



September 28, 2025

We hope you enjoyed a beautiful fall weekend. Thanks to all who came to our recent open houses. We value your partnership and insights. Next week is filled with many events. Take a look at our list of activities below. Remember that this list may not be all inclusive. The JRMS PTA will hold its first virtual meeting of the year. More information is included in this update.

School will be closed on Thursday, October 2 in observance of Yom Kippur.

Please take a look at the Community Happenings section to find out about additional opportunities for students and their families.

DATES TO REMEMBER (More clubs may be meeting than listed)

Monday, September 29- Morning Gym - Grades 5 and 6 (8:25 am)
Monday, September 29 - JRMS Student Council in Room 172 at 8:25 - All Welcome!
Monday, September 29- Tiger Telegraph in Room 170 at 8:20
Monday, September 29 - Track and Field Club after school
Monday, September 29 - After school until 6:00 pm in the Community Room
Monday, September 29 - Close of the First Progress
Wednesday, October 1 - Morning Gym - Grades 7 and 8 (8:25)
Wednesday, October 1 - Track and Field Club after school
Wednesday, October 1 - Robotics Club in Room 118 (3:45-5:00) for 6th-8th grade students
Thursday, October 2 - Yom Kippur - NO SCHOOL
Friday, October 3 - Morning Gym - Grades 5 and 6 (8:25 am)
Friday, October 3 - 8th Grade Field Trip to the Fairfield Museum
Friday, October 3 - Save Our Planet Club (3:45-5:00) Library Learning Commons
Friday, October 10 - Professional Development Day - No school for students
Monday, October 13 - Columbus Day - No School/Building Closed
Thursday, October 16 - Make-up School Photo Day
Friday, October 17 - Annual 8th Grade Trip to Joel Barlow High School - morning

Plan Ahead: Upcoming Socials

Monday, October 27 - 5th Grade Social (Halloween Theme) - (4:00-5:30)
Tuesday, October 28 - 6th Grade Social (Halloween Theme) - (4:00-5:30)
Wednesday, October 29 - 7th Grade Social (Halloween Theme) - (4:00-5:30)
Thursday, October 30 - 8th Grade Social (Halloween Theme) - (4:00-5:30)

WELCOME

Ms. Robin Goodman is joining the JRMS staff as a paraeducator. She will be working in the library, with our multi-language learners, and with students in the math lab. Robin has taught a variety of subjects over the years, most recently at Okemo Ski School.

Ms. Tori Veteri joins the JRMS Special Education team as a teacher. Ms. Veteri has worked as a paraeducator and BCBA before becoming a certified teacher. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

Ms. Danielle Quintiliano joins as a Speech Language Pathologist. Danielle most recently worked in Stamford Public Schools. She will be in the building on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Her official start date is September 30.

Mrs. Rita Larkin joins the JRMS Special Education team. Mrs. Larkin comes to John Read from Blackham Elementary School in Bridgeport and will be working primarily with our fifth grade students.

John Read Middle School Receives Grant to Launch Robotics Club

John Read Middle School is excited to announce it has received a \$1,557 grant to launch a new FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge robotics club as part of the school's growing STEM curriculum. The club, which will operate under the guidance of STEM teacher Mandy McCubbin, will meet after school on Wednesdays and is open to 6th - 8th grade students. The program aims to inspire innovation, teamwork, and hands-on learning in robotics, with an emphasis on inclusivity and encouraging more girls to explore STEM. This initiative marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in JRMS's commitment to preparing students for the careers of the future through engaging, real-world learning opportunities.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Use this link to access the information describing our before- and after-school clubs/activities. This information is available on the JRMS website under the students tab. [Link to JRMS Website - Clubs/Activities](#). The school sent an electronic version of the "All Activities Permission Slip" via ParentSquare.

DISMISSAL NOTES/ABSENCES INFORMATION

Parents/legal guardians must notify the school, via [Attendance & Dismissal Notes](#), by 9:00 AM on the day of any student absence. The information the school receives each day about changes in transportation plans and parent/guardian pickups is shared with students at the end of the last class period of the day.

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

We offer an early morning drop-off program beginning at **7:30 a.m. for a fee to help cover supervision costs. If interested in this service, please complete the**  Morning Supervision Program Form . Parents may drop off students beginning at **8:00 a.m.**, free of charge. Students must be dropped off at the cafeteria entrance on the south side of the building.

1st JRMS PTA MEETING GUEST - Megan Pogonelski

JRMS PTA invites you to join us TUESDAY (9/30, 7 PM via Zoom) for our first PTA meeting of the year. We're pleased to welcome Dr. Meghan Pogonelski, Assistant. Superintendent of Special Ed & Student Services for ER9. Do you have questions about Special Education at JRMS? Please submit your questions in advance to guide our conversation using the following Google form.

<https://forms.gle/kcQ65zSYvh6WXT9y5>

JRMS PTA Meeting Zoom login

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5163146718?pwd=d0ppSzFLKzRZcHVOV2M2UU0zMy9MQT09&omn=81153123079>

Meeting ID: 516 314 6718

Passcode: 715840

PTA QUASSY NIGHT

Thank you, JRMS PTA, for a wonderful event at Quassy Park on September 19th. It was a beautiful evening for the students to enjoy themselves, play games, go on rides, and hang out together. Parents had an opportunity to mingle and relax at the restaurant patio. The evening was such a success that the PTA plans on repeating it next year.

