



News from the Nest

Hello, Riverwood Ravens! Here is this week's edition of News from the Nest. Please join us in showing love & appreciation to our RMS Staff this week!! We are so fortunate to have built a staff that loves students and pushes them to be and do their very best! The final countdown is on...only four days until EOGs begin! Our students have been performing at high levels all year and we are so excited to see how well they do on our EOGs! They enjoyed great pep rallies to kick off EOG week and we look forward to meeting our school goals to be able to have a BIG school wide celebration on the last day of school!! After-school EOG prep continues through this Thursday if your student needs to attend. Let's make it an EXCELLENT week!

We're "Raven" About...

- Our Student Leadership Team for organizing and executing three super fun EOG Pep Rallies on Friday to get students hyped up to knock these EOGs out of the park!
- Our Chorus students for an outstanding spring concert last week and congratulations on earning a SUPERIOR rating on their performance at Kings Dominion on Friday!! They received two scores of 97 and one 96! Way to go, Ravens!

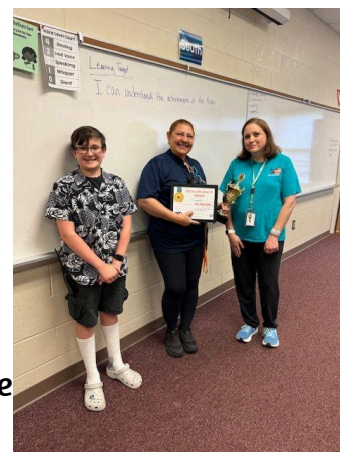
New/Time Sensitive/Important Information:

Upcoming Important Dates

Monday 5/5	Tuesday 5/6	Wednesday 5/7	Thursday 5/8	Friday 5/9
RMS Staff is WICKED Oz-Some Staff Appreciation Week - Please show some love to our amazing staff this week with a quick note or email!				
	6:00PM: Band Concert	Last Chance Due Date Treat Trolley (@ Enhancements)	Reading Review Day	Reading EOG
Monday 5/12	Tuesday 5/13	Wednesday 5/14	Thursday 5/15	Friday 5/16
Math Review Day	Math EOG Math 1 EOC	8th Gr English 1 Science Review Day	8th Science EOG	

Excelling Raven

Congratulations to our newest Excelling Raven Ms. Norkys Medina, custodian. She was chosen by Ms. Hatton who has this to say about her, "I chose Ms. Norkys Medina for the Excelling Raven award because she consistently embodies the Ravens philosophy: we believe in ourselves, we believe in each other, we believe in hard work, and we believe in excellence. Ms. Norkys is kind and professional with all of the students and staff. She helps to keep our school clean so that the students and staff are in a clean and orderly environment. We are grateful for Ms. Norkys Medina."



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Thank you to **9 Bar Coffeehouse** for sponsoring our Excelling Raven recognition for the 2025 spring semester! Stay tuned to see who the next Excelling Raven will be...

URGENT NEED: EOG Proctors

Due to recent changes to NCDPI testing guidelines, we are in even more need of proctors for EOG testing! Proctors help ensure we are in the best position to achieve our highest possible academic success by maintaining secure testing environments. If you or anyone you know would be able to help, please complete the [Sign-up Form](#) and Ms. Jill Boudreau, Testing Coordinator, will reach out to volunteers.

RMS SAVE THE DATES

2024-25 RMS END-OF-YEAR EVENTS

May 9th - 16th : EOG Testing
May 19th - 22nd : EOG Retesting
May 19th : 6th Gr Awards @ 9:00AM / Field Day 11-3
May 20th : 7th Gr Awards @ 9:00AM / Field Day 11-3
May 21st : 8th Gr Field Day 8:30-3 / Awards @ 6:00PM
May 22nd : Last Day of School / Early Dismissal

Stay tuned for additional updates in
News from the Nest weekly



Save the Dates: EOGs, Awards, Field Days

Please save the dates important for your family for our end-of-year school events.

8th Grade Field Day

The 8th grade team is asking for donations for 8th grade field day on May 21st to help offset costs for each student. We will also be sending home a letter to parents for the \$10 (covers shirt and pizza). Sign up below to assist with making this a fun last day for our 8th grade students!

[8th Grade Field Day Sign Up Genius](#)

Limited Number of Yearbooks Left

There are a limited number of yearbooks left and they can be purchased on our school website. The Lifetouch pre-sale has ended, but parents can still order directly from us. Please share this with families so that they have the correct link. Cash/Checks will not be accepted, all sales must go through our online portal. Thank you!

