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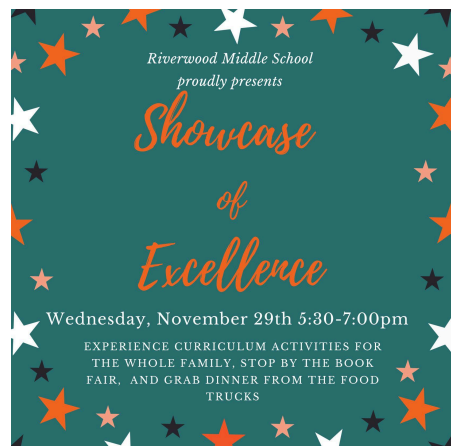
Hello, Riverwood Ravens! Here is this week's edition of News from the Nest. Be sure to check out the upcoming PTSA Spirit Night and fall fundraiser information included. Let's make it another EXCELLENT week at RMS!

New/Time Sensitive/Important Information:

Upcoming Important Dates

Monday 11/13	Tuesday 11/14	Wednesday 11/15	Thursday 11/16	Friday 11/17
4-8pm: Spirit Night @ Rainbow Lanes	6:30pm: Beta Club Inductions			
Monday 11/20	Tuesday 11/21	Wednesday 11/22	Thursday 11/23	Friday 11/24
	4:15pm: BBall @ Jamboree @ Princeton MS/HS	Happy Thanksgiving Break		

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Riverwood Middle School Showcase of Excellence



Wednesday, November 29th 5:30-7:00 pm

Please join us for the first **Showcase of Excellence** where our teachers and students will be showcasing their learning in all content areas, including fun learning experiences for the whole family to enjoy. Food trucks will be on site to grab dinner and the Book Fair will be open to make your purchases. We can't wait to demonstrate our excellent Raven staff and students in this special event! More information is forthcoming.

Beta Club Inductions - Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm - RMS Cafeteria

We are excited to induct a new group of students into the Beta Club this week. Students should arrive by 6:15 pm in order to be seated in their assigned location. Contact Ms. Copeland for more information or with questions.

After-School Tutoring

Riverwood Middle School will be starting our after school tutoring program this week. Our goal is to support our students as they work towards achieving their academic goals. The tutoring program will allow students to work closely with staff members on math, ELA, social studies, and science curriculums, homework help, and more.

Please take time to let us know if your child will be able to attend these sessions. You may return this form to your child's homeroom teacher or submit it electronically by going to [the online sign-up form](#).

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Schedules will be communicated to parents and students by email once they are finalized. Feel free to email elizabethadams@johnston.k12.nc.us if you have any questions.

RAVENS Recognition Cards & RAVENS Positive Behavior Tickets

RAVENS Recognition Cards: Staff members will begin distributing RAVENS Recognition cards this week to students. These cards can be given to students that are consistently going above and beyond exemplifying EXCELLENCE in our RAVENS Behavior Expectations Matrix where students demonstrate their excellence through RESPECT, ACCOUNTABILITY, VALUES, EMPOWER, NURTURE, SUCCESS. Any staff member can give a card to any student as a recognition. Students receiving a RAVENS Recognition card will be entered into a quarterly drawing to win a BIG prize courtesy of PTSA. Students receiving a card will also be able to select a small prize from the treat cart without having to cash in tickets.

RAVENS Tickets: Each grade level/department will also begin distributing RAVENS Positive Behavior Tickets this week. All students will receive a plastic zipper bag to keep their tickets and should write their name on their bag in marker. Students must keep their own tickets, lost tickets will not be replaced. Students can earn tickets for a variety of positive behaviors (walking quietly in line, helping a friend, cleaning up after themselves without being asked, etc.) The purpose is to reward students for doing what they should be doing and encouraging positive behavior. The RAVENS Treat Trolley will begin rolling in a few weeks with a menu of items that students can purchase by cashing in their tickets. Students can also save tickets for access to larger prizes/activities. A menu of prizes/activities is forthcoming.

NCVPS Tutoring Opportunities

I am excited to share information regarding an exciting opportunity with NCVPS EDVANTAGE Tutoring Program that will be available to individual middle school and high school students nightly from 4 PM to 7:30 PM, Monday-Thursday. This is an optional tutoring program with a cost of \$35 per hour and is not required by JCPS or Riverwood Middle School.

To have your students begin tutoring sessions, please direct them to:

<https://ncvps.org/edvantage-tutoring/> or they may use the QR Code on the [JCPS + EDvantage Tutoring Program Flier](#). Tutoring is available this evening, so encourage your students to jump right in!

Once on the [Edvantage Tutoring](#) website, students should simply click their school district, Johnston County Public Schools and/or school name. Students will find an expandable section that guides them along as they create an account, and then enter the tutoring platform. "How To" videos are also available right below the "Schedule A Session" button.

Please encourage students to:

- Begin creating their accounts;
- Sign up for tutoring sessions in advance (or on the same day); and
- Write down their username and password (for use each time)

Should you have questions, please reach out to Ms. Jill Boudreau, Academic/Curriculum Coach at RMS.

Attendance Spotlight from School Social Worker - Ms. Pleasant

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November: All Educational Trips must be approved 5 days in advance by requesting a form from the office. Approval must be given by the principal. If it is not approved in advance, the absences will be unexcused. Only one educational trip will be approved per year.

