



For the Fridge!

October 26, 2018

From the Principal: Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for their participation with Parent-Teacher conferences last week. As I always say, communication between you and your child's teacher is essential. Waiting on communication until there is an issue does no one any good and the child is the real person who misses out. Being able to stop in and see parents and guardians at conferences is wonderful and a high-light of my time in schools.

Safety at Halloween: We wish everyone a safe weekend if going to the Rutland Halloween Parade and politely remind our students that we do not dress up for Halloween at RIS. Not all students celebrate and it does disrupt the learning process.

Red Ribbon Week: Thank you to Mr. Brua and his students for helping us celebrate and recognize Red Ribbon Week. This week is dedicated to drug and alcohol awareness and we have daily announcements and give a ways all week.

Remind: Mr. Slenker and many teachers have been using the Remind App to send text-messages to parents. If you have a cell phone and have not received one this year, please give the office a call so we can track down the problem. This app is not for student to teacher communication, but teacher to parent communication. Mr. Slenker reminds staff that personal information such as grades should not be communicated using such an app. Remind is for general notices. Mr. Slenker may also start using Remind for PTO notices as well.

-PTO News: As the fall Yankee Fundraiser comes to an end we thank all parents and guardians for their support. We will do one last fundraiser until the spring. The Great American Fundraising company has a long standing history with RIS and has been a real supporter of RIS. We will run this fundraiser for the next few weeks and then take a break until spring.

-We remind all parents and guardians that ever \$ earned goes to RIS and supplements the cost of most field trips and extra supplies for the children. Also events like Grocery Bingo, Movie Night, Craft Night etc... are all underwritten by the PTO.

-Did you know the PTO fundraises almost \$20,000 per year for our students!

-PTO meetings will now be the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the RIS Conference Room, room 310.

-Recess and clothing: Fall is officially here. RIS students go outside if the temperature is 10 degrees above zero or warmer (including windchill). We do go out in a drizzle or sprinkle because the children really to need to let some energy out! Keeping a windbreaker and a change of socks handy can make the after recess time more enjoyable!

-ODYSSEY OF THE MIND comes to RIS

Odyssey of the Mind is for anyone who loves art, music, drama, creativity, building, engineering, teamwork, and just using your brain! It is an international creative problem-solving program where teams of 5 – 7 students work together and present their solutions in an 8-minute performance. Check out this year's problems at odysseyofthemind.com. Teams are now forming at RIS for students who love a challenge. This an all-volunteer program, therefore coaches are needed for all teams. Interested students and adults interested in coaching should contact Mr. Slenker at 786-1786.

Stuff-A-Bus is November 9th. Please stay tune for more info!

