

NEWS FROM RIDGEDALE

UpComing Events

- 4/27-28 Bus Safety during gym
- 5/1 - 8th gr. DC Trip final \$ and medical form due
- 5/1-3 – PARCC Math Assessment
- 5/4,5,8 – PARCC ELA Assessment
- 5/4 - Cyberbully Parent Presentation at 7pm in Aud.
- 5/12-13 - RMS Musical *Pajama Game*
- 5/17 -Solar Sprint County competition
- 5/25 - Science Fair, 6-8pm in gym
- 5/31 - 8th grade, NJASK Science
- 6/1 - Incoming 6th grade Orientation, 6pm
- 6/6-7 - 6th grade field trip to Longo Planetarium
- 6/8 - RMS Concert on front lawn
- 6/9 - 8th grade dance

Spring Musical -Pajama Game

We hope that you will be able to come out to see this year's musical. It is sure to be a hit. The students have been working very hard and they sound great in rehearsals. Tickets are available online by visiting the school website (www.f-pks.org/rms) for the three shows. The performances are Friday, May 12 at 7pm, Saturday, May 13 at 2pm and 7pm



Principal's Message

It is really amazing how quickly the school year is passing by. It is hard to believe that April is nearly over. With May just about here and all the activities planned for May and June, I am sure the remainder of the year will be a flurry of activity which will celebrate the wonderful things the students have learned and done.

One of those activities will be the PARCC assessment that is scheduled to be administered the first week of May. Please join us as the teachers are reminding students that is an opportunity to share all they have grown this year and all the hard work they have done in their classes. We are encouraging the students to focus simply on trying their best, and not focus the outcome. There are a few items I would like to share with you about the assessment that will contribute to your child doing their best work:

1. Please have your child get a good nights sleep. Homework will be suspended during testing.
2. Please make sure they get a good breakfast. Fueling their bodies helps them be able to concentrate.
3. Please have your child to school on time.
4. As reminder, there will be no food, drinks, or smart watches allowed in testing rooms.

Our goal is to create a positive environment for our students to show their best efforts. As you may be aware, when these students enter high school, the PARCC is planned to be a graduation requirement.

Speaking of showing best efforts, we have our students currently working on their science fair projects. As we are using the Next Generation Science Standards in our instruction, we have worked to embed them in the requirements of their projects. One thing you'll notice is that the projects need to test something. It is no longer an opportunity to see what students can build, but what kind of experiment can they create to reveals new understandings for themselves or the world around them. I have noted some excellent experiments being designed as students have used parts of the school to serve as their laboratory for performing their experiment. I look forward to what revealed in these experiments and projects. I hope you will join us Thursday, May 25th to see all the projects on display in the gym from 6pm-8pm.

Students of the Month April

Lauren Schiffman
Psalm Yartley
Anthony Eilers
Alexandra Anderson
Sophia Maugeri
Michael Lagravenis
Kaitlin Niu
Daniel Sherman

Reminder about Lunch

We usually end the lunch program as we prepare for the 8th grade dance. There will be no lunch served June 8th and 9th. The lunch program will resume until June 15th, which is a week later than usual. Thank you PTA.

Are You Aware of This Popular Show?

There is a very popular show that many middle schoolers are watching on Netflix. If you go into your Netflix account, do you see a recently watched series called 13 Reasons Why? This show is based on a very powerful book by the same name. This book is about suicide and the tapes they find about the thirteen reasons for wanting to take her life. The book is meant to give insight into what this girl went through and to shed light on this problem. It is meant to help us notice the individuals that sometimes go unnoticed. The book is well done and does not glorify suicide.

On the other hand, this popular series on Netflix is nothing like the book. The content of this show is quite upsetting to me, as a father and educator, to think that our middle school aged children could be watching a laundry list of behaviors that they are not mature enough to view. In many cases, I am not sure why some of this content needs to be produced. If they are watching this show, they have seen a teen girl get raped at a party and left little to the imagination as to what is happening. They heard about 1000 different uses of the F word. They have seen drug addiction, cutting behaviors, stalking, sexual experimentation, gun violence, and much more.

