

RCS NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2021

Dear Richmond Consolidated School Families,

The students and staff came back refreshed from the February Break and got right back into the swing of things. I was impressed with the teaching and learning that was evident while I toured the building. We also took the opportunity to review all of our safety procedures. Nurse Lenfest visited classrooms to go over the preventative measures; a practice that we must continually revisit to maintain our excellent record. Nurse Lenfest also sent out a letter to all RCS families that I copied below. We must all be vigilant and careful to ensure the safety of all.

One highlight of the week was the Wednesday February 24th Global Music Presentation for students in grades 4-8. I encourage you to watch the following video to get a good idea of the program students experienced. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS_fJOrAH8w

Sincerely,

Rob Putnam

UPDATES

- Our PE teacher, Katie Bovard, secured a Mass Cultural Council STARS Residencies grant. The grant will support Aimee Gelinias to teach drumming and dance outdoors during PE classes in the spring. Thanks to Katie for securing this grant opportunity.
- Brain Spiral, the RCS internet provider, installed some new hardware on Thursday February 11 and again on Wednesday February 17. The hardware and updates have been improving internet connectivity in the classrooms although we are still working to optimize the system.
- In case your child mentioned the sounds of drilling, we have been working on the heating system to improve performance and regulation.
- **MESSAGE FROM MMRHS FOR 8TH GRADE FAMILIES**
Informal Virtual Presentation for Prospective Students

- **What?** An informal presentation by a member of the MMRHS Guidance Department to give information about the transition to ninth grade.
- **When?** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7pm
- **Who?** For any current 8th grade student at Richmond Consolidated School and his or her family.

- **How?** Click [here](#) to join the presentation.
- **More** There will be an Open House scheduled for all current 8th graders and their families in March. Date and time to be announced. The Open House will provide a more thorough and formal presentation and will be open to any 8th grader and his or her family who is considering attending MMRHS in 2021-22.
- **Questions?** Reach out to Mike Powell at michael.powell@bhrsd.org

UPCOMING DATES:

- **BUILDING COMMITTEE INVITATION** The Town of Richmond is working to develop a new Town Hall, Library and Community Room. Public presentations have been scheduled to share information about the project. Included below is the Zoom link and meeting info as well as the dates of the four upcoming meetings. *Tell your friends! Invite your neighbors! Hope to see you on Zoom at one of these sessions.*
- Questions can be sent to MBC@richmondma.org
- The Public meetings that are currently scheduled :
 - March 11, 2021, Thursday, 6:00 PM.
 - Join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89598523347?pwd=N1hMRE9ieGZkS0hOM3pwUDBmYzcvQT09>
 - Or go to zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 895 9852 3347 Passcode: P-Three
 - Or call in with the following number:
 - +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
 - Meeting ID: 895 9852 3347
 - Passcode: 7626878
 - This meeting will also be available on Facebook; watch it live at www.facebook.com/townofrichmondma

Dear Families:

We hope your family has had a restful February break and your student is adjusting being back to school.

We are happy to welcome students back this week into the school building, although we are all aware that COVID continues to be a serious issue in our country, state, and local community. We know that it is more important than ever to stay vigilant with our mitigation practices. At school we will continue to social distance, require face masking, use increased disinfecting practices, and promote frequent hand washing/hand sanitizer.

It is imperative that you continue to do the following:

- Do not send your child to school if he/she is sick. Please continue to ask your child(ren) how they feel every morning using the symptom list on the student health screener prior to their entry to the school building.
- Report symptoms to the school nurse immediately.
- Report immediately if your child or someone with whom your child has been in close contact has tested positive for COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our school community safe. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss specifics.

Sincerely,

Cristina Lenfest, BSN, RN