

"Hello" October and "Hello" RMS families! We are excited to share our first edition of our newsletter for the 2022-2023 year! September was a whirlwind month, and we are ready to welcome Fall – our favorite color. With the weather changing rapidly please encourage your child/ren to dress in layers. A change of clothes with the wet weather is always recommended.

Kudos Corner!

- Thank you to "Veteran" Tigers for welcoming new Tigers (staff and students)!
- Thank you to staff members who are facilitating/coaching fall sports and clubs!
- Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to our breakfast program.

Sickness/Sanitization

The back-to-school bug is in full force. Staff and students are encouraged to stay home if they are ill. If they are asymptomatic and feeling well, they are welcome back. Although there are no Covid protocols in place we will continue to encourage good hygiene and use of our sanitization stations throughout the building.

School Supplies and Student Fees

Please ensure that your child/ren have the supplies they need to set them up for success. Student fees are due ASAP online. Should you need support please reach out to Kim in the Main Office at 357-4097 for assistance.

Rebecca Schofield Day

September 17 was provincially recognized as Rebecca Schofield Day, in honour of a Riverview teen's ambitions of leaving a kind mark on the world while battling a terminal cancer diagnosis. In the week leading up to September 17, our RMS community was challenged to do Acts of Kindness to continue Becca's Kindness Movement. Each day was a different challenge or way to recognize the kindness in others through acts of service, paying it forward, thanking someone, listening with intention, and sharing ideas of kindness. We ended it all off with prizes drawn from ballots of the good deeds students submitted.

Truth & Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family, and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools. Source: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Canada.ca

Here are some resources you can check out to learn more: [What is reconciliation?](#) | [CBC Kids News](#) - [YouTube Home](#) - [NCTR](#)

Terry Fox

RMS will once again be doing a Terry Fox run this year. It will be on Monday, October 3. Leading up to the run, each homeroom class will be raising money for the Terry Fox foundation, which goes toward supporting cancer research. There will be a friendly competition with homeroom classes to see what class can raise the most money. The class that raises the most money will receive a treat.

Sports News

In Tigers Sports news, our fall sports are just getting started. Our boys' and girls' soccer teams respective leagues began this week and will be going until the end of October. Our RMS Cross Country team practices began this week as well and will run for the next 3 weeks.

Club Hub

Encourage your child/ren to check out the CLUB HUB outside the Main Office. The Club Hub provides information about the clubs offered at RMS. The clubs change regularly; there is something for everyone. Check it out and get involved!

RMS Intramurals

RMS intramurals have started up. Dodgeball is the first sport we are playing for intramurals. Intramurals is played during lunch time between teams in a tournament style format. Students who sign up are put into even teams with a mix of all grade levels on each team. Intramurals will be played every Monday, Thursday, and Friday during lunch time. The two teams that play will eat their lunch altogether in the cafeteria and after they eat, we walk to the gym to begin our game. After every team plays one another, there will be a semi-final and then a final between the top two teams.

Best Buddies

Our Best Buddies program will be starting up soon! Best Buddies is a friendship program that builds friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). It is a club where **EVERYONE** belongs. Our weekly meeting will be held on Tuesday at lunch. We do many fun things throughout the year so please check us out. Listen to announcements for more info and if you have questions please reach out to Mrs. Hanscomb or Mrs. Muise!

GSA

RMS's GSA will be starting up in early October. GSA stands for Gay, Straight, Alliance. It is a place for all students to discuss issues and plan school activities related to diversity and awareness. The overall goal of the GSA is to create a more accepting and safe learning environment for all students, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or individual differences. It is a safe space that is open to EVERYONE – adults and students alike! Listen to announcements for more information or drop in and chat with Mrs. Hanscomb in the Fine Arts room.

Staff of the Month – September

Thank you to the staff and students for taking the time to recognize so many of our staff for making a difference. Mrs. Englehart is our first "Staff of the Month" recipient for 2022-2023! Praise for Mrs. Englehart includes: "She is nice.", "She lent me her pen to do my work.", "She is helpful.", "Supporting me with LA." We are grateful for the educational assistants that support students in our building. They are an integral part of our team. Way to go, Mrs. Englehart!

Amanda Piron
Principal

Angela Thomson
Vice-Principal



Upcoming Events:

Orange Shirt Day Assembly/Picture Day – Bring your best smile!

- September 28

September Student Recognition Ceremony

- September 29 at 1:45pm

Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School

- September 30

RMS Terry Fox Run

- October 3

Thanksgiving – No school

- October 10

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October Student Recognition Ceremony

- October 28 at 11:25am