

**WELCOME TO**



**RICHARDS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**Home of the Titans!**  
**Principal – Felisha Caldwell**

**Assistant Principals**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Dr. LaTasha M. Cook**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Dr. Yvonne Jordan**

**Nickeva Jones**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Angela Fisher**

**Special Education –Venita Ogletree**

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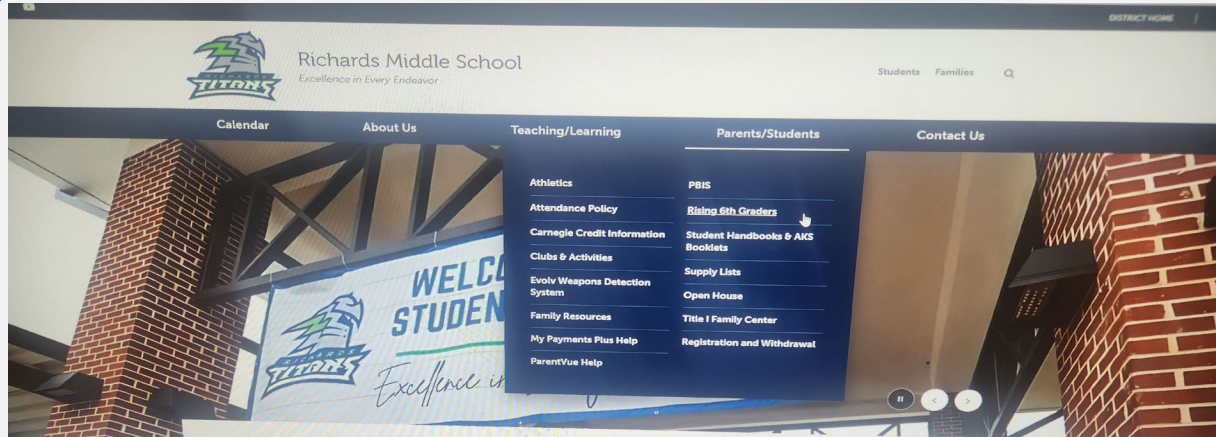
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MIDDLE SCHOOL



# The Middle School Years

**(3) short years**    **Different School Hours**  
**Time flies**    **Teams of Teachers**    **New Friends**  
**Weekly Advisement**    **New Friend Dynamics**  
**Titan Time/CQI**    **More Clubs**  
**Connections** (*formerly called Specials*)  
**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**  
**AND MUCH MORE.**

# Richards Middle School: Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders



- RMS Welcome Videos
- Connections Course Descriptions
  - *In elementary school, these are referred to as "Specials"*
- School Supply Information
- Student Clubs & Activities
- The ABCs of RMS (*electronic 6th Grade Student Handbook*) with information on:
  - Attendance
  - Behavior Expectations
  - Dress Code
  - GCPS Promotion Criteria
  - School History
  - Tips for parents for how to stay informed.
  - And much, much more!
- A copy of this Presentation 😊



# Built In Support

<b>Titan Time</b>	<b>Mondays - Thursdays @ 9:30-10:00am</b> This time is used for academic remediation and enrichment.
<b>Weekly Tutoring Sessions</b>	<b>Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays @ 8:15am</b> <b>(LA/SC; MA/SS)</b>
<b>Weekly Advisement Lessons</b>	<b>Mondays @ 9:30am</b> This time is used to develop and reinforce Social Emotional Learning, as well as other character traits necessary for academic, personal/social, and career success for all RMS students.
<b>Mentoring Programs for Girls &amp; Boys</b>	<b>JEWELS &amp; GENTS Mentoring Programs</b>

Schoolwide PBIS is a broad range of systematic and individualized strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behaviors with all students.



How do we  
**SUPPORT** our  
diverse population  
of students  
at Richards MS?



How can  
students &  
families **GET**  
**INVOLVED** at  
Richards MS?



