be enforced. All River Ridge Middle home athletic event tickets can be purchased at GoFan.co. Go Knights!

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11/13/22

Please check out this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 11/14-11/18](#). Progress Reports were available on myStudent on Friday as there is only four weeks left in the quarter and semester. We will be continuing with our Student Success Data Chats in order to check in with each of our Royal Knights. The Student Success Team (Administration, School Counselors, and Graduation Enhancement Teacher) will take the opportunity to meet with all students individually as part of our Student Success Data Chats through Social Studies classes. We will mail home the Quarter 1 Report Card with notes from the student-led data chat regarding Quarter 1 Report Card grades, current Quarter 2 grades, and potential Semester 1 grades. Together, we not only will review their academic but also their social-behavior progress in order to develop goals and strategies for success as we reach the mid-point of the semester. If you have any questions, please contact the grade-level school counselors.

On Monday, we are very grateful to those parents and community members who are participating in the Great American Teach In. On Monday evening, families are invited to the

Pasco Pathways event to explore all of the innovative program options for the 2023-24 school year from 5PM-8PM in the River Ridge Gym.

The RRMS PTSA are organizing a project to let teachers and staff know how thankful we are for all they do! We would like to send every staff member home with an easy spaghetti dinner as they leave for Thanksgiving break. We are collecting 150 boxes of pasta, 150 jars of spaghetti sauce, and 150 packets of dessert mix (cookies, brownies, cakes, etc.). We would like to have these turned in by November 16th, so we can have it all ready to go that Friday. If you are able to help, please see the sign up below. Please indicate how many of each item you will be donating.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084dada82dabff2-thanksgiving1>

This week in Sports the Girl's Basketball Teams are away this week on Monday at CHMS at 6PM and travels on Wednesday to SSMS at 6PM. JV will play first with Varsity to follow. The Boys' Soccer Team travels to CHMS at KTech on Tuesday at 6PM and travels to SSMS at JWMHS on Thursday for a rivalry game at 6PM. Tickets are \$5 and the Pasco County Clear Bag policy will be enforced. All River Ridge Middle home athletic event tickets can be purchased at GoFan.co. Go Knights!

Please mark your calendars as we will be starting the River Ridge Holiday Food Drive upon our return from Thanksgiving Break. Please bring non-perishable foods and snacks to your Knight Time class or the front desk. All of the food donations will be going directly back to our River Ridge Giving Tree families who are in need.

Pasco County Schools will be on Thanksgiving Break the following week, November 21-November 25. We are so thankful, grateful, and blessed for all of our Royal Family!

We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education! So Proud you are Royal!

11/6/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Please check out this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 11/7-11/11](#).

Don't forget to "fall back" an hour by turning your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time!

This week begins our Student Success Data Chats in order to check in with each of our Royal Knights. The Student Success Team (Administration, School Counselors, and Graduation Enhancement Teacher) will take the opportunity to meet with all students individually as part of our Student Success Data Chats through Social Studies classes. We will mail home the Quarter 1 Report Card with notes from the student-led data chat regarding Quarter 1 Report Card grades, current Quarter 2 grades, and potential Semester 1 grades. Together, we not only will review their academic but also their social-behavior progress in order to develop goals and strategies for success as we reach the mid-point of the semester. If you have any questions, please contact the grade-level school counselors.

Tuesday is Election Day. We will be participating in a mock election sponsored by Pasco County Schools in Social Studies classes.

This week students will be participating in the USF College of Education Partnership SAEBRS survey regarding academic, social and behavioral needs. This survey is voluntary and those

student's parents who have opted out will not participate. We look forward to working with USF and the many positive resources they can provide our staff and students.

Wednesday is our next Royal Dine Out Night at Culver's in Port Richey from 5PM-8PM. Skip the cooking and support RRMS student recognition! 20% will be donated back to RRMS, please mention River Ridge when you order. Thank you for all of your support!

Attention 8th graders as we begin the high school preview process... On Tuesday, 11/8: All 8th graders enrolled in Algebra 1 Honors and Geometry Honors will attend a presentation by the AHS Cambridge Program and the GHS IB Program during 1st period in the Cafeteria. On Wednesday, 11/9: K-Tech will be here during 1st and 2nd Period in the Media Center to present to any interested 8th graders for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact Mrs. Stanton to sign up to attend. These school choice options open to application in January. Attend the Pasco Pathways event on 11/14 from 5PM-8PM at River Ridge High School Gym for more information.

NASA field trip letter and forms have been distributed by 8th grade science and 7th grade accelerated science teachers to their students for the trip on December 9th. Please make payment on Rycor for \$85 and turn in the permission form to Mr. Coller in the maroon hallway. The final deadline has been extended for one more week to Friday, November 11th or if seats sell out first. There are only 40 seats left. If you have not turned in your payment or permission form to Mr. Coller, please do so ASAP.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS for GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN @ RRMS!

