

ARCHIVE from 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

5/22/22

We've made it, Royal Knights! The final three days of the school year and we are finishing Royal Strong. I'm so proud of how everyone has met the challenges of the year and rose above to achieve success! We could not have made it with out the support of the teachers, staff, parents, and River Ridge community. We have many exciting end of year activities for the final three days of school. Students should NOT bring backpacks to school but are permitted to bring slingpacks, purses, and lunchboxes.

First, on Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th starting 3rd period will be the final district final make up days. All students needing to make up a district final should report to the media center.

Our 8th graders are ready! The Promotion Ceremony is on Monday, May 23 at 8AM in the Gym. Doors will open at 7:30AM.

Students will meet in the cafeteria (venue change) at 7:10AM to line up. Students should dress professionally as this is a formal ceremony. After the ceremony, students who have a pass to go home early can be checked out by a parent/guardian from the cafeteria.

Also, if you ordered a yard sign, they are in and can be picked up at the front office. We have a few extras of each for \$12. While supplies last.

On Tuesday, May 24th, 6th Grade Celebration of Excellence will be at 8AM in theater, with the 7th grade ceremony following at 9:00AM. Invitations were sent out last week to those students who are receiving recognition. On Wednesday, May 25th is the last day of school. We will be holding a breakfast 1st period for our 7th graders as they become kings and queens of the castle. 7th graders are encouraged to bring in items to decorate crowns during this time. We will also have breakfast from McDonald's and Cosmic Donuts. If you would like to donate supplies for crown making, please drop them off at the front office. During 7th period, we will have a field day for our 6th graders. Don't forget your money because Kona Ice will be there!

Information on Extended School Year was provided to those students who are eligible to make up courses this summer. ESY will be 20 3.5 hour days on June 8-July 8th with no school on Fridays. Please get your forms back to Mr. Kolean as soon as possible.

As you plan your schedule for this summer, River Ridge will be offering several summer camp opportunities in the following areas: football, volleyball, dance, basketball, baseball, strength and conditioning, STEM and music. The musical theatre camp is a Musical Revue of The Descendants in mid-July. Interested participants can register at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=13345>. Registration information is located on the River Ridge Middle and High School website at <https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=8217>.

Mark your calendars... Storm the Castle 6th grade and new student orientation will be on Thursday, July 28th from 8AM-12PM. On Friday, August 5th, incoming 7th and 8th graders who are returning to RRMS can walk their schedules as an open house, pay fees online, and become acclimated for the 22-23 school year. Let's make it a great final week and finish Royal Strong! We also wish everyone a safe and restful summer!

5/15/22

This is the last full week of the school year and it's very busy with celebrations, testing, and make sure that we finish Royal Strong both academically and by demonstrating our Knightly Values! We have fun end of year events planned for each grade level with active learning still continue to the very last bell. Please check myStudent frequently, make contact with teachers to ensure that students are keeping up with their grades and are ready for promotion. FSA and EOC End of Year testing will continue this week with the following assessments:

5/16: Civics EOC 7:10AM

5/17: Civics EOC, 8th Grade/Accelerated 7th Grade Science State Assessment 7:10AM

We also will begin District Finals in all non-state tested courses which will count as 10% of the student's grade. **It is crucial that all students are present at the times of their exams as there is very little room for make up.** The results of these assessments may determine student course placement in the upcoming year. Please visit the testing page on the RRMS website for more information: https://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=7723. If you have any questions about End of Year testing, please contact Assessment Coordinator, Kristen Martanovic, at kmartano@pasco.k12.fl.us.

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RIVER RIDGE ROYAL SPIRIT

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Tuesday evening at 6PM the RRMS Music Department will be holding their Spring Music Concert at the River Ridge Center for the Arts. On Wednesday, we will host a 6th grade reading celebration at lunch, a yearbook signing party at 1PM in the cafeteria for those students who have purchased a yearbook, and the Thespian Banquet at 6PM in the cafeteria.

On Thursday, we will host a Million Word Challenge celebration for those students who read over 1 million words this year. That evening at 6PM, all students and their families who have

participated in athletics this year are invited to the RRMS Athletics Recognition Ceremony at 6PM in the RRMHS Gym. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE PICNIC MAY 20, 2022 11:30AM-1:30PM

Tickets included in the \$25* EOY 8th Grade Activity Fee & can be purchased on Rycor.
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houses and water slides at the picnic. Students are encouraged to wear clothes they are willing to get wet. Students should wear their Class of 2026 8th grade shirt, shorts and shoes that can be taken off easily. Sunblock and a towel are recommended in a drawstring bag. Kona Ice will also be there with complimentary mini-cups. If you would like a larger size, you will have to pay the difference. We are looking forward to an amazing end of year!

