

RCS NEWSLETTER

May 9, 2021

Dear Richmond Consolidated School Families,

The staff of RCS is deeply grateful for the week-long events organized by the PTA to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week. It made our week.

MCAS testing begins this week for grades 3-5. The entire RCS MCAS calendar is attached to this email. The MCAS process is altered this year due to the pandemic. Students will only be taking one of the two sessions usually scheduled for each of the MCAS assessments. We have scheduled MCAS testing for periods 1-4 and students will be provided a snack prior to the start of testing. We will make arrangements for students who need more than the allotted time and we will schedule make-ups for students who are absent on the scheduled test day. We have also made arrangements for remote students and they will receive directions from their teachers as the test days approach.

The department of education requires us to implement MCAS security. Students will be asked to read statements about their responsibilities during MCAS testing and to sign an acknowledgment indicating they understand these responsibilities. I have attached a copy of the parent letter the department asked us to send to parents.

Finally, Dan Weston has assumed the principal position of RCS so I will be concentrating on coordinating various projects and working with him to ensure a smooth transition. I want to thank the RCS community for your patience and assistance during my tenure as interim principal over the past four months. It has been a privilege for me to be a part of this school.

Rob Putnam

UPDATES

- May 14th is scheduled as a half day.
- Week 7 of the RCS Pool Testing program was once again negative. Eighty-eight individuals were tested. We are happy that Nurse Lenfest coordinated out participation in this initiative.
- See South Berkshire Kids offerings copied below.

- The entire RCS staff expresses warm appreciation for the generous and fantastic events staged by the RCS PTA in celebration of Staff Appreciation Week. Photos are provided below.
- Berkshire Botanical Garden and Greenagers worked on the school garden beds this week. See picture below.
- The Kindergartners are currently raising caterpillars that will become Painted Lady butterflies. We can't wait to see the metamorphosis!



TEACHER APPRECIATION

Here are photos from just some of the treats provided by the PTA.



BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN AND GREENAGERS



South Berkshire Kids

South Berkshire Kids, funded by the CFCE grant provided by EEC....provides programming in South County for families with young children ages birth to 5. All of our programs are free and open to anyone!!!

Moving into May with so many new programs!! Please help us get the word out if you know of any families with little ones, ages birth to 5.

I have attached our May calendar that includes "in person" and virtual programs. Please feel free to forward this email and share flyers.

Upcoming programs:

***StoryWalk** at The Mount, *The Curious Garden* will be staying up for another week, grounds are open and free to anyone! great afterschool activity!

***Virtual Field Trips to the Mystic Aquarium**, every Friday in May, click [HERE](#).

***Virtual Puppet Shows**, every Thursday @ 9:30am, click [HERE](#).

***Parenting Book Club**, *Simplicity Parenting*, email Jessica to register.

-Jess

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Monday Breakfast



Tuesday Treats