We are looking for parents, business owners, and community members to share their careers with our students on Monday, November 14th at River Ridge Middle School! Please complete the interest form at this link: <https://forms.gle/wxUdYARvyQSc3gqFA>

Contact Sue Hammelman for more information at shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us or 727-774-7208.

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10/30/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Please check out this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 10/31-11/4](#). Monday is Halloween. We would ask that students not wear their costumes to school as we already had that day last Friday. We do encourage them to wear orange and black or Halloween/Fall themed shirts.

This Wednesday is our next Early Release Day. We will be on an early release schedule with school ending at 11:30AM. We will have enrichment activities in which students should dress appropriately for their activity and bring the needed materials. We look forward to a great day!

We have applied with the National PTSA to be a School of Excellence again. We need input from parents, administrators, and teachers as part of the feedback process. Please take the opportunity to complete the RRMS PTSA School of Excellence baseline survey only by this Friday, November 4th at <https://forms.gle/Y8YWHNBzriy6KYa36>. Your opinions and input matter for the success of our students and school community!

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NASA field trip letter and forms have been distributed by 8th grade science and 7th grade accelerated science teachers to their students for the trip on December 9th. Please make payment on Rycor for \$85 and turn in the permission form to Mr. Coller in the maroon hallway. The final deadline is this Friday, November 4th or if seats sell out first. There are only 200 seats available and we are 75% sold out. If you would like to chaperone, please contact Mr. Coller.

Physical Science Honors students will be attending a field trip to Busch Gardens Physics Day on December 3rd. Please contact Mrs. Adams if you have any questions about this trip.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS for GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN @ RRMS!

We are looking for parents, business owners, and community members to share their careers and hobbies with our students on Monday, November 14th at River Ridge Middle School!

Please complete the interest form at this link: <https://forms.gle/wxUdYARvyQSc3gqFA>

Contact Sue Hammelman for more information at shammelm@pasco.k12.fl.us or 727-774-7208.

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10/23/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Please check out this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 10/24-10/28](#). This upcoming week is Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed in October each year. The theme is a call to action to speak out in support of healthy choices. The theme is also a reminder that by staying drug free, you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community and your future. We will have dress up days: Monday is Rally in Red, Tuesday is College and Career Day, Wednesday is Superhero Day, Thursday is Throwback Thursday – dress as your favorite childhood character, and Friday is Say Boo to Drugs! Students may dress in their Halloween costume but no masks or props. There will be a Royal Dine Out Night at McDonald's on Ridge Road on Wednesday evening from 4PM-8PM that will benefit RRMS' student recognition program. Skip the cooking for a great cause! On Thursday evening from 5PM-7PM, River Ridge will be hosting Candy at the Castle event for the community. We will also have our annual Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28th from 2PM-4PM after school. Tickets can be purchased on GoFan.co, at the front desk or at the door for \$10. Students with no referrals may attend. There will be a concession stand, Kona Ice, photo booth, craft area, creepy crawler room, and a DJ.

Check out the flyer for Red Ribbon Week: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9407>.

Report Cards are available on myStudent on Tuesday, October 25th. Please check your student's grades as they need a D or higher in all core courses to be promoted to high school. Extended School Day begins on Mondays and Wednesdays this week for those students who have been identified as being in need of additional supports or course recovery. Please contact Mr. Kolean for more information.

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This week in Sports, the Royal Knights football team plays CLMS at home on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30PM. This is our Parent Recognition Night for football, cheer, dance and band. Please make sure to RSVP if you would like to be recognized at the ceremony by Monday through this link: <https://forms.gle/ubqBbAYCEgpzQBgTA>. The ceremony begins on the field promptly at 5:45PM. We also have a make up game on Thursday, October 27th at Seven Springs Middle School at 6:30PM. The Pasco County School's Clear Bag Policy will also be enforced. Thank you for supporting our Royal Knight student-athletes! Go Knights!

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We have had a great first quarter where our students and staff have exemplified an ALL IN approach to every aspect of the year. As we start the second quarter, please read the [Royal Update – Knight News for 10/17-10/21](#), which has been emailed to all families and is also located on the RRMS website and social media accounts.

On Monday, there is no school for students due to teacher planning.

Quarter 2 begins on Tuesday, October 18th! Please check myStudent regularly to keep up with grades, attendance, and test history. In order to be promoted to high school, students must earn a D or higher in all Core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) and complete the career component. However, for "On Track" events at RRMS students must earn As, Bs, and Cs and have no referrals. Please encourage your student to take advantage of all of the Royal Opportunities that we offer to get academic help.

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EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY

The Extended School Day Program for students who qualify for additional supports based on specific criteria including current academic standing, and course recovery for academic credit will begin on October 24th through March 8th. Extended School Day will be held on Monday

and Wednesday after school from 1:40 PM-3:40 PM. Notification letters and emails will be sent to parents this week for students who meet the participation criteria. There is no transportation provided. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr. Kolean at 727-774-7000, or via email at kkolean@pasco.k12.fl.us.

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We look forward to an amazing second quarter as we partner with you in your child's education! So Proud you are Royal!

