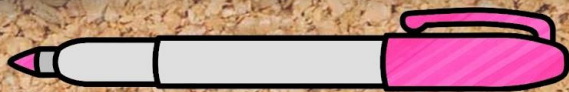




Welcome

Class of 2031!

August 28, 2024



Today

- Roll Call
- Introductions
- Periods 1-4 plus lunch
- Parent presentation and Q&A
- Children return close to 11



6TH GRADE KEY PEOPLE TO KNOW!



Lori O'Mara - Principal
Stacy Miller - Assistant Principal
Jon Reingold - Dean
Johanna Cuello Gutierrez - Guidance
Counselor
Julie Prince - Parent Coordinator



****EMAIL ADDRESSES LINKED ON WEBSITE
AND IN OPENING DAY PACKETS****

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

- First Mondays
- First Meeting: 9/19, 7:00 PM @ RKA IN PERSON
- Fundraisers prompt Mini Grants for teachers
- Fun events
- Committees

+ Parents Association President:
Julia Kilpatrick

Mini Grants in Action



ACADEMICS



- ELA- Expeditionary Learning
- Literature/ Reading
- Math- Illustrative Mathematics
- Social Studies- Passport
- Science- Amplify
- Math Through Technology*
- Physical Education*
- Health*
- Art*



INSTRUCTION



- ★ Mix of tech and traditional methods
- ★ Notetaking
- ★ Collaboration
- ★ Students talking
- ★ Differentiation
- ★ All courses have Google Classroom and Zoom links

*Class of 2031 GC code is [7rxcbhp](#) *



STUDENT GROUPINGS FOR 2024



All classes heterogeneously mixed
Students will have classes with different
students throughout the day
ELA Intervention and Honors Enrichment
through Literature class
Math Intervention Honors Enrichment
through MTT Class



IEP AND ELL SERVICES

All IEP services will be delivered in person as specified on IEP

- **ICT**
- **SETSS**
- **12:1:1**
- **Related services**

All ENL services will be provided in person according to NYSED guidance

****No need to provide us with a copy of IEP**

STAYING ORGANIZED!



- 8+ Teachers
- Nightly assignments
- Long term projects
- Testing Days
- Reading every night



Useful Tools:

- Planner
- Google Classrooms
- Calendar



Daily Schedule

8:20 AM- 2:40 PM

- 4 Day Cycle
- Cycle Days Marked on Calendar
- Some classes meet every day and some every other day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Labor Day			First day of school/ Day 1	Day 2
Week 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Week 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4

Sample Student Program

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1	UASM6/1 6th Grade Music Room 152 CASTINER	PPSM6/5 PHYSICAL EDUCAT Room GYM PE TBD	UASM6/1 6th Grade Music Room 152 CASTINER	PPSM6/5 PHYSICAL EDUCAT Room GYM PE TBD
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8	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN

Food Service

- ★ Breakfast available 7:50 AM- 8:15 AM in Cafeteria
- ★ Grab and Go Breakfast for late students
- ★ Hot and cold lunch available
- ★ Universal meals
- ★ 5 lunch periods; Separate lunches for grades
- ★ May bring own lunch
- ★ Composting program



Transportation

Arrival & Dismissal

- ★ Separate 6th grade entrance “Auditorium Entrance”
- ★ Choices: Yellow bus (Auditorium), Metro card, bike, drop off or walk
- ★ Pre-designated bus route is listed in NYCSA
 - **Yellow bus routes on flyer- ONLY ROUTES AVAILABLE
 - If OK- DO NOTHING
 - IF NOT OK- fill out Transportation Form
- ★ May not select Metro Card AND Yellow Bus
- ★ Use NYCSA for bus information and the new monitoring app:
- ★ NYC School Bus app (available for download on both iPhone and Android devices)







Physical Ed.

- We “dress” for gym
- RKA t-shirt, sneakers, and athletic bottoms (shorts or pants)
- Place phone and “street” clothes in a locker- and LOCK IT!
- Participate in gym class
- Change back into “street” clothes at the end of class
- Can leave gym clothes in small gym locker (or take them home and wash them!)