**Rising Titans  
(Summer) Academy**

**A'Maya Rhodes,**  
*6th Grade Teacher Sponsor*

**RMS Library & Activities**

**Andrew Snider**  
*School Librarian*

**Spanish for Native Speakers**

**Liz Martinez**  
*Teacher Sponsor*

**Music Department**

**Alex Diaz & Dr. Heston McCranie**  
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**Student Council**

**Stefanie Livingston**  
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**Science Club &  
Table Top Titans**

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**Step Team**

**Tina Harris**

*Counselor Sponsor*

**Titan Troupe**

**Starshine Stanfield**

*6th Grade Teacher Sponsor*

**Counseling Support**

**Rosemary Dixon &**

**Nekiesha Jordan**

*6th Grade Counselor*

**The Middle School Experience:**  
**Students' Perspective**

**Julian Romero**

**Shelsea Flores-Enamorado**

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students*

**Closing Remarks**

**Dr. LaTasha M. Cook**

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal*



**A'Maya Rhodes**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Sponsor**

**RIISING**  
**TITANS**  
**ACADEMY**



# The Rising Titans Academy

## Students will:

- spend **2** interactive and fun-filled days as **RISING 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS** 😊.
- actively participate in activities that turn learning into **FUN!**
- become familiar with our school building and our academic & behavior expectations.
- build new friendships.
- reduce their fears & anxieties about starting middle school.



# Rising Titans Academy

Dates: July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 4pm

Please register for the  
**Rising Titans Academy** at  
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The cost is \$25 & includes a RICHARDS MS T-shirt.

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— Mr. Snider —

School Librarian

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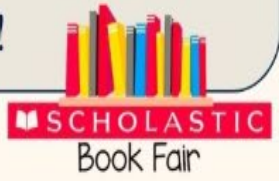
Readers' Rally Sponsor



Nice  
to meet you!

Parents are warmly invited to stop  
by the Scholastic Book Fair after  
the presentation to browse and

shop!





# Spanish for Native Speakers

**Liz Martinez**

**Teacher Sponsor**



# ABRIENDO OPORTUNIDADES

## Spanish for Native Speakers Course

### Habilidades en Español

Muchos niños crecen hablando español, pero no siempre tienen la oportunidad de perfeccionar su lectura, escritura y gramática.



# 01

# 02



### Conexión con su Cultura

El idioma es mucho más que palabras lleva consigo la historia, las tradiciones y los valores de una comunidad. En esta clase, los estudiantes explorarán literatura, música, historia y costumbres de diversos países hispanohablantes.

### Ser Bilingües

Muchas carreras buscan activamente profesionales bilingües, y este curso es un gran paso en esa dirección.



# 03

# 04



### Creditos de Preparatoria

Uno de los mayores beneficios de este curso es que los estudiantes pueden ganar créditos de escuela secundaria mientras aún están en la escuela intermedia.

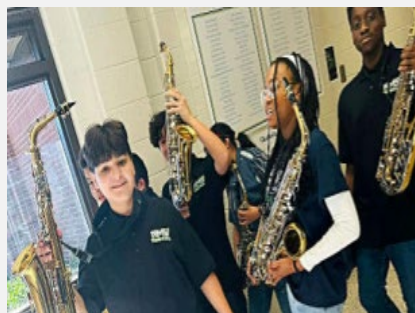
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# Alex Diaz & Dr. Heston McCranie

## RMS Music Department Teacher Sponsors





# Stefanie Livingston

## Student Council Teacher Sponsor



# Student Council

## Ideas + Work = Change

We need motivated student leaders who not only have innovative ideas but have the ambition to put the work behind those ideas to come to fruition

## Changing the School Culture

Student council is an amazing club for students to be in charge of how their school culture flourishes

## Student Leaders

It's possible to be in more than one club, sport, organization! We have plenty of officers who are either sports players or apart of other organizations.