Join or Renew Your PTA Membership for 2025-26!

The easiest way to help the PTA is to simply become a member. Each year, your membership dollars are *essential* for the PTA to provide staff grants, in-school assemblies, cultural programming, parent education, social and extracurricular events, and so much more for our students, teachers, and families. Don't wait! [Become a member today](#) for just \$38.



***** COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS *****

MARK TWAIN LIBRARY

Take a look at the many teen offerings offered by the folks at the Mark Twain Library. [MTL Teen Offerings](#)



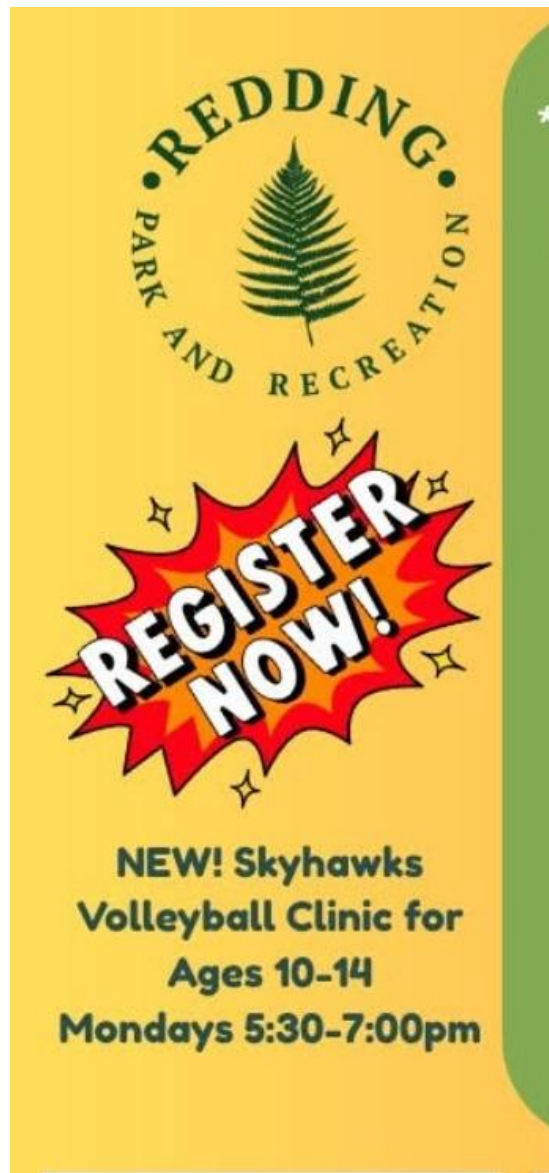
NEW POND FARM

Check out the wonderful new “Improv” opportunity for Middle school Students at New Pond Farm [Improv at New Pond Farm](https://newpondfarm.org/).

AND other programs at the Farm. <https://newpondfarm.org/>



REDDING PARK AND RECREATION - VOLLEYBALL CLINIC





LET'S PLAY!

REBA GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

9/27 @ ECC
4TH, 5TH, 6TH GRADE GIRLS-3:00-4:00PM
7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS 4:00-5:00PM
ALTERNATE DATE 9/30 @ HKMS
4TH, 5TH, 6TH GRADE GIRLS-5:00-6:00PM
7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS 6:00-7:00PM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION
EASTONCOMMUNITYCENTER.COM OR CALL 203-459-9700



LET'S GO!



REBA BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

9/27 @ ECC

4TH GRADE- 9:30-10:30AM

5TH GRADE -10:30-11:30AM

6TH GRADE-11:30-12:30PM

7TH GRADE -1:00-2:00PM

8TH GRADE- 2:00-3:00PM

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7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS 6:00-7:00PM

REGISTER NOW

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REDDING SCOUT DAY

Sunday Oct 19th 1pm to 4pm
West Redding Fire Dept - 306 Umpawaug Rd

All-age activity. Learn more about us!

FREE

Activities

Climbing Wall
Archery
Outdoor Games
And more!



FREE

Joining
info
available
at Redding
Scout Day

#ADVENTUREON!



Laugh, 
Create,
and Shine!

Middle School Improv Class

Where the spotlight is on fun, creativity, and laughter!

- Wednesdays from 4-5:30p @ NPF
- 8 sessions starting on September 24th
- Bus service from JRMS

Led by Redding actor, author and playwright

Heather Whaley!

newpondfarm.org



LEGO Engineering Enrichment **with Redding Parks and Recreation**

LEGO Wildlife Wonders using LEGO Materials

10/01/2025-10/29/2025

3:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Design and build your way through the animal kingdom, from sea to safari, using tens of thousands of LEGO® parts. With the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor, you'll recreate diverse habitats while crafting animals in their natural surroundings. Your animal adventure awaits!

Explore Coding using the LEGO® Spike Prime System

10/01/2025-10/29/2025

4:30 pm- 6:00 pm

Rise to the challenge to build and program robots using the LEGO® Spike Prime system! Learn about mechanical and software design, loops, conditional statements, problem solving, and teamwork skills. Design and construct your robot to avoid obstacles, pick up and carry objects, and play sounds. Projects are structured so that students work in an open-ended, investigative environment while having fun.



REGISTER TODAY!