RMS Student Clubs

Interested in getting involved in a club? Check out the before/after school clubs available now linked [HERE](#). Don't see anything you're interested in? Talk to Ms. Mallard, your grade level administrator, or Ms. Sawyer about starting a new club.

Riverwood Middle School PTSA Updates:

Spirit Night

Join us on Monday, November 13th at Rainbow Lanes from 4-9 pm for a fun night of bowling and games. A portion of the game ticket purchases and bowling proceeds will go directly back to Riverwood Middle.

Fall Book Fair

Mark your calendar for Book Fair!

Join us on 11/27-12/4 in the Media Center for captivating stories, engaging activities, and literary treasures! Family Night will be held on Wednesday 11/29 in conjunction with the *Showcase of Excellence* event from 5:30-7:00pm.

We are in need of volunteers to support the Book Fair. We have several options for shifts, morning, mid day, and afternoon.

Sign up here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/4090B48AFAE2BA7FA7-45906997-book>

Also register with JCPS as a level 2 volunteer for the 23-24 school year:

<https://myvolunteer.com/jcps/volunteer/login>

Fall Fundraiser with Charleston Wrap

Get ready to wrap up your holiday shopping with style and purpose! Riverwood Middle School PTSA is proud to partner with Charleston Wrap® to raise \$25,000 for our school. With stylish gift wrap, gourmet kitchen essentials, and personalized items, Charleston Wrap® offers something for everyone on your list. Every purchase supports our school and helps us provide valuable resources and opportunities for our students. Our fundraiser kicks off on November 17th and fliers will be going home this week with more information!

This fundraiser is online so spread the word with 10 of your friends and family members. The items will ship directly to your loved ones.

Raven's Resource Room Donation Drive

We are collecting donations for our new resource room. Items to donate would include shelf-stable and unexpired food, New or gently used clothing, and hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, and feminine products. Donation boxes are located in the front office and the doors by the gym.

Monetary donations can be made to the PTSA:

<https://www.givebacks.com/onboarding/causes/4a2a6a39-7121-46a5-afe5-56f7f1a8c962/campaigns/2d9ba5ff49b2f6/participant-center>

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Teacher/Staff Appreciation Donations

We are collecting \$5 gift cards for the staff prizes, you can drop off the items at Diana May's HTR Realty office at 355 Athletic Club Blvd, or you can make a cash donation to the PTSA here:

<https://www.givebacks.com/onboarding/causes/4a2a6a39-7121-46a5-afe5-56f7f1a8c962/campaigns/2d9ba5ff49b2f6/participant-center>

RMS Athletic Boosters Updates:

Please sign up to help with concessions at our home basketball games this winter. See the [Booster Club website](#) for more details. Thank you for your support of our athletic programs!

From Previous Editions & Still Important:

Friday Morning Carpool Fun is PAW-fect!

Beginning this Friday morning, our awesome carpool staff will be handing out dog treats for all the sweet four-legged pups that ride through the carpool with our families! We encourage families to bring their furry friends through carpool each Friday morning so we can show them some love and maybe get a few puppy kisses in the process. SRO Raven thinks this is a GREAT idea also! We promise not to delay the carpool line. :)

RAVENS Spirit Fridays

Students are invited to join the staff in showing their RAVENS school spirit every Friday! Feel free to wear a RMS shirt or school colors (orange, teal, black, white, gray). We'd love to see our entire school family showing RAVENS SPIRIT each week!

Visitor Guidelines Reminders

As a reminder, measures are in place to help us keep students and staff safe while they are in our building. When you come to a school's front doors, press the button on our buzzer system at the main entrance to allow you to be greeted by Ms. Pegues or another office staff member. We will ask to see your ID, as this is a district protocol. Please be sure to have your ID readily available when you come to check out your child or conduct other business on campus during the school day. Once you are provided entrance to the school, please walk directly through the Weapons Detection System. Items that routinely cause the systems to false alert, due to their shape and composition, are eyeglass cases, laptops, umbrellas, and 3 ring binders. Keeping these items in your vehicles, as opposed to bringing them with you into school, will expedite the process for gaining entrance into the office area. If the detection system happens to alert as you're passing through it, please wait for direction from an employee who will assist you in gaining access to your destination. We thank you for your support as we strive to make our schools as safe as possible for students and staff.

FREE Breakfast & Lunch for ALL RMS Students

RMS is fortunate to be one of the JCPS schools that can provide FREE breakfast and lunch to our students! All students are strongly encouraged to participate in these free meals each day and we are happy to see more students taking advantage of this opportunity! The menu for RMS students is linked [here](#).

Bus Transportation

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Students needing bus transportation MUST register with the district. Please visit the JCPS Transportation site linked [HERE](#) for additional information.

Carpool

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 or 2:55 pm.** Until then, carpool drivers must wait on the side of Athletic Club Blvd at the end of the school.

Amazon Wish List

With feedback from our teachers & staff, we have created an Amazon Wish List. Please help us provide morale boosters and classroom supplies for our amazing Ravens Staff throughout the 23-24 school year! Visit our wish list [here](#). THANK YOU to those that have already helped us clear our list! We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness!

Let's make it an EXCELLENT week, Ravens!