There is an article that Dr. Lori Fishman, Clinical Psychologist, wrote about this show, referencing what this show covers and her concerns as a psychologist. I encourage you to check your Netflix account and see if this is something your child is watching. It is worth checking. Here is the link to the blog: https://www.facebook.com/DrLoriFishman/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED&fref=nf

Internet Bullying Parent program

ADULT DISCUSSION WITH GUEST SPEAKER SGT. THOMAS RICH

On Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 PM the PTA is hosting an Internet Bullying program for parents. It will be held in the RMS auditorium. Presenter Sgt. Thomas Rich will be presenting the topics that he discussed with the children, as well as addressing what parents should be aware of when monitoring their kids' phones and computers. He will also be there to answer questions. This is a great opportunity for parents to become knowledgeable of the many new and different websites and apps that kids are becoming exposed to daily. We encourage you to come out and hear about the many different apps your children have on their phones and iPads. Also, learn how you can monitor the apps and other programs.

The more parents are familiar with the apps and lingo, hopefully this can reduce cyber bullying and protect your child from friending strangers.

Topics include:

- Texting
- Proper cell phone usage -
- Bullying/cyberbullying and how what you say or text affects people in all different ways.
- Stress respecting differences and using your power to make a difference
- Not sharing passwords
- YouTube
- Musicaly
- Protecting your info online
- Instagram
- Roblox

Resources

www.alwaysconnected.org

NBC Interview

<http://4.nbcny.com/Y3QGMkn>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kql3pKwF8Ws>

Earth Day Grocery Bags

As students continually learn about the world around them and the need to preserve the resources we have, the RMS students took some time to remind the customers of Kings to preserve, recycle and reuse in the form of student artwork. In the weeks leading up to Earth Day, students could choose to create a piece of artwork on King's paper shopping bags. Our students created 300 shopping bags that were used on Earth Day, Friday, April 21st in the store used to bag the groceries. It was a nice way to remind the community about this important lifestyle choice that will help preserve resources for generations to come.

We will continue this important work as our Peer leaders will be participating in the Dump the Junk competition where they will clean the RMS property of garbage.

Science Opportunity

In the next week an email will be coming home sharing an opportunity for those students that are interested in marine biology and the oceans. RMS will be sending 30 interested students to the Clean Ocean Action Summit for a day of hands on marine and environmental activities as they learn more about how to protect the oceans. It is a day that will require the students doing work and getting messy. The students will go to Sandy Hook for this event. The event is on May 17th and will require leaving school before the start of the school day.

Please keep an eye out for the email on May 1st at 3pm, as seats are limited and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

Congratulations for Musical Awards

Samantha Howden and Ben Kunze were both recently chosen as Outstanding Piano Student (Samantha) and Outstanding Band Student (Ben) by the MAYO Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

Samantha has been playing the piano since the age of six. She has participated in the New Jersey Federation of Music Clubs music festival every year. She entered the MEA honors recital the last three years. She has performed at Carnegie Hall the last four years after placing Gold in the Golden Keys Music Festival Competition. She will be performing at Carnegie Hall this coming May after placing Silver in the Golden Key Music Festival Competition.

Ben is a three-year band member who is currently our euphonium player. Previously, Ben played trombone in concert band. Ben is still involved as a trombone player in our jazz band, as well as playing tuba for several of our concert band pieces, while still performing at a high level on euphonium. He participates in every aspect of the performing arts department that he possibly can. He is involved in the fall play, the spring musical, the talent show (where he played bass guitar), band, jazz band, pep band, high school pep band, high school marching band, just to name a few. He is a model student who strives to improve himself every day.

