



RMS Newsletter

May 2018

From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents/Guardians,

RMS students have completed ISTEP testing and are excited about the last month of school. We have a lot of exciting things happening during the Month of May:

Business After Hours at RMS (Partnering with the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce) May 8th – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

8th Grade Reality Fair – May 11th

Washington D.C. Trip for NJHS – May 15th – May 20th

NWEA Testing – May 16th, 17th, 18th

Choir Concert – May 22nd

Academic Awards – May 23rd 9:00 am @ HS Auditorium

8th Grade Choir Beef and Boards - May 24th

8th Grade Breakfast – May 24th

Last Day of School – May 25th

RMS teachers are offering study tables every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4 pm. Please check Canvas often to keep up with your student's grades, and see their assignments on a daily basis. F.A.S.T. FRIDAY's – (Friday After School Study Tables) are every Friday from 3-4:30 pm for students whom are missing assignments.

If at any time you have a question or concern; Please do not hesitate to contact us at RMS. My email address is: Oscar.haughs@zebras.net, and our school phone number is: 574-223-2280.

Thank you for your time and dedication to your students!

Oscar C. Haughs

Principal RMS

8th Grade

Science

These last few weeks of school your 8th grade student will be finishing up our unit on genetics. Your student will learn and understand the following: Compare and contrast the transmission of genetic information in sexual and asexual reproduction. Research organisms that undergo these two types of reproduction. Demonstrate how genetic information is transmitted from parent to offspring through chromosomes via the process of meiosis. Explain how living things grow and develop. Create and analyze Punnett squares to calculate the probability of specific traits being passed from parents to offspring using different patterns of inheritance. Differentiate between and provide examples of acquired and genetically inherited traits. Explain how factors affecting natural selection (competition, genetic variations, environmental changes, and overproduction) increase or decrease a species' ability to survive and reproduce. Create models to show how the structures of chromatin, chromosomes, chromatids, genes, alleles and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) molecules are related and differ. Recognize organisms are classified into taxonomic levels according to shared characteristics. Explain how an organism's scientific name correlates to these shared characteristics.

Social Studies

May is a very busy month in the 8th grade. Make sure your student finishes their middle school career on a high note! Please keep up to date with how they are doing by utilizing Canvas on a regular basis. In Social Studies, we will finish the year by studying the American Civil War.

Math

During the month of May the Pre-Algebra students will work on a project. They will work in groups to create their own Monopoly board based on a theme of their choosing. Each group will need a poster board as well as other supplies to create their working game board.

Algebra students will continue to work through Chapter 9 & 10 of the textbook. On May 4th they will receive a Review packet for their Final Exam. The review packet will be due on May 11th. They will take the Final Exam on May 14th.

English

The month of May will fly by for 8th grade students. It is a very busy time in the 8th grade. Students need to make sure they continue to work hard and end the year strong! Checking Canvas regularly and getting reading counts points completed early would be a great idea! In English, we will be working on our writing skills through various activities, as well as wrapping up the Reading Plus and Let's Go Learn reading curriculum.



RMS Dance

RMS Student Council will be hosting a dance from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. on May 17th.

The admission fee will be \$2.00. Concessions will also be for sale.

RMS Choir

"Pop! Show! Screen!" will be presented by the RMS Choir students on May 22 in the RHS Auditorium. 6th grade singers need to report to the RHS Choir room by 6:00 PM that evening for attendance and warm ups before their 6:30 PM performance. The 7th and 8th grade choir singers should be in the RHS Choir room at 7:00 PM to warm up for their 7:30 performance. ALL singers need to wear blue jeans and tennis shoes for this concert. They will be provided with a bright colored T-shirt to wear for the performance. Hope to see you all on May 22nd!

The 8th grade choir students will be traveling to Beef and Boards Dinner Theater on May 24th to see "Singin' In The Rain". We will leave RMS about 9:15 and return between 5:15 and 5:30. Your child should have brought home a permission slip and ticket cost information last week. Money and permission forms are due back MAY 4. Email lisa.mcmillen@zebras.net with any questions!



7th Grade

7th grade math will end the year doing all of Mrs. Schoen's favorites. We will be practicing more multi-step equations, working with polynomials and the Pythagorean Theorem. These topics will help us be prepared for the 8th grade.

In **Social Studies** the students will learn about the culture, current events, geography, and historical events in African nations. They will also be learning about the difference between a reliable

source and an unreliable one in regards to research.

Mrs. Long's **7th grade science** classes are finishing up the chapter on Matter & Atoms. The class will then begin the chapters on cells and the human body to end the fourth quarter. Mrs. Long's **success class** is building model rockets and hoping to launch them by the second week.

