

Principal's Corner

February is upon us, and the third marking period is underway! It is hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year. As I visit the classrooms, it is so exciting to see how engaged your children are in the learning process.

It has been a very busy first half of the school year at RMS. Our fall and winter sports teams have had a great deal of success, and the coaches are already preparing for the spring sports season! If you would like your child to participate in a spring sport (Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Track), be sure to get the forms in by March 6, 2020. The necessary forms can be found on our website.

On January 28, the district had a screening of the movie "Screenagers – The Next Chapter". It highlighted the effects of technology on teenagers, and the importance of limiting screen time. We encourage you to have discussions with your child about their technology use. As a parent, you can monitor their interactions, limit their usage, etc. Your local provider will be able to assist you with parental controls.

Do you love the theater? Our very talented middle schoolers will be performing the play "Peter Pan" on Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28. The performance begins at 7 PM, and the tickets are only \$5 each! We will be having a school-wide "pep-rally" on Friday, February 14, and the students will have an opportunity to play an RMS version of "The Price is Right."

Student Academy Day is coming to RMS on April 9! The students will be participating in a fun-filled and exciting day dedicated to exploring learning through workshops with topics that stretch beyond typical classroom activities. Mind, Body and Self are the three categories for our workshops, and the students will have an opportunity to take a course in each.

Safety is such an important part of our role. Thank you for following our new visitors' procedures. We know it may be a bit of an inconvenience to have to show your ID, but our end goal is the same – student safety!

RMS is so lucky to have such wonderful staff members, who continue to look for ways to grow professionally. As a staff, we have participated in many workshops that focus on integrating technology effectively, incorporating mindfulness activities in the classroom, and differentiating instruction for our varied learners. Wonderful, thoughtful, professional discussions occur at our team meetings.

A special thank you to our H.S.A. for sponsoring the 7th grade assembly, "Chariots of the Sun". They will also be sponsoring two upcoming assemblies for our entire student body. Please continue to check the weekly Genesis e-mail for important information about RMS, including our monthly calendar of events. 8th Grade parents, please be sure to check the website for important transition information.

Thank you for continuing to be a partner in your child's education!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharon Moffat