



For the Fridge!

April 14, 2017

-From the Principal: One of the takeaways I took from my class on *Equity and Education* was about the concept of true parent involvement and what types of parent engagement events are offered. I am working with the RIS leadership team and Central Office to look specifically at events that focus on student learning beyond the *Parent Teacher Conferences* and our *Show Your Work Night*. I hope to get some of these initial efforts off the ground for this fall.

-Show Your Work Night wrap-up: Thank you to everyone for last night's *Show Your Work Night*. It was a great event and helps showcase what our students do day in and day out with our educators. A lot of time and hard work goes into planning this event and we love to see parents, grandparents and aunts/uncles at school.

-Talent Show: The annual *RIS Talent Show* is scheduled for the evening of April 27th. Try-outs were arranged by the grade levels. We remind students and parents that is a fun event and not competitive in nature. There is no "winner" of the Talent Show. Please plan on attending to see some great entertainment.

-PTO News: Thank you to all the families who made our Spring **Yankee Candle** fundraiser a success. Special thanks to PTO Co-President Michelle Rounds for her behind the scenes work on this fundraiser.

BubbleMania: Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this wonderful event. We have gotten a lot of praise for this event and how engaging it was.

Spring Dance: Last week we hosted our annual Spring PTO dance. The dance was an emoji and neon color theme.

School Store: Thank you to the PTO for their continued operation of the School Store. The store is open on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30 during the classes "snack time". Students can pick up a pencil, eraser, and RIS item like a lanyard or waterbottle. This is entirely manned by volunteers.

-Dress Code: We remind parents of the RIS dress code found on page 23 of the Student Planner/Family Handbook. For example: *Short shorts, crop tops, halter tops are not allowed*. RIS tries to limit distractions in the classroom and this extends to clothing.

-Please also be mindful that RIS does go outside even if it is sprinkling out. Students should have a raincoat or hoodie in their bag. For those not so nice day.

Spring Craft Party: Welcome springtime into your neighborhood by decorating garden stakes, cute ladybug rocks, and other fun crafty creations during April school vacation. On **Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM**, there will be a **Spring Art Party** in the Community Green Space at 113 Library Ave. The rain date will be the next day, same time and place, Wednesday, April 19. The Rutland Rec will be grilling up hot dogs on the barbeque and other snacks will be provided, free of charge.

-Participants will be able to take their craft home to spruce up their garden or porch. The Spring Art Party is the public launch of the **TAG VISION Project**, or “Together, Art Grows,” a youth-focused initiative that aims to build community and neighborhood pride through the creation and installment of public art. TAG VISION is a summer-long initiative sponsored by *NeighborWorks* and generous funders. Please consider attending our next event, the TAG VISION Community Input session on April 26th at the *Rutland United Methodist Church* from 6-8 PM!

On April 26, there will be a community input session with residents of the Northwest Rutland. At the session, the TAG VISION team will set a couple parameters (art must be culturally appropriate for all, must be in a public location) and show different locations that have been identified as possibilities and cleared for use.

The community will then be asked for input on the selected properties and for other suggestions, and then invited to vote. Self-assessments with the aim to measure human assets in the community will be administered, including a question asking if they know a youth (age 13-17) who could participate

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