10/9/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Believe it or not, it's the last week of the quarter and we are going to finish Royal strong with our Royal Spirit Week – Reset! Please read the [Royal Update – Knight News for 10/10-10/14](#), which has been emailed to all families and is also located on the RRMS website and social media accounts.

Please check myStudent frequently and encourage your student to take advantage of all of the Royal opportunities to improve their grades and get extra help. We offer tutoring 3 days a week after school in the media center from 1:30PM-2:30PM, academic lunch, and second chance

learning opportunities by reaching out to the teacher. In order to earn on track status, students must earn all As, Bs, Cs and no referrals for the quarter.

This week in Knight Time intervention classes, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Gallup Student Poll. This is voluntary and those parents who have opted out students will not participate. The Gallup Student Poll covers the following: Engagement, Hope, Belonging, and Social and emotional learning. [The parent letter is at this link.](#)

For the [Royal Spirit Week](#), this week, we encourage all students to get involved by dressing up, participating in activities like the Skate Night, and the Pep Rally on Friday. Classes will compete against each other to see who has the most spirit and who will win the spirit stick. On Monday, students are encouraged to dress up as Decade "Do over" or in pajamas. Tuesday is Tropical Tourist Tuesday. It is also the Day of Awesome for those students who are eligible to participate from the Step It Up donation drive.

Thank you for your active participation in our **Step It UP!** program, which will help with funding Student and Teacher Resources, Student and Staff Recognition. In addition to: New technology, curriculum enhancements, and innovative learning materials.

Students who earn \$50 or more in donations will be able to attend the Day of Awesomeness on October 11th which will include bouncies, games, prizes, and free Kona Ice! Student lists will be posted on the cafeteria and media center windows. We had over 320 students who met the Day of Awesomeness pledge amount! Teachers will also have a list of those who can attend.

Students will have wristbands. The event is from 8:30AM-10:30AM at the middle school track/field. Students should wear socks and bring an extra pair to change into due to wet grass. Only students with sock on can get on the bouncies. Also, we are encouraging everyone to bring a water bottle. Kona Ice will be provided complimentary. Thank you again for supporting RRMS!

Wednesday is Words Wednesday. Students are encouraged to dress up as something that starts with the first letter of their name. We also have a Royal Dine Out Night that evening at Tijuana Flats in Trinity from 5PM-8PM. 20% of proceeds go back to RRMS student recognition, so skip the cooking and support an amazing cause.

Thursday is Tie Dye/Neon Day because our Royal Knights shine bright! It's also our first RRMS Skate Night at Spinnations from 6PM-8PM in Port Richey! Tickets can be purchased at the link or at the door: https://www.spinnationsskate.com/event-details/river-ridge-middle-school-fundraiser-skate-6-30-8-30pm?fbclid=IwAR1hUMCGu1-FqLALjmcFu_gzvnZn1ZbbpW1mSYoBH3bMK6-U7uPKP9aouhQ. There will be concessions and a game room with games available for additional purchases.

Friday is Royal Spirit Friday! We will host a Pep Rally in the afternoon and will be on a PM Activity Schedule. We encourage everyone to bring their Purple Pride and Royal Spirit as we celebrate all things River Ridge. The Spirit Stick will be awarded to the most spirited class! This week in Sports, the Royal Knights JV and Varsity Volleyball Teams plays GMS at home on Wednesday at 6PM. This week our football team travels to PRSMS which will be played at Anclote High School at 6:30PM. Cash only will be accepted at the gate. The Pasco County School's Clear Bag Policy will also be enforced. Thank you for supporting our Royal Knight student-athletes! Go Knights!

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10/2/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. I'm hopeful that everyone rode out the storm in safety as we will return to school on Monday, October 3rd. We have had to shift some planned events to later dates to accommodate the closure and will provide you with the information we have as of now. Please read the [Royal Update – Knight News for 10/3-10/7](#), which has been emailed to all families and is also located on the RRMS website and social media accounts.

There is only two weeks left in the quarter. Please check myStudent frequently and encourage your student to take advantage of all of the Royal opportunities to improve their grades and get extra help. We offer tutoring 3 days a week after school in the media center from 1:30PM-2:30PM, academic lunch, and second chance learning opportunities by reaching out to the teacher. There will also be final FAST and EOC make ups on Tuesday, October 4th. Please contact Kristen Martanovic for more information.

Thank you for your active participation in our **Step It UP!** program, which will help with funding Student and Teacher Resources, Student and Staff Recognition. In addition to: New technology, curriculum enhancements, and innovative learning materials. Our school-wide goal is now \$36,000 and we are so close, only \$500 away! Please remind friends and family to go to the website and donate for our

school: <https://app.pop4kids.org/riverridgems34654>. Students who earn \$50 or more in donations will be able to attend the Day of Awesomeness on October 11th which will include bouncies, games, prizes, and free Kona Ice! Donations will be collected both online and in person at the front office (checks made payable to RRMS) has been extended until Tuesday, October 4th. Thank you again for supporting RRMS!

