

River Dell Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Greetings Hawk Families! I hope everyone is doing well! Please remind your students that next week is Spirit Week! The following theme is connected to each day:

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Sports Jersey Day

Wednesday: Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness

Thursday: Black and Gold Day – RD Spirit!

Friday: Halloween Costume Day

Please check with your student to see what they plan on wearing as a Halloween costume. I will remind them during the week that costumes should be appropriate for school, masks covering the entire face and head are not permitted, and no props should be brought in. This includes fake weapons or other accessories.

Most students should now have updated ID cards. For those students who have yet to have a picture taken, contact will be made to take a head shot at some point next week so that it can go in the yearbook and on the ID card. Those students who are concerned with removing their mask will have their picture taken outside. The expectation is that students who took a makeup picture October 22nd or after will have their IDs before the end of the calendar year.

As the days go by, the number of items in the *Lost and Found* continue to grow. Prior to Teacher Convention, November 4th and 5th, a table will be set up in the gym with all the items separated and on display. The items that remain after the four-day weekend will be donated or thrown away. I anticipate the winter season to bring a great number of bulky jackets and we are running out of room in the *Lost and Found*. Please ask your student if they are missing any items. If they are, have them check the table during the week.

Marking period 1 ends on November 3rd. Report cards will be available to view November 9th after a computer-generated reminder goes out to all families. Students who may be experiencing early academic struggles should take advantage of the various extra help resources available to them. Besides meeting with teachers after school, students can attend the Homework Club every Monday (room 228) and Tuesday (room 220) and we are excited to re-introduce Mu Alpha Theta, River Dell's Mathematics Honor Society. Comprised of high achieving high school students that meet rigorous criteria for membership, this amazing group of students provide peer tutoring as part of their community service. If a middle school student needs peer tutoring, please reach out to Mrs. Borges in the math department for more information.

The amount of lunch deliveries to the building are starting to overwhelm staff. If having food delivered to the school is an absolute necessity, please keep the order basic and have your student's name on the bag. Avoiding deliveries consisting of coffee, ice cream, chocolate covered strawberries, etc. is requested. Also, please remind your student that our personal electronic device policy continues to remain in place which prohibits the usage of cell phones throughout the school day from the start of homeroom through the end of period 10. If you need to contact your child during this time, please do so through our main office.

Lastly, have a terrific weekend and please make a note of these important dates:

November 2: One session day for students (7:50 – 12:05)

November 2: Voting at RDMS (enter through the gym doors on the blacktop)

November 4-5: Teacher Convention – no classes

November 24: One session day

November 25-26: Thanksgiving Recess

Best Regards,

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Robert Urbanovich
Principal, River Dell Middle School