REMEMBER: RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL IS YOUR SCHOOL

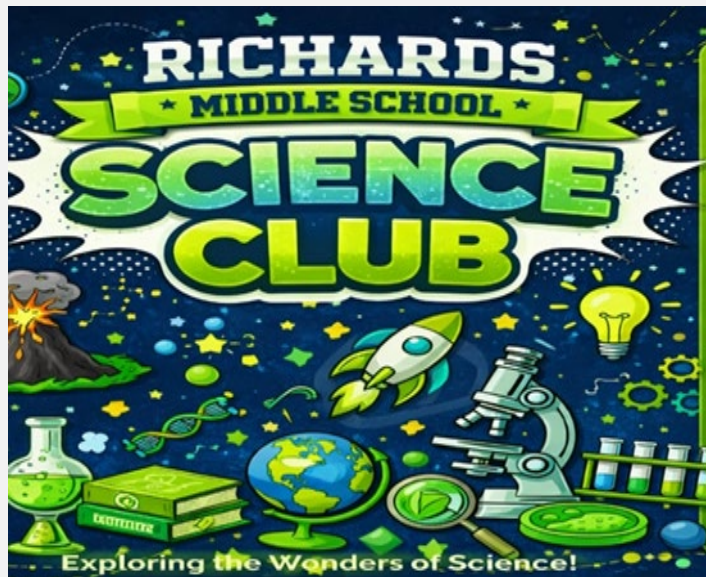
THIS ORGANIZATION ALLOWS YOU FOR TO CHANGE HOW YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS PLAY OUT. REAL CHANGE CAN HAPPEN TO THE CULTURE HERE, BUT IT'S UP TO YOU TO!



# Science Club & Table Top Titans

## Kelly Chupurdy & Andy Paulk

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Sponsors



# RICHARDS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

# SCIENCE CLUB



Exploring the Wonders of Science!





# TABLETOP TITANS

— GAMING CLUB —

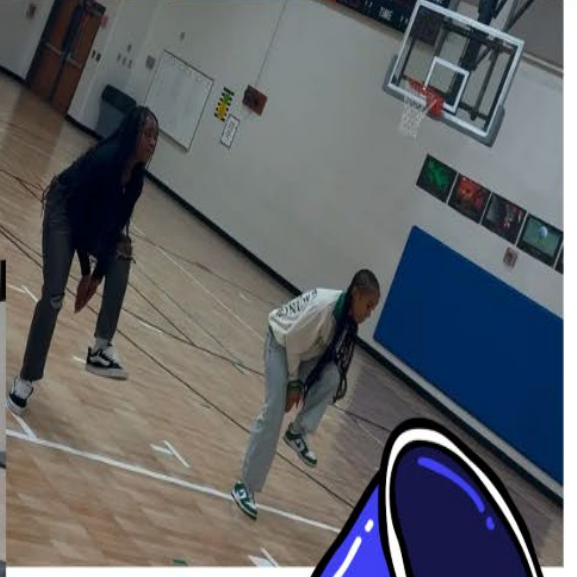




RICHARDS

TITAN STOMPERS

**Coach Tina Harris**  
**Counselor Sponsor**



ABOUT THE TEAM



# **RMS Titan Stompers**

- **Promotes what it means to be a STUDENT athlete**
- **75 or higher in each class**
- **Grades and behavior are checked bi-weekly**
- **Physical needed to participate (Rank One or physical copy)**
- **Promotes team building**
- **7 home games for performances**
- **Other opportunities throughout the year ( BHM, 5th grade articulation, etc)**
- **Practices are from 4:30-6:30 3 times a week**

A stylized illustration of a basketball court. In the center is a basketball. To the left and right are several basketball jerseys in blue and green, each with the number 23. A white banner with a brushstroke effect is draped across the basketball. On the right, a clipboard with a silver clip is attached to a white sheet of paper. The background shows faint white lines on a tan floor.

