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Rutland Middle School

Principals' Points

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May is a busy and exciting time at RMS. Eighth grade students recently went on a field trip to the Mystic Seaport Museum in CT. The students engaged in many activities including a boat ride on the Mystic River. One high point was watching the reconstruction of the Mayflower 2 that was occurring in the active shipyard. Seventh grade students will be taking their field trip to the Albany Museum soon.

Each day I observe students interacting and engaging in projects throughout the building. As the weather has improved some classes are exploring ideas outside. Year-end assessments (SBAC, Science) will continue through May. Students will be bringing home ESP booklets on May 21. Please take the time to review them with your child. Signups will occur on May 25.

Happy Spring!

SHARON NAPALITANO

Congratulations to all Rutland Middle School Students and staff for their hard work during testing week. Students completed the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing last week and the Vermont Science Assessments (VTSA) will be completed this week! Make-up testing will continue through mid-June. Students were recognized for their hard work with a drawing that included 100 movie tickets, Rutland Raider t-shirts and sweatshirts, four backpacks with school supplies and four grand prizes. Grand prize winners took home an 18 speed bike with helmet and lock. Congratulations go out to John McPhee, Zoe Urich, Kody Warren and Alicia Wisell as our grand prize recipients. Great job Rutland Middle School!

WE ROCKED THAT TEST!

SPRING CLOTHES

Now is a good time to review the school dress code with your student so you're on the same page about what to wear. For instance, tank tops, halter tops, or "spaghetti" straps are not allowed. Dress and appearance are considered the responsibility of the student and her/his parents or guardians. Suggest that your child keep school clothes and shoes separate from those for working out or wearing around the house. This will make choosing outfit easier.





8TH GRADE ELA

As the school year winds down, 8th grade ELA students are immersed in Shakespeare's timeless tragedy, Othello.

Following an introduction to Elizabethan language, in which anxieties regarding the often not-so-subtle nuances of the Bard's poetry were addressed, we plunged right into the play.

Othello connects with young

teenagers because of its universal themes; students can relate to people struggling through love, jealousy, and prejudice. Perhaps most importantly, however, we feel a strong obligation to cultivate a deep appreciation of the greatest writer who ever lived.

"Reputation is an idle and most false imposition; oft got without merit, and lost without deserving.(Iago, Act II, scene iii)"

– William Shakespeare, Othello

RUTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PTC

Please join us at our next PTC meeting on May 24 at 5:30 PM in the RMS library to discuss the 8th grade celebratory breakfast. If you are unable to attend and would like to volunteer to bring in a breakfast item or would like to support us the day of the breakfast, please contact Sara Borkowski via email at sara.borkowski@repsvt.org. The last PTC meeting for this school year will be June 7 at 5:30. Be sure to follow us on Facebook!

SPED UPDATES

End of the year planning is in full-swing! Eighth grade students transitioning to the high school are meeting new Case Managers, touring the high school, and learning about classes for their freshman year. Students are encouraged to look at the RHS 101 EPIC program this summer that will introduce incoming freshman to the high school with a "fun interactive experience with lots of activities to help you learn how to navigate the high school environment." This program runs from June 25 through June 29 and again July 23 through July 27. Please direct questions regarding end of year plans/activities to Case Managers.

Every **STUDENT** can learn,
just not on the same day,
or in the same way.



Elizabeth I of England



Martin Luther

7TH GRADE HISTORY

We are currently well into our study of the Renaissance and Reformation Era in European history.

Students in Mrs. Geno's class are finishing their research of important figures in this time period by creating large format posters using Microsoft Publisher. We will be making these posters interactive. Leading up to this, students researched their assigned person and wrote a report demonstrating both their knowledge of the person's life and importance to the period and their writing skills.

Mr. Lindgren's students are doing an in depth study of Elizabeth I of England as an example of the power of monarchs at this time and the many changes that were taking place.

Starting next week, we will switch so that each group is able to have both experience. As we move into the end of May and the start of June we will shift our focus to Europe's exploration of Asia, Africa, North America, and South America. As always, we encourage students to challenge themselves and to think critically about why these events and people are important.

CHAFFEE STUDENT ART SHOW

The Chaffee Student Art Show opening and reception was Friday, May 4. Twenty-four students have been selected to represent Rutland Middle School. The show will run through Friday, June 2. Students participating include:

8th grade: Hayle Aspenwall, Bradley Bishop, Ashley Coltey, Elizabeth Franzoni, Yahannah Garland, Corey Hanna, Henry

Hogan, Meaghan Millette, Jenna Montgomery, Cody Morton, Michael O'Connor, Rylee Plante, Chase Thorner, Emily Wigmore, Dylan Wilcox.

7th grade: Grace Allen, Marleigh Cary, Alexa Lanfear, Stephanie Li, Naudia McAuley, Sammie Neilson, Caleb Owitt, Grace Stoutes, Taylar St. Armour.



WORLD LANGUAGE

The World Language classes are in the home stretch!

Our culminating chapter in Spanish is Los Pasatiempos - pastimes - and our culminating chapter in French is Au Café - at the Café.

Spanish students will be learning target vocabulary and relevant structures to communicate about what they do and where they go in their free time, and French students will be learning target vocabulary and relevant structures to communicate about going places in and around the community and dining.

All students are expected to practice their target vocabulary and structures 20 minutes every day! What does this mean? It means going over your class notes or classwork from the day by rereading it, rewriting it, and saying it.

Bonne continuation!

¡Buena suerte!

RMS EPIC

We have open gym most days and students are welcome to come back to EPIC after practice, IF they have signed in at the start of EPIC. We have lots of clubs going on until the end of the year. After School EPIC will be done on June 8. **Summer programs are scheduled to start June 25 and will run until August 3.**

SPECIALTY CLUBS

Mon. - Chocolate Club

Wed. - Cooking - Tutoring

Thurs. - Chocolate Club

Keep an eye out for the
7th grade Summer RMS

Registration Brochures and
8th grade Summer RHS Reg-
istrations Brochures. They
will be available soon!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4-June 6 Student Art Show at the Chaffee Art Gallery

May 23 RMS Spring Choral Concert 7pm Auditorium

May 24 at 5:30 PM PTC meeting in the RMS library

May 24 at 7pm RMS Spring Band/Orchestra Con-
cert Auditorium

May 25 ESP Registration forms due

RMS Memorial Day Ceremony Auditorium

June 1 from 6pm-8pm Middle School Dance.

Students must have a dance contract turned in to attend.

June 7 at 5:30 PM PTC meeting in the RMS library.

Last meeting of the year.

June 8 Last day of after-school EPIC

June 11 Class day activities

June 18 Early release

June 19 Early release

June 25-August 3 Summer EPIC programs



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