Arts

(Visual, Instrumental, Vocal)

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- Class meets every other day
 - Assigned in Grade 6
 - Students may express a preference for next two years at the end of Grade 6
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Communication

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- ★ **NYCSA- Attendance, report cards, bussing, messages- SIGN UP NOW! (email Jprince4@schools.nyc.gov with CHILD'S NAME)**
 - ★ Jupiter Ed Grades- Grades
 - ★ RKA Notes, Looking Ahead, and other major announcements from Parent Coordinator - JPrince4@schools.nyc.gov
 - ★ Marking Period Newsletters
 - ★ Weekly Bulletin for students/grade level GC
 - ★ School Website: www.RKA141.org
 - ★ Instagram @rkamshs141
 - ★ GC- "Invite Guardians"

Communication



★ Remind- RKA Class of 2030

- Student Last Names A-F @8ge88dc
- Student Last Names G-O @e6dd89
- Student Last Names P-Z @8kbak8b



Upcoming Events

Parent Engagement Events

- Back to School Night/Meet the Teacher and Conferences (Virtual)
- Coffee with the Principal- (Virtual / in person)
- Fireside Chats (virtual)
- Celebrations (in person)



School Events



- ★ Dances
- ★ Trips
- ★ PBIS Parties
- ★ Tiger Token Store
- ★ Spirit Days
- ★ Awards
- ★ Clubs



Afterschool

- ❖ Partnership with Riverdale Neighborhood House @ RKA
 - Provides academic, social, and enrichment activities until 6:00 PM weeknights
 - <https://www.riverdaleonline.org/>

- Registration 9/10 and 9/11
- HW Help begins on 9/16
- Full Program begins on 9/30



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Clubs

- Variety of offerings beginning 9/24 2:40-4:00 PM
- Club Fair during lunch-9/23
- RNH students may participate in clubs and rejoin the RNH program at 4:00
- Self dismissal
- Science Olympiad, Arts and Crafts, Video Game Club, Sewing, Morning Band, Glee Club
- [Club Listing on Website](#)

MS Intramurals Athletics

- Run through partnership between RNH, RKA/CHAMPS, and Varsity Coaches
- Seperate from the regular RNH after-school although students may attend both
- 4- 6 week intervals
- Soccer, flag football, basketball, handball, pickleball



Additional Supports



Counselors & Support Staff

- Additional guidance staff added to support and emotional needs
- Youth Development Counselors
- Counseling in Schools Partnership
- College for All Partnership -6-12 College Curriculum
- Teacher Teams meet with Counselors once a week

Restorative Practices

- Circles- Counselors and other support staff push into classes to work directly with students as a group
- Conflict Resolution- Trained staff and peers help other students work out conflicts



Restorative Practices help students develop empathy and self regulation



Electronics Policy

In order to promote intellectual engagement and maintain a wholesome and productive environment, all students will

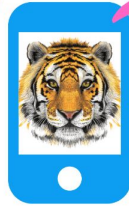
- Bring Chromebooks daily
- Place cell phones in pocket on desk.
- Students hand in cell phones to teacher to use hall pass if needed.
- Complete classwork using Chromebook during the school day

**6th Graders receive devices if needed during math class in first week

**Daily loaners available if needed

Electronics Policy

RKA CELL PHONE POLICY



**CELLS IN POUCHES;
EVERY CLASS, EVERY DAY.
ALL WORK DONE ON COMPUTER.
TEACHER HOLDS PHONE IN EXCHANGE FOR HALL PASS,
WITH PERMISSION**



Behavioral Standards

Non- Negotiables

- No fighting
- No bullying
- No offensive language
- No inappropriate internet behavior
- All cell phones in pocket holder behind teacher's desk

Consequences

- Mediations/ Parent meetings
- Detention
- Suspension
- All according to NYCPS Discipline Code

** Any issues, contact Dean Reingold



What's Next?

- Register for NYSCA
- Review your child's program
- Pick Up Supplies
- Plan transportation and back up plan
- Start practicing: waking up at your child's school wake- up time.
- Get a good night's sleep on 9/4!
- Get ready for a great first day -9/5- use Auditorium Entrance
- HW for 9/5, due 9/6 : Complete paperwork in Opening Day packet!!





Last Minute Reminders!

- ★ Enter through the Auditorium doors; parents say “good bye” at the doors
- ★ All classes and all names read aloud until all students are in their classes
- ★ Doors open at 8:10 AM
- ★ Pick up is at 2:40 PM
- ★ Have a back-up transportation plan
- ★ Lunch will be available
- ★ Back up printed programs will be available





Thank You!