PERFORMANCE

HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

WE

PERFORM

AT

HOME

GAMES

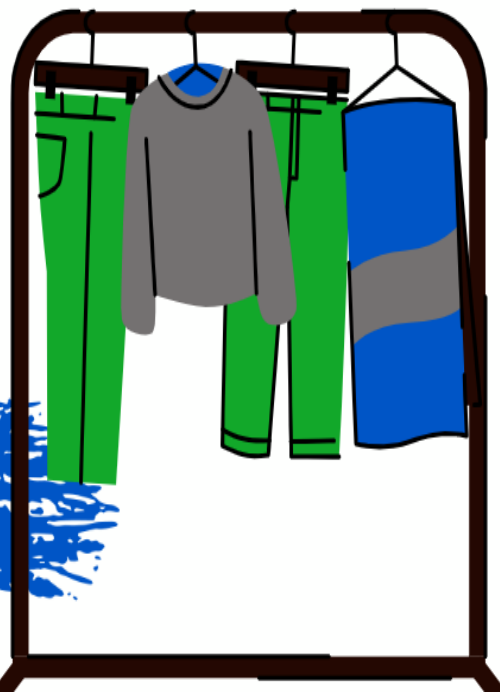
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PRICE  
BREAKDOWN



\$300 TOTAL



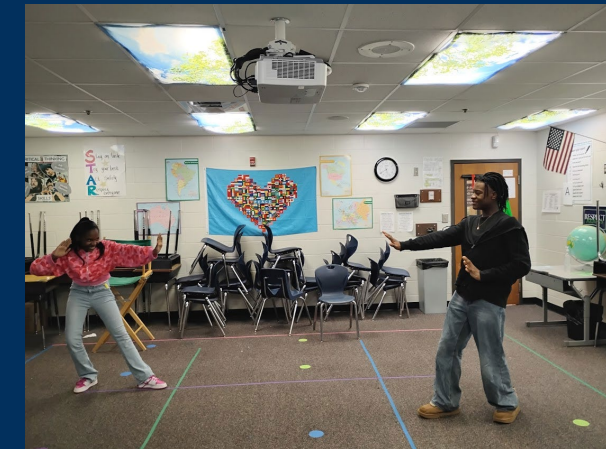
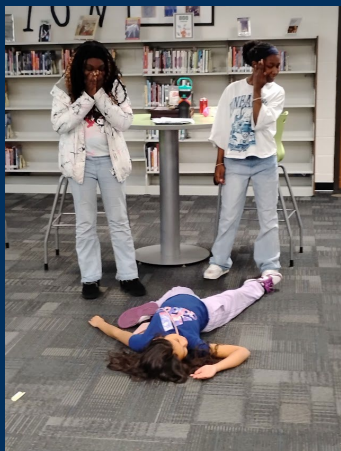
- TITAN STOMPER T-SHIRT: \$40 FOR 3X OR LARGER
- TITAN STOMPER PANTS: \$35
- TEAM JACKET: \$75, EXTRA \$3 FOR 3X OR LARGER
- TEAM PANTS: \$65, EXTRA \$3 FOR 3X
- NAME CUSTOMIZATIONS: \$4-\$7
- FOOD FOR 7 GAMES, TAX, SHIPPING & HANDLING: REMAINING \$\$\$



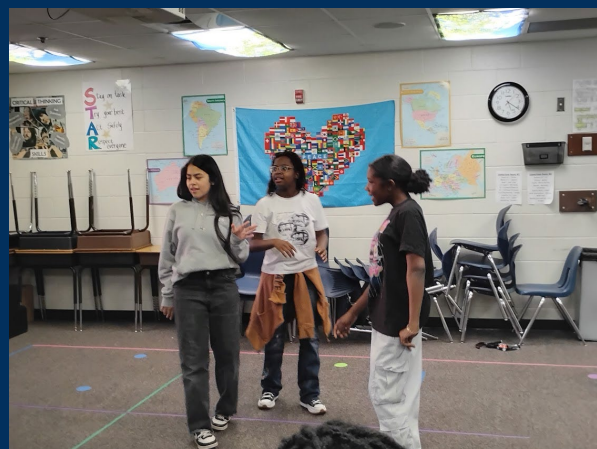
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# Auditions in September/October Club meets October - March