Yearbooks can be purchased on our website - [HERE](#) is the direct link.

Insights ABA, LLC Offering New Club for Students 11-14

Insights ABA, LLC is opening a new club for students ages 11-14. It's focused on social and emotional learning and will be on Mondays from 4:00-6:30pm and will start in June. Dinner will be provided. See [this flier](#) for more details.

Check out their open house on May 17th. Details [here](#).

Still Need to Order School Pictures? Discount code from Lifetouch

ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

CODE: S25100OFF EXPIRES: July 31, 2025 [Redeem Now](#)

Clayton High School Dance Team Tryouts

Rising CHS students interested in trying out for the dance team can find information [HERE](#).

Clayton HS Kids Summer Camp

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At Clayton High School, we have an annual kids camp each summer. All the details are in the form below. Could you please share the form with your staff or post on your website(s). Our camp is a lot of fun for all levels and ages.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF9TQDNGRLCI5LyZKdFM88c5MNUxye4-k-IgRL2ybxsuSkow/viewform?usp=dialog>

Summer Opportunity for Students

C.A.R.S. Summer Camp at Wake Tech is a fun opportunity for students to learn more about automotive repair and service! For more information, watch the YouTube video [HERE](#). Scholarships are available for week 1 and 2 sessions!

Riverwood Middle School PTSA

Volunteers Needed for TOMORROW - Staff Appreciation Lunch Set-Up

If anyone is available tomorrow (5/5/25) from 9:30-11:00am to help set-up lunch for the RMS Staff for Appreciation Week, please email riverwoodptsapresident@gmail.com. Thank you!

Spirit Night @ 9Bar

Grab a bite to eat and a delicious beverage from 9Bar on Friday, May 16th from 6:00AM - 4:30PM and support our RMS PTSA!

If you are interested in purchasing RMS Spirit Wear you can do so at this

link: https://www.nesspressnc.com/store/c265/Riverwood_Middle_School.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawJI7MBleHRuA2FibQlxMAABHmlyOgC2aqJ0l4qPujCkJRgfFZA78LNcag4hMdUpK1UdZ0oWodFimQ-RjIO_aem_jV G1ig91jJKACIBSPxLztQ

Riverwood Middle School Athletic Boosters

Spring Season Wrap-Up!

Thank you to all our student-athletes, coaches, parents and staff for making it a successful and memorable season!

Congratulations to:

- Boys and Girls Track teams: 2025 Conference & County Champions
- Girls Soccer: 2025 Conference Champions
- Softball Team: 2025 Conference Champions

Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the Athletic Boosters Club this season! This organization relies heavily on the time and dedication of volunteers, and your help is much appreciated!

Volunteers:

If you have any interest in getting involved with the Athletic Boosters Club for the upcoming school year 2025-2026, please email us at: riverwoodboosters@gmail.com

Stay Connected!

Be sure to check out our [Linktree](#) for important information.
Stay connected by following us on Instagram and Facebook.

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From Previous Editions & Still Important:

Truancy Letters

Some families have received a Notification of Truancy for their student(s). While my name is on these letters as principal of RMS, they are actually sent via a third party vendor contracted by JCPS to notify parents at the 3rd, 6th, and 10th unexcused absences. If you receive a letter and would like additional information about the unexcused absences, please reach out to Ms. Carolyn Pegues at the front desk or Ms. Casey Carson (Data Manager.) If there are extenuating circumstances that you would like to make us aware of regarding your student's absences or if you have questions above and beyond unexcused absence dates, please contact one of our School Counselors (Kayla Mallard or Mackenzie Boyd) and/or our Social Worker (Danielle Pleasant.)

EDvantage Tutoring: JCPS & EDvantage Tutoring through NCVPS is offering a limited number of 30-minute tutoring sessions during the 4th quarter for any middle school student. ELA, Math, MS Math I, and Science sessions will be provided after school hours from 4:30-6:30 pm, Monday-Wednesday. Click on the fliers linked for more information: [JCPS + EDvantage Tutoring Program Flier](#) and [JCPS + EDvantage Tutoring Program Flier in Spanish](#).

Important Message from Nurse Sanders

We are seeing an uptick in the number of students who are attending school with fevers and leaving early, or who are returning to school after having fevers just one day prior with the use of fever reducing agents. Please refer to [this document](#) for more information.

We want all of our students and educators to remain healthy and safe while in school. Thank you!