There will be an early release day on Wednesday, October 5th. Students will be released at 11:30AM. We will also have our monthly enrichment activities that day. Please make sure to dress appropriately for your activity and bring any items needed.

1st Period: 7:10-7:37

2nd Period: 7:40-8:07

3rd Period: 8:10-8:37

7th Period: 8:40-9:07

AM Activity: 9:10-9:51

4th Period: 9:54-10:24

6th Grade Lunch

5th Period: 10:27-10:57

7th Grade Lunch

6th Period: 11:00-11:30

8th Grade Lunch

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Finally, school picture day retakes/make up will be on Thursday, October 6th periods 1-3 in the media center. We also will be having a flu shot clinic on Friday, October 7th for those students who completed and returned the paperwork to school nurse, Ms. Janssens.

Mark your calendars... the RRMS Theatre Department proudly presents Caught in the Web, the fall play on October 7th and 8th at the RR Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are on sale on GoFan.co for \$6. Performances are at 7PM on Friday, and 2PM and 7PM on Saturday. Don't miss out on seeing this awesome Royal talent!

We have reset our Royal Spirit week for 10/10-10/14. We will have dress up days, games, pep rally and spirit competition. [Please check out the updated spirit flyer.](#)

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9/25/22

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This week at River Ridge we will be Celebrating Freedom Week as well as showing our Royal Spirit with dress up days, Knight Time/lunch activities, a Pep Rally and Skate Night for our Royal Spirit Week in conjunction with the high school's Homecoming Week! Student Council has planned a great week to celebrate River Ridge! Monday is Decades Day. Dress in 50s, 60, 70s, 80, 90s, or 2000s attire. We will also have a Knight Time Tie Dye Time event at lunch. Students had to pre-purchase tickets which are limited. Tuesday is show your Royal Spirit as we will be on a PM Activity schedule with a Pep Rally in the afternoon. Who will win the Fall Spirit Stick? Wednesday is words Wednesday. Students are encouraged to dress up as something that starts with the first letter of your name. We have a Royal Dine Out Night on Wednesday evening at Culver's Port Richey. So, skip the cooking and come support RRMS from 5PM-9PM, make sure to mention River Ridge! 20% of the donations go back to student recognition. Thursday is Tie Dye/Neon Day because Royal Knights Shine Bright! That evening, we are excited to partner with Spinnations in Port Richey to host our first RRMS only Skate Night from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Tickets can be purchased at this link: <https://www.spinnationsskate.com/event-details/river-ridge-middle-school-fundraiser-skate-6-30-8-30pm>. There will be concessions and a game room available for additional purchase. Come out and have fun... 50% of the proceeds go back to RRMS! Finally, on Friday dress up as a tropical tourist. We will limbo at lunch with a dance party and ice pops as a special tropical treat!

Thank you for your active participation in our **Step It UP!** program, which will help with funding Student and Teacher Resources, Student and Staff Recognition. In addition to: New technology, curriculum enhancements, and innovative learning materials. Our school-wide goal is \$30,000 and we are so close! Please remind friends and family to go to the website and donate for our school: <https://app.pop4kids.org/riverridgems34654>. Students who earn

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This week in Sports, the Royal Knights JV and Varsity Volleyball Teams plays GMS at home on Monday and at PRSMS on Wednesday at 6PM. Tickets at RRMS can be purchased on GoFan.co for all home events. This week our football team will play rival SSMS at JWMHS on Tuesday at 6:30PM. Get there early as there isn't alot of seating. They will accept GoFan.co or cash at the gate at SSMS. All tickets for middle school sports are \$5. The Pasco County School's Clear Bag Policy will also be enforced. Thank you for supporting our Royal Knight student-athletes! Go Knights!

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Finally, there are only 3 weeks left until the end of the first quarter, please make sure to check myStudent regularly. If your child is struggling academically, please reach out to the teacher for assistance. Students can go to academic lunch and take second chance learning opportunities to achieve mastery. We also offer tutoring weekly Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in the media center from 1:30PM-2:30PM. Take advantage of all of the Royal opportunities to achieve success!

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9/19/22

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We are asking families to please discuss the importance of students keeping their hands, feet and other objects to themselves. We are seeing a rise in "hands on" behavior with students such as but not limited to "slap boxing," jumping on each other's shoulders, tripping, backpack pulling, etc. This type of behavior or "horseplay" is not appropriate or accepted behaviors at RRMS as it negatively affects our safe learning environment. Students who continue to participate in these inappropriate behaviors will be given a disciplinary consequence and law enforcement may be involved. I'm confident with the partnership between our families and the school staff and education of our students, we can stop these disruptive behaviors.

We will celebrate Start with Hello week this week with dress up days, acts of kindness, and a new student social.

