

# RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Viking Voyager

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### RMS Calendar of Events

School Dance, 6:30-8:30 pm	1/27
PTA, 7 pm in Library	2/2
NAEP Testing, Grade 8	2/7
Survey Works	2/13-2/17
Winter Break	2/20-2/24
Talent Show, 7 pm	3/2
PTA, 7 pm in Library	3/2

### Recent Events

Mr. Marsula's 8th Grade Robotics Team, Dumbledore's Army won an award for Core Values-Inspiration for their tremendous teamwork at the RI First Lego League Tournament on 1/14 at Roger Williams University. Congrats, Team!!

### Report Cards

Second quarter ends on January 25th with report cards being distributed on February 1st.

### Pancake Breakfast

To congratulate and celebrate our second quarter honor roll students, we will prepare a dazzling pancake breakfast.



### Blended Learning in the Art Room at RMS

Eighth grade Viking Artists have participated in a new digital art curriculum this quarter. After learning about Japanese art and animation, Art History students applied stop motion animation techniques to edit their own videos. They developed storyboards, created scenes using digital photography, and edited their work using online software. Studio Art students also participated in a graphic design lesson exploring Photoshop tools and learned to apply editing techniques to their unique digital photography through online software.

### Musical News

The Collaborative Concert is showcase of both high school musical ensembles and 8th Grade musical ensembles. East Providence has had a long tradition of musical excellence and the Collaborative Concert is a great way for the community to celebrate all of the music-making happening in East Providence and for the 8th Grade Band and Chorus students to get a taste of what it's like to perform at the high school with high school students. The Collaborative Concert will be held at the East Providence High School Auditorium on Wednesday, March 8th at 7PM.

### Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale until April 7th. Packages range from \$32 to \$44. Anyone who orders before February 24th will receive a \$6 discount. Order forms are available from Ms. Chamberland in room 222. Additionally, you can order online at the RMS website.

### Survey Works

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) conducts annual surveys of students, parents, teachers, and staff as part of a coordinated effort to improve schools. The website provides information about the surveys and will be updated regularly to keep schools and communities informed. Each survey is tailored to the stakeholder group. The survey topics were selected by a broad cross section of focus groups across Rhode Island including teachers, school counselors, parents, and students.

<http://ride.ri.gov/InformationAccountability/RIEducationData/SurveyWorks.aspx>

At Riverside Middle School, students will be taking the surveys during the week of 2/13/2017, in school. Parents/Guardians will have an opportunity to take the survey at their convenience between 2/6 and 2/17. A link will be provided to you to complete the survey online. However, if you fancy a paper version, we will have copies available in the Main Office. We appreciate your honest feedback to assist us in making our school great. Thank you.

## NAEP Testing for 8th Graders

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Paper-and-pencil assessments are conducted periodically. NAEP provides results on subject-matter achievement, instructional experiences, and school environment for populations of students (e.g., all eighth-graders) and groups within those populations (e.g., female students, Hispanic students). NAEP does not provide scores for individual students or schools, although state NAEP can report results by selected large urban districts. NAEP results are based on representative samples of students at grades 4, 8, and 12 for the main assessments, or samples of students at ages 9, 13, or 17 years for the long-term trend assessment. These grades and ages were chosen because they represent critical junctures in academic achievement. **This year, our 8th graders will be assessed in mathematics and reading on February 7, 2017.**

## Nurse's Nook

**\*\*7th grade Parents:** If you have not done so, your child's physical exam is now due. Please send in a copy, it must be dated **after 2/26/16**.



**\*\*7th and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** Proof of the HPV vaccine is needed, if you choose to opt out please send in the form stating this.

**\*\*All Parents:** If your child is sick, has been vomiting during the night, or needs Tylenol or Ibuprofen to keep a fever down, **PLEASE, keep them at home. They must be at least 24 hours of vomit, Tylenol/Ibuprofen free before returning to school.** I cannot stress this enough. Not only will they pass these germs to others, but their symptoms will return as they will not be entirely rid of the virus.

Also, please talk to your child about the importance of not sharing/trying on a friend's hat, comb/brush or elastic band. Be careful of putting heads too close together for selfies! Head lice are out there. Be pro-active, check your child's head at least once a week, especially if they scratch a lot. Rinse their head in white vinegar, and let it sit for 15 minutes (be sure to rinse it all out). Today's head lice are highly resistant to many of the chemical products, talk to your pediatrician or pharmacist about products and what to use. Thank you!

## Updates from our Student Council

We will have a **Spirit Week** during the week of Feb 13 - 17!

Student Council is **collecting metal tabs** from soda cans in the Guidance Office with Mrs. Giacomini. They will then be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Student Council is collecting **Box Tops** in English classes and in the Main Office. Please bring them in no later than March 1, 2017.

## Viking Reading Recommendations

### Recommendation for kids:

*Paper Towns* by John Green  
*A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz

### Recommendation for adults:


*The Lake House* by Kate Morton

### Our updated Library Site for RMS:

<http://guides.rilinkschools.org/rmsvikings>



## January 2017/February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1/22	1/23 Day 4 iReady: Math	1/24 Day 5	1/25 Day 6 iReady: Math	1/26 Day 7	1/27 Day 1 School Dance, 6:30-8:30	1/28
1/29	1/30 Day 2	1/31 Day 3	2/1 Day 4	2/2 Day 5 PTA, 7 pm	2/3 Day 6	2/4
2/5	2/6 Day 7	2/7 Day 1 NAEP Testing, Gr. 8	2/8 Day 2	2/9 Day 3	2/10 Day 4	2/11
2/12	2/13 Day 5	2/14 Day 6 	2/15 Day 7	2/16 Day 1	2/17 Day 2	2/18
2/19	2/20 F	2/21 e b r u	2/22 a r y V	2/23 a c a t i o	2/24 n	2/25
2/26	2/27 Day 3	2/28 Day 4	3/1 Day 5	3/2 Day 6 PTA and Talent Show, 7 pm	3/3 Day 7	3/4