Workshops  
Rehearsals  
Performances



# TITAN TROUPE DRAMARAMA 2026





# The Middle School Experience: From Our Counselors' Perspectives

## Rosemary Dixon & Nekiesha Jordan

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselors



*Counselors work with students to help remove barriers to learning*



# Middle School Counseling

- ❖ Counselors visit classes in August for Introductions
- ❖ Counselors work with students:
  - Individually
  - In small groups
  - Through classroom lessons
- ❖ Accessing your counselor:
  - Student can request on their own
  - Teacher referrals
  - Parent requests





# Social-Emotional Learning: (SEL) at RMS



## Common 6th Grade SEL Needs

- **Managing:**
  - The Transition
  - Emotions
  - Making Decisions
  - Peer Relationships
  - Technology and Social Media Use





# The Middle School Experience: From Students' Perspectives

**RMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Peer Leader  
Julian Romero**





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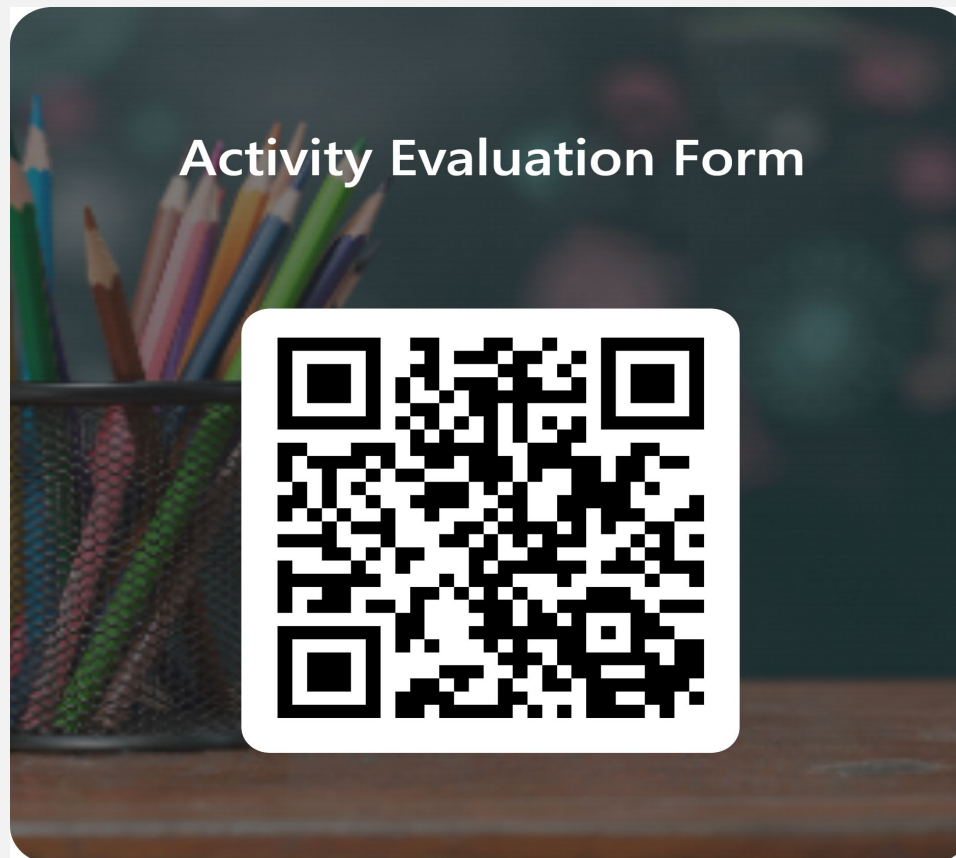
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***Thank you for being here tonight.***

***We look forward to a great  
journey...TOGETHER!***

**Good Night 😊**