Last week, we successfully launched the RRMS STEP IT UP SCHOOL-WIDE DONATION DRIVE which runs from 9/14-9/27! The funds raised will benefit all our students and staff in the way of Student and Teacher Resources, Student and Staff Recognition, and Technology. There is still time to complete the GOLDEN TICKET assignment which is registering at this

link: <https://app.pop4kids.org/riverridgems34654> and inputting 10 or more email addresses. All students who complete the Golden Ticket assignment will receive fun PRIZES and it does not require any money to register. We will also have some fun drawings for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card and four Mini Party Fridges stuffed with CASH! Our goal is to raise \$25, 000 and we are so close in only 4 days raising \$21,000... we are so grateful to all who have supported our school! Finally, those students who earn \$50 will be able to participate in the RRMS Day of Awesomeness on October 11th. Check out the video of all of the fun to come: <https://youtu.be/ecdJlD1OuL4>.

This week in Sports, the Royal Knights JV and Varsity Volleyball Teams travels to CHMS on Monday and at Seven Springs on Wednesday at 6PM. This week our football team will play Chasco Middle at KTech on Tuesday at 6:30PM. They will accept GoFan.co or cash at the gates. All tickets for middle school sports are \$5. The Pasco County School's Clear Bag Policy will also be enforced. Thank you for supporting our Royal Knight student-athletes! Go Knights! We will host a River Ridge Community Night in collaboration with the high school this Friday, September 23 at the home RRHS football game at 7:30PM. All volleyball and football players will be recognized with the band, cheer team and dance team performing with the high school. The week of September 26th will be River Ridge Fall Royal Spirit Week. We will have class competitions, dress up days, Knight Time events, a Pep Rally (9/27) and a River Ridge Skate Night at Spin Nations on September 29th.

Students will be able to purchase a ticket to participate in our first Knight Time event, Tie Dye Time on Monday, September 26th during Knight Time and Lunches! Buy a ticket for 20 Knight Dollars to tie dye a special RRMS t-shirt which is provided to wear during Spirit Week. Student may only purchase 1 ticket through their PBIS Rewards account. Supplies are limited to 60 students per grade level.

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9/11/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Please make sure to read and carefully look over this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 9/12-9/16](#), which is located on the RRMS Website and Social Media accounts. This past Friday Quarter 1 Progress Reports were made available in the Parent Portal in myStudent. In order to be promoted to high school, students must earn a D or higher in all Core classes (Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies) and complete the career component. However, for "On Track" events at RRMS students must earn As, Bs, and Cs and have no referrals. Please encourage your student to take advantage of all of the Royal Opportunities that we offer to get academic help.

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If you have concerns about your child's grades, please contact the teacher directly through email or myStudent. If you would like a Parent-Teacher Conference, please request on the RRMS website, contact the Student Services office, or the teacher directly. We are truly partners in education and want to make sure that all reach their highest potential.

We are excited to offer a way to give back to **RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL through our STEP IT UP SCHOOL-WIDE DONATION DRIVE!** On **9/14/2022** we will be kicking off an event to help raise funds that will benefit all of our students and staff. Our **Step It UP!** program, will help with funding Student and Teacher Resources, Student and Staff Recognition. In addition to: New technology, curriculum enhancements, and innovative learning materials. It is going to be AWESOME; we are excited to get started!

A few things to note:

- This program will be very easy for you. It only requires about 10 minutes of your time.
- Your students can earn great rewards, just for their effort. No money required!
- This is an online, donation-based fundraiser, and the email and text message donation requests can go to people you know anywhere in the world. That means no direct pressure on your shoulders.

Students will be bringing home more information next week after our Launch Party presentation. Please help your student register and complete the Golden Ticket assignment **THAT VERY NIGHT!** The Step It Up link to register and input emails is <https://app.pop4kids.org/riverridgems34654>. All students who complete the Golden Ticket assignment will receive fun PRIZES and it does not require any money to register. We will also have some fun drawings for a \$250 Amazon Gift Card and four Mini Party Fridges stuffed with CASH! We will be sending out more information in the next two weeks.... check your emails and social media. As always, thank you for your support!

On Wednesday, ALL DAY we will also be hosting a Royal Dine Out Night at Panda Express from 10:30AM-9:30PM in Trinity. Just mention RRMS and we will earn 20% of sales for the day.

On Thursday, we will host our September School Advisory Council meeting in the faculty lounge at 2:30PM.

On Tuesday, October 7th, Health Heroes will be on campus administering Flu Vaccines. If you would like your student to receive a Flu Vaccine, please fill out the consent attached and return it to the clinic or to ljanssen@pasco.k12.fl.us. They were also send out in 1st period classes and available online.