Honor Roll for Third Marking Period

Grade Six

Nalin Agrawal
Kayla Ahearn
Jouri Alshehri
Kwabi Anokye
Alesio Barquin
Abby Bayait
Ashlyn Brooks
Julia Casola
Emily Cifello
Alyssa Clark
Molly Cocco
Dylan Couto
Casey Cox
Luke Crimi
Emma Daly
Marco DePinto
Samantha Dolce
Lailah Driscoll
Chloe Dunne
Zamira Dzhatdoyev
Isabella Firooznia
Nadin Galal
Amanda Granata
Elizabeth Greberis
Leanne Gregory
Joshua Hastie
Anna Bia Hedberg
Isabel Holmes
Alexandra Huang
Mary Korab
Albert Lee
Catherine Lee
Gia Leonardis
Arthur Longo
James Macko
Ava Majdanski
Stephanie Marelli
John Massarano
Sophia Maugeri
Harrison McCoy
Matthew Mullen
Hailey Murphy
Isabella Navarro
Lindsey O'Brien
Anthony O'Day
Nicholas O'Day
Alberto Pereira
Genesis Perez
Christopher Perillo
Ryan Rauschenberger
Bruna Rocha
Kylie Ruff
Megan Ruzicka
Rachael Saccento
Morgan Shepard
Christopher Smith
Toby Smith
Tyler Sugg
Peyton Sward
Alexa Treiber
Jenna Vitale
Kaitlyn Vuong
Michael Vuong
Abigail Ward
Natalie Weinstock
Timothy Winz
William Wong

Grade Seven

Jason Alves
Joseph Bartolomeo
Alyssa Bassolino
Brett Behre
Abigail Bridge
Carmen Camacho
Gabiella Carnevale
Justin Chu
Emily Ciprich
Matthew Cisek
Nicholas Cocozza
Sara Coll Martinez
Kerrigan Collins
Paul Cosentino
Brian Daniels
Ava DeLuca
Leah Dewan
Matthew Dirlam
Liam Dunphy
Michael Filippone
Stephen Gallo
Daniel Getts
Elyse Grzymala
Greta Haemmerle
Henry Hena
Emmy Henning
Samantha Howden
Abigail Huang
Jonathan Iandiorio
Jamie Iantosca
Angela Irwin
Courtney Kahn
Edward Karpinski
Sophia Kowal
Quentin Lane
Dylan Larsen
Ella LeSueur
Ava Lorette
Meghan Lowinger
Emma Lynch
Avery Macko
Connor Malone
Ava Marinelli
Maria Marquez
Amanda Miano
Matthew Monte-
teleone
Tara Murphy
Kaitlin Niu
William Olszewski
Christian Peterson
Charlie Petro
Alyssa Pomante
James Pulice
Anna Rack
William Sacher
Pooja Harini
Sangeetha Prabu
Mackenzie Schubert
Daniel Sherman
Paul Silva
Sydney Stavvaka
Ethan Steig
Isabella Tango
Lauren Tannenbaum
Sarah TenBroeck
Owen Winters

Grade Eight

DeepikaAgrawal
Bisma Awan
Kylie Bill
Carissa Isabella Bolante
Linda Bruncaj
Julianna Canzonieri
Raquel Carbone
Benjamin Casalinho
Carina Cooke
Lily Corbett
Christina Daniels
Deena Dewan
Gabiella DiLauri
Sofia DiSessa
Fallon Duffy
Lauren Duffy
Medina Dzhatdoyev
Anthony Eilers
Angei Fernandez-Salis
Nicole Ferreira
Gabriel Ferriero
Tara Fitzpatrick
Kevin Foerster
Mark Foerster
Gerald Foley
Carla Freda
Ava Gallo
Bryanna Gerben
Anthony Giorgi
Cameron Greene
Andrew Haberman
Carys Hirawady
Luke Incardona
Alex Iossa
Maya Kang
Nofar Katzav
Dani Keselman
Alex Kleiman
Zachary Kleiman
Benjamin Kunze
Nicholas Lago
Michael Lagravenis
Caroline Lee
Joseph Leonardis
Jonathan Ling
Frank Lukasiewicz
Erin Martin
William Martynowicz
Sophie McCarthy
Grace Mochnal
Andrew Modrowsky
John Mullen
Michael Murphy
Dylan O'Donnell
Axel Ognar
Nicholas Olivieri
Michael Palladino
Victoria Perlman
Jonathan Peterson
Hailee Posnock
Jenny Rapa
Wendy Rivera
Gabriela Rojas
Allison Rozek S
amantha Rozek
Julia Santos

Smruthi Sathya
Lauren Schiffman
Jesse Simmons
Frank Simpson
Trevor Smith
Peter Sodano
Cooper Takach
Jennifer Trautman
Justin Tuli
Laurie Vuong
Brian Zhang