

RHMS WEEKLY NEWS



January 8, 2021

Dear Rose Hill Middle School Families,

Transitioning back into the routine of school after a break can be challenging even in the best of times. This week that transition has been that much harder with the tragedies that have occurred both in our school community and in our nation. Our school is committed to providing students a safe space and an opportunity to process events such as these while at the same time providing the structure and normalcy that can provide comfort to many during stressful and traumatic times.

As parents, I'm sure you have grappled with the question of how best to support your student when tragedy strikes. The important thing to realize is that people react differently and they might not be able to tell others, or even know for themselves, what they need. The following article from the National Association of School Psychologists is an excellent resource for helping our students process their feelings and fears. While the article itself centers on responding to acts of violence in schools, the assault on the Capitol and the images students are undoubtedly seeing can generate the same types of response. An important takeaway for me is the need to talk to our students, especially if they bring it up, and to listen and provide space to let them process. [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#). It is also worth acknowledging that this is hard for adults as well.

Warmest Regards,

Joe Gorder
Principal

Current 8th Graders' High School Registration

Next week we will begin the process to get all of our students registered for classes next year. If you have a student who is in 8th grade, please encourage them to attend a live online presentation this coming Monday at 10:15 am. They will receive a link in their email, but just in case it doesn't go through, please have them use this one: <https://tinyurl.com/RHMS8thgradereg>.

6th and 7th Graders' Registration

Students and families of all grades should have received an email from their counselor with grade-specific information about the registration process. It is important for all 6th and 7th graders to attend Pride Time on Monday to hear 6th and 7th grade registration presentations. Following Pride Time, 6th and 7th graders will be receiving an email from Ms. Fields, the Registrar, with a Forms link. We are asking students to talk with their parents or guardians about their elective choices and submit the form by Friday, January 15th. Counselors will be briefly visiting Science classrooms on Tuesday and Thursday to answer questions. If you have further questions, please reach out to your student's counselor.

Short Week Schedule

The week of January 18-22 will be a four-day school week due to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 18th. On Tuesday, students will meet in periods 1-6. Wednesday through Friday will follow the regular school schedule. A link to a printable version of the schedule can be found on the [RHMS school web site](#).

Donation Opportunity

Thanks again to those of you who participated in our PTSA's gift card drive in December – those funds raised will go directly to families in our community who need it. We continue to run a Food Pantry that serves all RHMS families in need each Wednesday, thanks to your generous donations as well. This month we are accepting donations of **cooking oil, Maseca (corn flour for making tortillas), and liquid laundry detergent (no pods, please)**. You can donate in several ways: 1) just drop them off at the main office during school hours; or 2) On Wednesday, January 13 from 3 – 4 pm during the Library's Curbside Pickup event. Finally, as a reminder, if you work for a company who matches donations, you can send a check to the school with "InvestEd" on the subject line. Thank you so much!

Student Self-Service Password Recovery

The Lake Washington School District now uses integration with Microsoft to reset Windows and Office365 passwords. Students now have the ability to recover their own password from any internet attached device but first need to register a secondary authentication method with their own account. Students can access the new tool now through the <https://www.lwsd.org/help/password-registration-and-recovery> web page for recovery and to register. While our library staff are able to help students reset passwords remotely during school

hours, this tool will allow students to do it themselves at any time, including nights and weekends. Please encourage/help your student register.

PTSA News

505 RHMS PTSA members in 2019-20. Only 130 members so far in 2020-21

The most impactful way that you can show your support for the work that PTSA does, is to join RHMS PTSA. So, what exactly does PTSA do? Locally, our PTSA's support includes funding for mini grants, student planners, staff appreciation, staff stipends, emergency preparedness and more. We also provide programs and events like the Reflections Art Competition, our Parent/Guardian check in events, parent education events, and we support the RHMS pantry. Statewide, PTSA advocates on behalf of all children in the state of Washington on a variety of issues. Currently, the State PTA is talking to legislators about everything from school funding to mental health supports for students. See the [top 5 Washington State PTA legislative priorities](#).

When you join RHMS PTSA, you automatically join Washington State PTA as well and in doing so, you add your voice in support of this important work. In addition, PTSA membership gives you access to member-only discounts at FedEx Kinkos, Office Depot, Avis Car Rental and more. [Click here to join today](#). If you have questions, please [contact PTSA president, Yumna Green](#)

RHMS PTSA Online Resources

RHMS PTSA launched a Facebook page this year! [Follow Us on Facebook](#). [Visit the RHMS PTSA website](#) to find links to resources, articles, and events. Questions about RHMS PTSA? Please email our [PTSA President, Yumna Green](#).

Calendar

Jan 11 - Order books by 9 am for Dec 13 Pick-Up

Jan 13 - Curbside Book Pick-Up, 3-4 pm

Jan 18 - NO SCHOOL: MLK Jr Day

Jan 19 - [Alternative Schedule Week of 19-22](#)

Jan 22 - Last day of first semester

Jan 25 - Semester 2 starts

Jan 25 - Royal Exploration 4th rotation starts

Feb 2 - 5th Grade Parent Info Night, 7:00 pm

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