This week is Sports, the Royal Knights JV and Varsity Volleyball Teams kick off their seasons at Home vs. Hudson Academy on Monday at 6PM and travel to Starkey Ranch K-8 on Wednesday. This week our football team will play Starkey Ranch K-8 at River Ridge on Tuesday at 6:30PM. This will be a Starkey Ranch home game therefore River Ridge fans will need to sit on the visitor side. They only accept cash at their gate. However, at all River Ridge home athletic contests tickets will only be sold through GoFan.co. All tickets for middle school sports are \$5. The Pasco

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Finally, please take a minute to recognize a deserving RRMS Staff Member with a Royal Staff Shout Out! Click the link at [ROYAL STAFF SHOUT OUTS!](#)

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9/2/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Please make sure to read and carefully look over this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 9/5-9/9](#), which is located on the RRMS Website and Social Media accounts. Believe it or not, we are a month into the school year as Progress Reports will be coming out this week. I want to thank all of our families for a great start but want to remind everyone of the importance of being respectful, responsible problem solvers in everything that we do.

We are in our final week of F.A.S.T. Progress Monitoring for Math and ELA and NWEA MAP for Science Make Ups. If your child has not taken these assessments, they will be notified as these assessments are important for baseline data to guide instruction. Test results are located in myStudent under Test History and teachers will be holding brief data chats with students to set progress goals. Please contact Ms. Martanovic, if you have any questions about F.A.S.T. and Kevin Kolean for NWEA MAP.

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restrictions. Again – if this opt out was done fully informed we absolutely respect that, but when the full details have been pointed out parents did reconsider.

Leaving the consent form blank is a NO for CLINIC SERVICES. If you would like your student to utilize the clinic if they are sick, or get hurt please consent to yes to illness care treatment and RN assessment. If you mark NO or DON'T FILL OUT THE FORMS your child can't be seen in the clinic. Your child will be asked to call you to inform you of the situation. If you do not have internet access at home or a computer, you may come to the school to fill out the consent forms online.

If you have questions about ANY item please do not hesitate to reach out to our administration so that we can clarify the options as much as possible as it is new procedure for everyone.

On Tuesday, October 7th, Health Heroes will be on campus administering Flu Vaccines. If you would like your student to receive a Flu Vaccine, please fill out the consent attached and return it to the clinic or to ljanssen@pasco.k12.fl.us. They were also send out in 1st period classes.

This Wednesday, September 7th is our first Early Release Day of the year. We will be on a modified schedule with school ending at 11:30AM. We will have an Enrichment Activity Period. Students will be given a pass first period for their activity and lists will also be posted on the media center and cafeteria windows. Students should dress appropriately for their activity and bring any materials needed. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Grubbs.

This week is Sports, the Royal Knights kick off their football season on Thursday, September 8th at 6:30PM at Home vs. Hudson Academy. Come out and support our Royal Knights football, cheerleading, dance team, and band! Tickets can be purchased on GoFan.co for \$5 online or at the gate. There will be no cash taken at the gate. The Pasco County School's Clear Bag Policy will also be enforced. Thank you for supporting our Royal Knight student-athletes! Go Knights!

On Friday, September 9, we will once again celebrate our Royal Spirit Fridays! Wear your River Ridge gear! This week we will host a mini-pep rally before school in the courtyard.

Finally, Progress Reports will be available on myStudent. In order for students to be considered "on track" they must earn As, Bs, and Cs and have no referrals. Please take advantaged of Knight Time, which is daily academic intervention time, academic lunch, and the after school tutoring which will start on September 13th, every Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30PM-2:30PM in the Media Center.

There will be no school on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy your 3-day weekend, Royals!

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

8/28/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. Please make sure to read and carefully look over this week's [Royal Update – Knight News for 8/29-9/2](#) as there is a lot of important information regarding upcoming events including F.A.S.T. Progress Monitoring for Math, Royal Family Bingo Night and School Pictures!

Students will take the F.A.S.T. Progress Monitoring in Math this week, 6th grade Math on Monday, 7th grade Accl. Math on Tuesday, 7th grade Math on Wednesday, 8th grade math on Thursday and make ups on Friday. Rosters are located on the media center windows and grade

level hallways. Please review the parent letters and calendar on the RRMS website and in the newsletter.

Everyone is invited to attend the RRMS PTSA Family Bingo Night on Tuesday, August 30th from 6PM-8PM in the Cafeteria. Bring the entire family to enjoy fun, pizza, and Bingo as a Royal Family! The Bingo is free. Families can pre-order delicious Mama Mia's Pizza and drinks. We will also have fabulous prizes! We hope to see everyone at this first family event of the year! Pizza can be pre-ordered at this link: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9267>.

School Picture Day is Thursday, September 1st through Language Arts classes. Ordering information is at this link: <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=9278>.

Students who are taking Fine or Performing Arts classes are eligible to apply for the RRMS FAME Academy. Students who are accepted will receive further enrichment in their areas with special seminars, performances, and field trips. If you applied for school choice and are at RRMS for FAME, you will be automatically accepted into the FAME Academy. Applications close on Monday, August 29th at this link: <http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/mform/view.php?id=82950>.