7th grade English students will be finishing their research paper and will continue to work on their

MLA citations practice by creating a Works Cited page. Students will also finish the final act of The Diary of Anne Frank. 5th and 7th period will be completing their independent projects as well. These projects involve reading a Holocaust related novel and choosing between four different projects to display the information from their own novels in May.

Paying Textbook Rental Online

Please remember that all textbook rental is to be paid in full by the last day of school. Payment may be made by check, cash, or on-line. If you are paying cash, please note that you will need to bring the exact amount due. Instructions for paying on-line are below.

Log into Harmony

From the Menu icon, select “TBR Balance” OR scroll down to select Blue “Make A Payment” link

Select “Textbooks” to pay for textbook rental

Enter the amount desired to pay & billing information

Select “Continue”

Enter Credit Card Information

Select Submit

Print Confirmation page, if desired (Not necessary if email address provided-transaction will generate a receipt to email address for confirmation)



Nick Patterson Memorial Fund

We have Nick Patterson Memorial Fund applications in the office. Sgt. Nicholas “Nick” James Patterson attended Rochester High School and was a vital part of the basketball and baseball programs. Nick enlisted in the United States Army on May 18, 2004 and passed away Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, while participating in combat operations in Iraq against known enemies of the United States. The purpose of the Nick Patterson Memorial Fund is to provide support for athletic

camp scholarships for Kindergarten through eighth grade male students attending Rochester Community Schools or Tippecanoe Valley Schools. Basketball, Baseball, and Football camps will have priority in the selection process. To apply for funding, all interested male students, parents, and teachers, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade must complete the application. We have them in the office, stop by and pick one up if you interested.



Yearbook

Yearbooks will be delivered and distributed during the last week of school. Students who ordered and paid for a yearbook will receive theirs first. Any remaining yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis the following day. The cost will be \$35. Students should bring a check payable to RMS or the exact amount of cash.

8th Grade Speech

Students in speech class are currently working on debates. They suggested various issues to debate in their groups and chose one topic they felt had the best arguments both for and against the issue. They are researching evidence for the various pro and con reasons. Debates will be presented in class during the first week of May.

Speech students will end the school year by choosing, practicing, and presenting a Readers' Theater drama.



6th Grade

6th grade has been working hard throughout this final quarter of the school year. In **English**, students read either *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* or *Number the Stars*. The students learned about the Holocaust and some of the injustices that occurred through this time. Students completed activities to further their knowledge and are presenting these to their classes. In **social studies**, students are in groups, and have been given \$100,000 to invest in a stock market game. These groups are responsible for buying and selling stocks and attempting to make the most

profit. This game will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. In addition, students are researching a company to learn whether or not that company may be a good return on their investment. In **science**, Mrs. Dunwoody has been talking about the seasons and climates of regions around the world. Students have learned all about solstices and what an equinox is and where the Earth is in relationship to the sun when these instances occur. Finally, in **math**, students have been completing activities to help them learn the differences between mean, median, mode,

and range and how to find each of those. We are looking forward to a strong finish with the 6th grade students with a trip to Ivy Tech in Logansport, a STEM inspired Egg Drop off the football bleachers, academic awards, and a water balloon fight. As always, please keep up to date on Canvas as we still have several assignments through the remainder of the year!

21st Century Scholars

The 21st Century Scholarship provides students up to four years of undergraduate tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If you attend a private college, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a four-year public college. Students must apply before June of their 8th grade year.

The 21st Century Scholars application is only available online. Eligible 7th and 8th grade students, and their parents or legal guardians, can access the online application at www.Scholars.IN.gov. Applications must be submitted by June 30 of the student's 8th grade year. Please review income eligibility requirements online before applying by visiting www.Scholars.IN.gov/enroll

What you need before you apply: A valid email address, this is an email address that the student has access to use.

Student's Social Security Number, date of birth, mailing address and contact information. Parent or guardian's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, if applicable-2016 taxable gross income amounts for all members of the household. If applying after December 31, 2017, please use 2017 gross income. Need Additional Help??

Stop by Rochester Middle School and we will help you apply at our Parent Center. Feel free to call or email Mr. Kreamer with questions: 574-223-2280 ext. 6005 or nathan.kreamer@zebras.net

Parent Center Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. to noon



Guardian Email

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we have a current email for all guardians! We will be sending information regarding registration for the 18-19 school year to you soon. Please call us at 223-2280 if you need to update your email address or any other contact information.

