

# RCS NEWSLETTER

April 11, 2021

Dear Richmond Consolidated School Families,

The return to 5-day per week in-person instruction was abetted by the beautiful weather of the first week of April. We are very happy to welcome students back to school and staff and students are acclimating themselves to the revised routines and the increase in the student population. We are looking forward to a very productive time during the final trimester of the school year.

Sincerely,

Rob Putnam

## UPDATES

- We just finished week 4 of pool testing. We had a total of 91 individuals partake in this week's test. We are excited that all pool results have been negative. The pooled tests are performed once a week with a shallow nasal swab for all participating students and staff members. We have the results within 48 hours. If the result of the pool is negative, then all individuals are presumed to not have COVID-19. If the result of the pool is positive, then all individuals in the pool must be retested individually. Because pooled testing does not give individual results, you will only be notified if your child requires follow-up testing. RCS will be providing the Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Diagnostic Tests for follow-up testing, so that students or staff in a positive pool can be tested as soon as possible and receive individual results in 15 minutes. If the results come back while we are not in the school building, we will recommend a Stop the Spread site for testing which are located in Pittsfield, North Adams and Great Barrington.
- 2020 Accountability Report is available on our [website](#).
- We are happy to announce the addition of Allison Drozd as the latest addition to the RCS family. Allison has been hired as a paraprofessional and will be based in Kindergarten.
- Julia Sabourin reports that the April 3rd pancake/town clean-up breakfast raised a record amount of a little under \$1,300. Thanks to all who volunteered and especially Tammy who did a phenomenal job!
- Lee Youth Lacrosse- Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.
- The six RCS 8th graders will be participating in the Annual STRIVE Youth Leadership Conference on 4/14 & 4/15 from 8:45-11:30.
- It's finally spring! Please join us for our monthly PTA meeting on Wed. 4/9/21 at 6:30 PM. The Google Meet link will be sent in a reminder next week. The meeting will be one hour. The first 30 minutes will be general business, then

the teachers will be dismissed and the topic will turn to Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers deserve a huge Thank You for this past year of rigmarole. Join the conversation to see what we have planned to shower them with kindness.

- Agenda:
- PTA 501c3 status
- Finance
- Author Visit recap
- New Business?
- Teacher Appreciation
- RCS would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank State Trooper Lieutenant Dave Buell. After 34 years of truly dedicated service to the Commonwealth and the Massachusetts State Police, Lieutenant Dave Buell will be retiring. Over the years, he has enjoyed interacting with the staff and students at RCS, attending events there and also assisting with the emergency drills.

### VIRTUAL TOUR OF RCS



**Outdoor Dining**



**Recess**