It is the expectation that all students be involved in at least one enrichment activity, which will take place on Early Release Days. Students have the opportunity to sign up for up to 5 activities per semester. We will make every effort to assign them to one of their top choices. Students will then participate in that activity for the first semester. If they do not complete the sign up, they will be placed in study hall. If they are also not "on track" academically, they will be assigned to the academic learning lab. Our first Early Release Day is Wednesday, September 7th so we are asking that students complete the sign up by Monday, August 29th [at this link or by using the QR Code](#). Please contact Ms. Grubbs, if you have any questions.

This week in sports there is a volleyball parent meeting on Wednesday, August 31st at 3:45PM in the Media Center.

Finally, we will be opening the Royal Merchant School Store through PBIS Rewards online this week on Monday and Tuesday. Students can access the School Store through their myPascoConnect dashboard app PBIS Rewards and use their Knight Dollars that they earn by being respectful, responsible, problem solvers to purchase 2 items and a privilege. The store will be open through Tuesday at 4PM. Items will be distributed on Thursday at lunches.

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8/21/22

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Students will take the F.A.S.T. Progress Monitoring in ELA this week, 8th graders on Monday, 7th graders on Tuesday, and 6th graders will be split on Wednesday or Thursday. Rosters are located on the media center windows and grade level hallways. Students with ESE or 504 accommodations will test in mid-September and be provided notification. Please review the parent letters and calendar on the RRMS website and in the newsletter.

Final applications for Student Council and Royal Ambassadors are due online by Monday, August 22nd. Students will be notified of their acceptance and Student Council elections will be Thursday, August 25th and Friday, August 26th online. Royal Ambassadors do not need teacher recommendations and will be notified of their acceptance by Friday.

There will be a PTSA General Meeting on Monday, August 22nd at 6:30PM in the Media Center. Get involved as all are invited to help plan amazing community activities for the year that benefit our Royal Knights.

Volleyball try outs will be Monday, August 22nd for 6th and 7th graders and Tuesday, August 23rd through Wednesday, August 24th for all grades from 1:30PM-3:30PM in the gym. All athletic paperwork needs to be completed and uploaded to the Athletic Clearance prior to trying out. Please contact Athletic Director Chrissy Brando with questions.

On Wednesday, August 24th from 5PM-8PM at Blaze Pizza Trinity we will host our first Royal Dine Out Night. Please make sure to mention River Ridge Middle School as 10% of the night's proceeds go back to RRMS Student Recognition. The flyer is included.

On Friday, August 26th, we are proud to host our first school dance for all River Ridge Middle School students. It will be in the cafeteria from 6PM-8PM with a DJ, photo booth, Kona Ice, and concessions. Let's kick off the year with a new year's dance complete with a balloon drop! Tickets are on sale now at Gofan.co or at the front desk at \$10 or at the door for \$12.

Finally, our students participated in Town Hall meetings this week where we spoke about expectations, the Student Code of Conduct and how to positively get involved at River Ridge. It is the expectation that all students be involved in at least one enrichment activity, which will take place on Early Release Days. Students have the opportunity to sign up for up to 5 activities per semester. We will make every effort to assign them to one of their top choices. Students will then participate in that activity for the first semester. If they do not complete the sign up, they will be placed in study hall. If they are also not "on track" academically, they will be assigned to the academic learning lab. Our first Early Release Day is Wednesday, September 7th so we are asking that students complete the sign up by Thursday, August 25th [at this link](#) or by [using the QR Code](#). Please contact Ms. Grubbs, if you have any questions.

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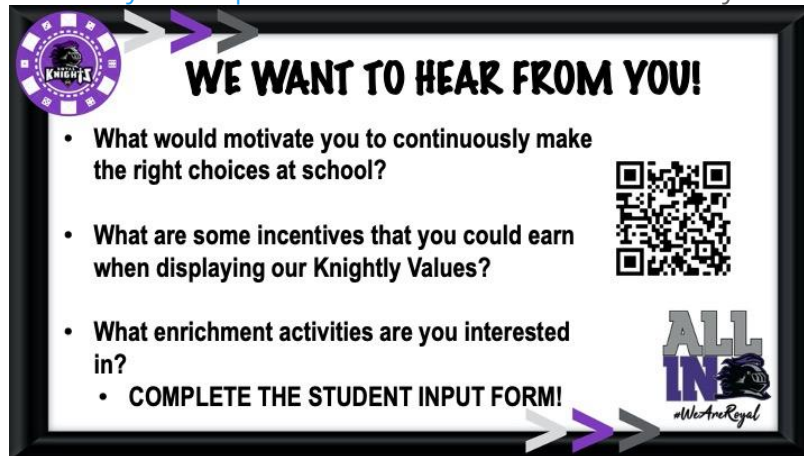
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8/12/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS. We had an amazing start to the year and will continue the positive momentum throughout the year with the support of our parents/guardians and the River Ridge community. Please make sure to read and carefully look over the [Royal Update – Knight News for 8/15-8/19](#) as there is a lot of important information included weekly at the link above.

