

Panther Tales

Jan. 11, 2024

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Principal's Message

At RCMS, we've had yet another fantastic week filled with plenty of chances to engage with our community. Please be advised that kids will not be in class on Monday or Tuesday of this week. We wish you a meaningful weekend celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.

Clarification: Tuesday is not a remote day! It is a student holiday!

Regards,

Principal Garrett

Assistant Principals' Message

1st semester report cards will be posted in Illuminate on January 12.

Please take a moment to [read our New Uniform Policy](#).

As we begin our 2nd semester, we want everyone to be aware of the student pledge and obligations for their laptop devices. Fines for student devices can be reviewed on the Fulton County School Webpage under [Information Technology / Department Overview \(fultonschools.org\)](#). Policy information regarding expected use and care of devices can be found within the Fulton County Schools 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook at [Student Discipline / Department Overview\(fultonschools.org\)](#).

If the device is damaged, lost or stolen the fines listed below will be applied to the student's account and should be paid through the Online School Payment account on the school website. This fee will include a small processing fee for the online account. Thank you.

FINES:

Lost/stolen/serious abuse, \$250

Damaged, \$100

Accessories – Lost or damaged, \$30 for each accessory

Counselors' Corner

January	
FRIENDSHIP & KINDNESS	
	
Classroom Guidance Lessons- Diversity Appreciation	Leadership, MTSS, 504, IEP, Grade-level meetings
CS Finalists	Individual, Group Counseling
8 th Grade Newsletters via Email	Program Data Analysis

Happy Birthday Dr. King!



REFLECTION: LIST 3 POSITIVE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TODAY

GOAL SETTING: WHAT ACADEMIC & PERSONAL GOALS CAN YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN 2023?



Useful Links from the Student Support Team

Georgia Department of Family & Children Services Child Abuse Hotline –

Reports are taken 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 1-855-GACHILD / 1-855-422-4453

[Georgia Crisis and Access Line](#) - For immediate access to routine or crisis services, please call the Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) at 1-800-715-4225 or 988. GCAL is the 24/7 hotline for accessing mental health services in Georgia.

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) - We can all help prevent suicide. Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. 1-800-273-8255

[Health Crisis Resources](#) - Parent resources on COVID-19 from the National Association of School Psychologists.

[National Online Safety](#) - Here you will find the most up to date guides for social media apps and platforms. There is very useful information for parents about apps such as Fortnite, Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, YouTube and others.

[StopBullying.gov](#) - provides information from various government agencies on bullying, cyberbullying, prevention, and response.

[Be the Voice](#) - a student-driven initiative that results in a kinder, more inclusive school environment.

Calendar at a Glance

- Jan. 11: Basketball Home
- Jan. 13: Sandy Springs Art Festival
- Jan. 15: Dr. King's Observance
- Jan. 16: Student Holiday
- Jan. 17: 8th Grade Field Trip to Riverwood High School
- Jan. 17: Parent Information Night at Riverwood
- Jan. 17: Basketball Away
- Jan. 18: Basketball Home
- Jan. 19: Basketball Home
- Jan. 22: Basketball Home
- Jan. 23: Winter Spirit Night
- Jan. 23: Basketball Home
- Jan. 24: Basketball Home
- Jan. 25: GA Milestones Night
- Jan. 26: Basketball Home

THANK YOU PTA for giving us a BIG GRANT!

Thanks to your generous grant, Japanese students started the new year with food projects! 6th and 8th graders celebrated the year of the dragon by writing a character of dragon “辰” on a pie and 7th and connection students celebrated new year by cooking MOCHI, the rice cake – stretchy mochi represents longevity and we eat them on New Year! Mochi is also sticky so that we all stick together like mochi this year.



Announcements and Events

Issues with a Laptop?

Here is the new protocol. Please complete [this questionnaire](#) if your students are having difficulties with his or her laptop. Mr. Johnson, the IT technician, will respond quickly to your concern.

Riverwood Tour

All 8th grade students will be visiting Riverwood International Charter School next Wednesday, January 17th. Please remember to return a signed copy of the permission slip to your student's 4th period teacher by this Friday, January 12th. If you need another copy of the permission form, please let [Mr. Hulett](#) know.

Sandy Springs EDUCATION FORCE

Electronics Recycling & New School Supply Drive

January 27, 2024 / 10am-1pm: 7447 Roswell Road

North Springs High School Parking Lot

\$25 Donation to SSEF to Recycle Electronics*

All data securely deleted / Free to Donate School Supplies



***Please consider an additional donation for certain items. Visit website for details.**

Visit www.SandySpringsEducationForce.org for details

Sandy Springs Education Force

Do you have electronics you'd love to recycle? You are in luck! Sandy Springs Education Force is partnering with eWaste ePlanet to provide an opportunity to recycle electronics on January 27th from 10am-1pm at North Springs High School's parking lot. We will accept electronics for a minimum donation of \$25 per car to SSEF. Working and non-working items are accepted, and all data will be wiped clean. We are also collecting new school supplies!

