



News from the Nest

Hello, Riverwood Ravens! Here is this week's edition of News from the Nest. Halloween and the 8th gr Social Studies Fair made for a fun and hectic week for our Ravens! Remember that this Tuesday is a Teacher Workday and no school for students. This is the last week to support our Donation Drive for Clayton Area Ministries, check out the details below and give what you can to support our community. Let's make it an EXCELLENT week!

Shout-Outs

- Congratulations to Ms. Aycock, 8th grade ELA teacher, who was selected as this week's Excelling Raven of the Week by Ms. Glanzmann. Here's what he had to say about her..."Whether you ask a student or faculty, consult a data sheet or observation, Mrs. Aycock continuously checks the box for exceptional. While others with her tenure may have started to show signs of burnout, Sarah Aycock remains a constant source of positivity and originality at Riverwood Middle. Despite the Covid years and the aftermath of staff changes, she has shown up for her students and coworkers with a neverending dedication. Her intelligence and ability to change with the nuances of each year has proven to bring exceptional growth to her students and has provided us newer staff with a fantastic example of what a role model both in and out of the classroom should exemplify. I have had additional insight into her many strengths as she is my mentor and I couldn't be more thankful for that relationship. No matter the chaos, Mrs. Aycock always manages to help those under her leadership simplify and accomplish big things and she does it all with a great sense of humor too."
- HUGE Shout-out to our 8th grade Social Studies teachers and students for an EXCELLENT Social Studies Fair on Friday! A+ job everyone!!

New/Time Sensitive/Important Information:

Upcoming Important Dates

Monday 11/4	Tuesday 11/5	Wednesday 11/6	Thursday 11/7	Friday 11/8
	Teacher Workday Election Day			8:30-11:50AM: 8th Gr Joco Works
Monday 11/11	Tuesday 11/12	Wednesday 11/13	Thursday 11/14	Friday 11/15
Holiday No School	3:30-5:00: Boys BBall Tryouts 5:00-6:30: Girls BBal Tryouts 5:00-8:00 PM: McDonald's Spirit Night	World Kindness Day 3:30-5:00: Boys BBall Tryouts 5:00-6:30: Girls BBal Tryouts	3:30-5:00: Boys BBall Tryouts 5:00-6:30: Girls BBal Tryouts	5:30 PM: BBall Parent Mtg

Support Clayton Area Ministries this Giving Season!

Student Leadership and Bela Club are sponsoring a donation drive to benefit Clayton Area Ministries. Please see the signs posted in each hallway and linked [HERE](#) for a list of requested items. Please bring donated items to the main lobby. Other drop-offs include: 6th grade may drop off in room 618, 7th grade may drop off in room 720 and 8th grade may drop off in room

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804. Donations will be accepted through November 7. Let's show our Raven Pride and support our Clayton community!

Save the Date - Winter Wonderland Family Night

In conjunction with our fall semester book fair, we will be hosting a Winter Wonderland Family Night on December 10th. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Update

Ms. Carson should have the final Parent Portal requests finalized at this time. If you have submitted a request for access to Infinite Campus and have not received it yet, please reach out to Ms. Carson at caseycarson@johnston.k12.nc.us. Remember that your student also has access to their own account using their old PS credentials and you can always reach out to teachers directly with any questions or concerns about classes.

Student & Staff Recognitions

This Monday we will be recognizing our September Character Ed Students of the Month for the character trait Empathy. Students receiving this high recognition in each grade level will receive a certificate, picture in the front lobby photo case for the month, and 20 tickets/points to cash in on an upcoming Fun Friday!

Additionally on Monday, we will be surprising our first Excelling Raven of the Week for our staff. Staff members selected for this recognition are chosen by a fellow staff member and will receive a certificate, trophy to display in their classroom/office for the week, and a \$5 gift card.

In order to continue providing our hardworking staff with these \$5 gift cards, we need your support. **Please consider donating a \$5 gift card to a local business so we can continue to provide this small token of appreciation to our staff each week. Thank you!!**

Riverwood Middle School PTSA

Upcoming Events

On November 12, the PTSA will host a Spirit Night at McDonald's in Clayton on Business 70 from 5-8pm, please come support the PTSA.

Also, starting November 15, the PTSA will kick off their fall fundraiser with Charleston Wrap. Check-off your holiday gift list and help the PTSA raise funds to support RMS. From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more the online store has something for every occasion – even if it's just for you! Stay tuned for more information about how to sign up and for student incentives/prizes!

RMS Spirit Wear

Visit the RMS Spirit Wear [virtual storefront](#) and order your new RMS gear! A portion of all sales supports Riverwood PTSA.

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To join the PTSA for the school year, please click here:

<https://rmsptsa.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true> You don't have to volunteer to join the PTSA.

Riverwood Middle School Athletic Boosters

Important Dates Ahead!

Basketball Tryouts Nov 12-14th (Gym)

Boys 3:30-5:00 PM & Girls 5:00-6:30 PM

Volunteers Needed for Concession Stands!

We are seeking volunteers to assist with our concession stands for the winter and spring sports seasons. Your help is essential in making game days a success for our athletes and fans! We appreciate your time and support!

Sign up today (Winter & Spring seasons) using the SignUpGenius link located on our [Linktree](#) to secure your spot.

Stay Updated!

Be sure to check out our [Linktree](#) for important information. We'll be posting updates throughout the year, so keep checking back for the latest news and resources!

From Previous Editions & Still Important:

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

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.

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[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

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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.

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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