We will be hosting Town Hall Grade Level Meetings on 8/15-8/17 where we will have face to face introductions of the RRMS Student Success Team members to our students. Grade level administrators, School Counselors, SSAP, Student Support Assistants, SRO and other support staff will walk students through Academic and Social Behavior Expectations, Student Code of

Conduct, Royal Rewards, Safety on Campus, and being involved at River Ridge. These meetings will take place in the media center in Social Studies classes. Students will be asked to give their input during the Town Halls about future On Track incentives and enrichment activities. If a parent would like to have their student Opt Out from completing the input form, please contact Mr. Kolean at kkolean@pasco.k12.fl.us prior to 8/15. The student input form can be viewed at the QR Code below and is completely voluntary. We also encourage you to review each of our [safety and expectations video](#) on our website with your child.



Please also make sure to go on to myStudent Parent Portal to update emergency card information, sign consents, and to Rycor to pay school fees for the year. We also have new spirit wear on sale on Rycor which can be picked up in the front office.

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We have several clubs that are currently holding open applications at this time. Applications have been released for Student Council elections for 6th-8th grade. Online applications are due by Monday, August 22nd at [Student Council application](#). Elections will be on August 25th and 26th online. Please see Mrs. Brissey or Mrs. Von Frank for more information.

Calling all Thespians, if you are interested in competing/attending the festival or auditioning for the fall play, you MUST attend the informational meeting on Teams at 5:30PM on Monday, August 15th with a parent/guardian at [TEAMS MEETING LINK](#). Please contact Mr. Grosso for more information.

Would you like to be a Royal Ambassador? If you are interested in being a Royal Ambassador, the application is open through Monday, August 22nd at [this link](#). Membership is open to all

6th, 7th, and 8th grade leaders to spread our Royal Culture of Caring.

- Spread our royal culture of caring throughout the school and community

- Work with Student Services and Administration, to be a roundtable group to provide feedback and plan community events like Kindness Week, Red Ribbon Week, and Spirit Weeks

- Act as mentors to new students, tour guides and resources

- Always follow the Knightly Values of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, Problem Solvers!

Please contact an administrator or school counselor for more information.

This week in sports there will be football practice each day from 1:30PM-4:30PM and cheerleading practice is Monday and Wednesday from 1:30PM-3:00PM. There will be a football parent meeting on Wednesday, August 17th at 4:45PM in the Cafeteria and Cheer Parent Meeting on the same day in the Media Center at 3PM. Volleyball tryouts will be August 22-24 from 1:30PM-3:30PM. In order to try out, you must have a completed FHSAA physical packet including the three NFHS course certificates that reflect your 22-23 school year information.

This paperwork is available on our school website under athletics at this link:

https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=3662. All FHSAA/PASCO ATHLETIC FORMS MUST BE UPLOADED TO: athleticclearance.com before a student is allowed to participate in tryouts or conditioning. Please reach out to our Athletic Director, Chrissy Brando (cbrando@pasco.k12.fl.us), if you have any issues or questions.

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8/7/22

Good afternoon, Royal Families! This is Mrs. Murphy, Principal of RRMS.

We had an amazing turn out on Friday at the Meet the Teacher Day Open House event! It was great to see all of our students and their families on campus. The new school year is upon us, so here is your first of many weekly phone calls.

Our school theme this year is #RRMS ALL IN! We are committed to putting ALL IN to foster a royal culture of caring with a safe and loving school environment where learning happens at high levels and ALL students succeed!

The first day of school is this Wednesday, August 10th. Like last year, student hours are 7:10AM-1:30PM. Students will be permitted on to campus at 6:50AM.

As you are aware, student schedules are available on myStudent. Please be sure to check your schedule on Tuesday evening, as we will be making schedule adjustments based on the schedule change requests that we received on Friday, and you will need this schedule to locate your first period class on Wednesday.

When students arrive on Wednesday, rosters will be posted on the media center and cafeteria windows. There will also be staff members stationed throughout the campus to assist with directing students to their 1st period class. If a student would like to purchase breakfast, it will be available in the cafeteria from 6:50AM-7:05AM daily. Unlike last year, we are requesting that students who want breakfast, grab breakfast and eat it in the cafeteria. We do ask that students go immediately to their 1st period class every day and that there be no congregating in the courtyards and hallways.

During 1st period, all students will receive a NEW schedule that will be YELLOW. This is the schedule that they are to follow from that point forward. Announcements will be made during 1st period for students to report to the media center if they have an error on their schedule. All students who are taking a high school class 1st period will pick up their schedules at the front office.

7th grade families – if you have not provided the school with your immunization records, we need this documentation as soon as possible, or your child will not be able to attend school on the first day. Please contact school nurse, Leah Janssens at ljanssen@pasco.k12.fl.us, if you have questions. Also, parents can drop off medication for students at the clinic on Tuesday, August 9th by making an appointment with Ms. Noe at jnoe@pasco.k12.fl.us.

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Please make sure to check out the RRMS website and social media pages weekly as there is a ton of important information there including school-wide calendars. For my first time listeners, each weekend you will receive a phone call and email that contains information about the week ahead. Please be sure to look over it and read it carefully.

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