SSEF will need to pay extra, per-pound charges to eWaste ePlanet to recycle certain items, so additional donations are appreciated for TVs, printers, etc. See our website for specific details and to make your donation ahead of time: <https://www.sandyspringseducationforce.org/electronics-drive/>

Rising Raider Parent Night

The parent/guardian information night at Riverwood will be held on January 17th. There will be tours of the school and an information session to follow. The Riverwood counseling team has asked that everyone planning to attend complete the registration form linked below. This will help the counseling staff plan and prepare to answer any questions you all might have. This event will mostly be focused on the parent/guardian side of things, so students do not need to attend.

[R.S.V.P. for Rising Raider Parent Night here.](#)

Winter Spirit Night

The Foundation will host its 2nd Spirit Night to support our sports teams on Tuesday, January 23 in the school gym, right after school. Free Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be available, while supplies last. We will also have drinks and snacks for \$1, so bring cash. Please spread the word and come and support our sports teams!



Parent Q&A Night

Our Parent Night is coming up Jan. 23 where Riverwood parents and students will answer all your questions in an informal setting at Ridgeview from 6-7 p.m. Come when you can and bring your questions!

Student Group Pop-in Celebrations for Honor Roll

We are excited to have honor roll students pop in to the cafeteria for a brief and somewhat informal celebration of honor roll on January 24. Honor Roll will recognize all students achieving ALL A's in ALL content areas as well as all students achieving ALL A's and B's in ALL content areas. Students will "pop in" to the cafeteria to receive a certificate and snack along with a few words of congratulations for the group at the following times on January 24: 8th grade: 9:00, 7th grade: 9:30, 6th grade: 10:00.

Parents, we share this information with you for awareness, but this ceremony - while special - isn't one we encourage parents taking time off of work or busy schedules to attend.

Hardship Window

Applications for a hardship transfer are open and will remain open through Feb. 29. Applications are reviewed annually by the Student Assignment Office. Through this process, parents can seek a transfer for medical reasons, curriculum differences, child care situations or if they are an employee of the school system. Parents may also request the renewal of an existing hardship transfer. The [Hardship Transfer Policy](#) as well as the [Hardship Transfer Guidelines](#) will be used to determine student eligibility. Please remember that all staff who have children here on a hardship, MUST fill out this form annually to maintain enrollment.

Art Beat

Sandy Springs Arts Foundation will sponsor a free art showcase featuring Ridgeview and other schools. For more information, please see below.



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SANDY SPRINGS ARTS FOUNDATION
PROUDLY PRESENTS

ARTBEAT

JAN 13|2024
TWO O'CLOCK PM

BYERS THEATRE

1 Galambos Way Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Come **experience** the visual & performing arts **talent** of our own
public-school **students** in **Sandy Springs!**

A FREE art showcase featuring:

Ridgeview Charter Middle School

Riverwood International Charter School

Sandy Springs Middle School • North Springs High School

Magnet Program Applications Due Soon

For rising 9th graders: **Applications for high school magnet programs close on January 15, 2024.**
Students wishing to apply to a magnet program may follow the program links below to learn more.

[Innovation Academy](#)

Engineering, Healthcare, and IT

[North Springs High School](#)

Math and Science Academy

[North Springs High School](#)

Visual and Performing Arts Academy

[Northview High School](#)

3DE JA-MBA

[Riverwood High School](#)

International Studies Program

[Roswell High School](#)

3DE JA-MBA

SSEF Electronics Recycling Event

Are you purchasing new electronics for the holidays? You are in luck! You can recycle your old electronics and have the data securely wiped with a donation to Sandy Springs Education Force! Save the date and recycle your items for a good cause: Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

January 27, 2024, 10am-1pm, North Springs High School Parking Lot, 7447 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs. Your donation of \$20 per car will help provide urgently needed funds to support Sandy Springs Education Force's STEAM, literacy, after-school and mentoring programs in our schools. [Learn all the details.](#)



The Clinic Closet Needs Your Help!

RCMS families- Please help keep the clinic closet stocked with items that our students need from time to time. Thank you for your help! Here is our [Amazon wish list link.](#)

RCMS Foundation

The RCMS Foundation supports BOTH the Music and Sports programs at the school. We would like to thank our community sponsors for believing in the mission the Foundation is supporting and helping to fund all of these programs for the students. Our Foundation sponsors include Shep Lawrence of Allstate Insurance Co. and Jennifer Barnes of Barnes Young Realty Team.

Joining the Foundation helps ensure that the school can continue to support these wonderful programs, and becoming a Corporate Partner is a great way to promote your business and support the students. **Find out more about our Corporate Partnership Program** [here](#) and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

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- **Parent Teacher Association:** Consider joining PTA with a range of donation levels to suit all families. These donations fund teacher grants, classroom supplies, staff gifts and recognitions, and student treats and incentives throughout the year. Please join at www.ptarcms.org.
- **RCMS Foundation:** Our amazing Foundation provides funding to our music and athletics programs. If your student participates in these hallmark programs, we need your support. Community partners are needed, too. Donate at www.rcmsfoundation.org.

Want to be Social?

Besides Panther Tales, Ridgeview Charter Middle School has several ways you can stay up-to-date on news and happenings. Follow us on our main [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for a peek into the daily life of RCMS, plus read success stories about some of our RCMS alumni! The Ridgeview PTA also has [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for PTA-sponsored happenings, spirit wear updates and volunteer opportunities.

Got News?

Panther Tales takes submissions for RCMS news or events that would benefit our student body. To submit your information, [please fill out this form](#) and the Panther Tales team will get back to you with any questions.

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