Weekly Math & ELA Homework

All students in grades 6-8 will be assigned weekly homework in their math and ELA classes moving forward. This HW will be given on Friday or Monday of each week and due the next upcoming Friday. It will consist of math problems and a few short reading passages and questions that can be completed all at once or a few each night. This homework will review content previously taught this year, as well as, build on foundational skills from prior years for our students. Our goal is to help our students retain their knowledge and build a strong foundation as they matriculate into the next grade and ultimately into high school. Please reach out to your student's math and/or ELA teacher for additional information or with questions.

Follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/RMSRavens>

Sportsmanship & Support at Athletic Contests

The Riverwood Ravens are excited to welcome all fans to our athletic contests this school year! In conjunction with Johnston County Public Schools and the Johnston County Middle School Athletic Conference, we would like to remind everyone that our athletic contests are an extension of the classroom and part of the school setting. We ask that everyone remain positive, refrain from negative comments or behaviors, as well as treat others with respect and the way they would want to be treated. We ask for a show of appreciation and support of all athletes, coaches, and officials throughout all athletics events. We are thankful that our fans have the opportunity to support us and make our athletic competitions possible. Thank you for joining us in demonstrating Excellence in All Ways at Riverwood Middle School! - RMS Administration

Positive Behavior Incentives & Rewards

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Each day, our students have the opportunity to earn positive behavior points/tickets for demonstrating the [RAVENS Core Beliefs](#) in their classes, the hallway, cafeteria, etc. In addition to our RAVENS core beliefs, students participated in creating their grade level Social Contracts in which they came to consensus on how they wanted to be treated by each other, how they wanted to be treated by their teacher, how their teacher wanted to be treated by them, and how they could resolve conflict in an appropriate way. A copy of the grade level social contracts can be found below.

[6th Gr Social Contract](#) [7th Gr Social Contract](#) [8th Gr Social Contract](#)

This year, we will have Fun Friday every 2-3 weeks in which students can cash in points/tickets to participate in fun activities during AIR Time. In order to participate, students cannot have any missing work (outside of an excused absence) and cannot have been assigned ISS or OSS during the previous 3 weeks. Students have been earning LOTS of points in their classes and are excited to cash them in for our fun activities!

Technology Use Agreement Forms

All students should have received a paper copy of the JCPS Technology Use Agreement Form in Homeroom the first week of school. These forms **MUST** be signed and returned in order for students to have access to their Chromebook during the school day. Students will be issued a Chromebook to use during the school day only. No Chromebooks can be taken home and must be charged in the classroom ChromeCart each night.

RMS Carpool

Carpool drops off and picks up in the front of the school, entering off Athletic Club Blvd. Please follow the direction of the staff directing carpool and bring patience this week. It will be slower this week but by the end of the week, things will be running smoothly and we will get you and your child through the line quickly.

Remember that you cannot enter the carpool lane before 7:00 am in the morning or 2:55 pm in the afternoon. Until then, carpool drivers must wait on the side of Athletic Club Blvd at the end of the school.

Breakfast & Lunch is FREE for ALL RMS Students

Breakfast will be available at the beginning of each grade level hallway for students to grab & go to their Homeroom each morning. Menus can be found at tinyurl.com/JCPSMenus.

Student/Parent Handbook

Please review the 2024-25 RMS Student/Parent Handbook linked [HERE](#) and also available on the RMS website.

Over-the-Counter Medications - **A NEW CHANGE**

If you have a student that will be taking over the counter medication at school this year, please be aware that they, too, will need a physician signature. Please complete [THIS FORM](#) and bring medications to the Front Office to Nurse Sanders. She is at RMS on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week.

Late Arrivals and Early Check-Outs

Students arriving after the 8:05 AM tardy bell must check-in in the main office. Parents do not need to accompany students for late arrivals. Students will check themselves in using the office Chromebooks. A note is required for medical appointments in order to be excused.

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Students may be checked out early by a parent/guardian or adult listed on the Student Info sheet completed at Open House/Orientation. Parents must come in to check out a student and sign them out using the office Chromebooks. **Please remember that students cannot be checked out after 2:45 PM.**

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

If you are interested in purchasing voluntary student accident insurance for your student, please visit www.k12studentinsurance.com. The site contains [enrollment instructions](#), enrollment application, [claim forms](#), and coverage details ([English](#) and [Spanish](#))

Thank you all for your continued support of our Riverwood Ravens and have a great week! - MJS

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