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~ RCMS SPEAKS ~ Principal's News

Greetings RCMS Caregivers and Families,

To prepare for the end of the 2018-2019 academic school year at RCMS, it is critical for all stakeholders (students, families, teachers, and faculty) to continue to support our students' academic and socio-emotional growth. Middle-school-aged youth are in a crucial developmental age when they are trying to explore and discover their interests and identity. As teachers, parents, and administrators it is pivotal for us to encourage RCMS scholars to try new things and get involved. This can include trying out different roles, such as joining an athletic club or playing an instrument in the Band club. Students are figuring out what kind of individual they want to become, their future opportunities are endless.

As the year comes to an end, take time to reflect on your child's strengths - focusing on their areas of achievement will improve and enhance their areas of growth for the following year. Transitioning to the next grade is a process that prepares students to develop and cultivate critical skills and knowledge to be a successful scholar and leader. School transition should not be viewed solely from the administrators and teacher's perspective, but it should include a holistic approach to inform and effectively involve students and families in the transition planning process.

A phrase I frequently say is, "I am because we are" also known as UBUNTU, meaning if I do not succeed, you do not succeed. Let's work collaboratively to ensure our students are successful in middle school, high school, college and beyond!

- Mrs. Weekes, Principal

RCMS Competitions for the 2018-2019 year:

- **Samsung Solve For Tomorrow Challenge** Won: Teacher Samsung Tablet
- **Project 351** Won: Our student appeared on television
- **MIT Code It Program** Won: Video/app posted
- **Forensics Institute of Bridgewater State University** Won: 3 students accepted
- **Biogen Foundation Spark Video Contest** Won: \$1,000 + one of 5 state finalist
- **Discovery Education** Won: \$1,000
- **MWRA** Won: Certificate of Merit

Save the Dates:

May 2-20: Math MCAS

May 13: NJHS Flags with Veterans

May 21-24: Science MCAS (8th grade only)

May 27: No school-Memorial Day

May 28- 31: Book Fair

June 6: Financial Literacy Night sponsored by Webster Bank 6:00-7:30pm

June 7: Moving Up Ceremony

June 8: Career Day

June 13: Early release day 11:20am dismissal

June 14: Early release day 11:20am dismissal- last day of school

781-961-6243

Guidance Counselors

Cassie Sermon x107

Grade 6 & 7

Atiera Horne x530

Grade 8

Adjustment Counselors

Rebecca Allen x519

Amy Hardy x208

Counselors' Corner

Community Resources:

Parents Helping Parents: RCMS Library, Door 15
Weds. 6-7pm

Parental Stress Line: 800-632-8188 available 24 hrs.

Boston Children Museum: EBT card gets you and up to 4 guests in for \$2.00 each.
Friday Night's 5-9pm

“Through my education, I didn’t just develop skills, I didn’t just develop the ability to learn, but I developed the confidence.”

—Michelle Obama

2019-2020 Academic Transition:

MCAS will be wrapping up for all in the next two weeks and the school year will start to wind down. Transitions can be an exciting time and is an excellent opportunity to reflect on our experiences. Take this time to open up discussions with your child about how their year went. Here are some questions to facilitate that conversation:

- What is one thing that made you proud this school year?
- What is one thing you wish you had done differently this school year?
- What is an important lesson you learned this year that you won't forget and that you think will help you in the future?
- What is one commitment you are willing to make yourself next school year?

How to improve Literacy Skills:

With summer fast approaching we wanted to send out some tips to help your child maintain their reading skills while on vacation from school. Here are some ways to help support the reading skills that your child has developed throughout the school year:

- Let your child choose what they want to read.
- Talk with your child about what they are reading.
- Subscribe to magazines or online blogs that will interest them.
- Be flexible with routines if your child reads.
- Play games that utilize reading (e.g. Scrabble, Bananagrams).
- If you child has younger siblings, encourage them to read to their siblings.
- Visit the library together and help them pick out a book that will interest them.
- Model reading.