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5/8/22

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Royal Moms! Thank you to all of the Royal Families and community partners to gave generous donations and words of appreciate to our teacher and staff last week for Staff Appreciation Week. It takes a Royal village and we are so proud of ours!

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5/9: FSA 7th Grade Math Session 2/3 and 7th Grade ACC Math Session 2/3

5/10: Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC Session 1

5/11: Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC Session 2

5/12: FSA 8th Grade Math Session 1

5/13: FSA 8th Grade Math Session 2

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The FAME Visual Arts department will be hosting an 8th grade Art Showcase for invited students and their families on Wednesday, May 11th at 5:30PM in the courtyard and art rooms.

This week in sports we will be hosting the Conference Track Meet on Thursday, May 12th at 5PM. There will be 9 schools competing for the West Conference Championship. Tickets are available on GoFan.co for \$5 and the Pasco clear bag policy will be enforced. Good luck to the Boys' and Girls' Track Teams!

On Saturday, May 14th, the FAME RRMHS Dance Department will present their Spring Showcase at the River Ridge Center for the Arts at 3PM and 5PM. Tickets are \$6 or \$8 pending where you sit. They are available from Mrs. Vairo or at the door.

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For our 8th grade families, we kicked off the end of year 8th grade celebrations with Gradventure last week. This week we will be hosting the 8th Grade Dance on Friday, May 13th from 6PM-9PM in the RRMHS Gym. Make sure to pay the end of year activity fee of \$25 on Rycor to attend. Tickets will not be sold at the door. The dress is semi-formal. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with decorating and chaperoning. Sign up at this link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/...> You must be an approved volunteer. Let's Glow Crazy, Class of 2026 as we send our 8th graders off to high school!

River Ridge Middle School presents

8TH GRADE

LET'S

GLOW!

CRAZY

DANCE

MAY 13, 2022 6PM-9PM RRMHS GYM

Tickets included in the \$25* EOY 8th Grade Activity Fee & can be purchased on Rycor. Tickets will not be sold the day of the event.

Dress is semi-formal. Pasco County Schools dress code applies.

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8TH GRADE DANCE

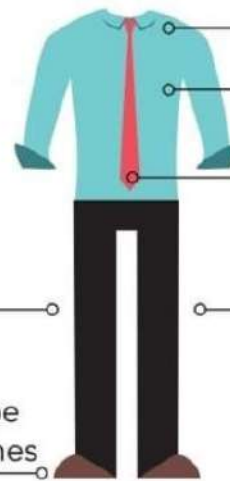
Modest Dresses

- Dresses may **NOT** be revealing on the front, side or back of dress.
- Dresses may be strapless and / or spaghetti straps but **MUST** have full coverage.
- Dress length should **NOT** be shorter than mid-thigh.



NO jeans.
NO shorts.
NO t-shirts.

Shoes **MUST** be worn at **ALL** times.



NO Hats

Collared Shirt

Ties

Dress Slacks

RRMS DRESS CODE

Questions about your outfit?
See an administrator during school for clarification.

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5/1/22

There is only 4 weeks left of the school year and it's going fast! Let's keep our grades up and have positive behaviors to finish the year Royal Strong! Not only is it Staff Appreciation Week but also State End of Year begins... We would also like to welcome our new 6th grade Assistant Principal Ms. Daniell Grubbs back to the Royal Family. She joins us on Wednesday, May 4th and her contact information is on the RRMS website.

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There will be a student meeting during Knight Time in the Cafeteria for any 8th grader attending the Gradventure field trip on Wednesday. Expectations will be reviewed and the official 8th grade shirts will be passed out. On Friday, May 6th, the 8th Grade students attending the Universal Gradventure field trip will meet at the bus loop in the grass at 1:40PM in proper Universal Studios dress code including the official RRMS 8th grade shirt, with only a sling pack and water. Students will be given vouchers to eat at the park. The return time is 2AM in the middle school parking lot. A student may not be released to anyone but their parent/guardian.



Dress Code

All schools should conduct their own security and dress code screening prior to departing for Gradventure.

OK

GIRLS

- Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- Casual blouses and tops with sleeves
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 11", fanny packs, and drawstring backpacks

GUYS

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans)
- Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts)
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Drawstring backpacks

CHAPERONES

- Large backpacks

NOT OK

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Clothing with holes or shredding
- Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
- Short shorts
- Area codes displayed on clothing
- Accessories such as chains, spiked collars or studded/spiked belts
- Bandanas
- Selfie sticks

STUDENTS

- Large backpacks

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR MATCHING, BRIGHTLY COLORED SHIRTS WITH THEIR SCHOOL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THEM.

***Universal Orlando reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.**

This week in sports the track team has a home meet with Starkey Ranch hosting on Thursday, May 5th. Field events begin at 5PM and the running events will immediately follow. \$5 on GoFan.co and only clear bags will be admitted for entrance. Go Knights!

Thank you again to the RRMS PTSA, all of our families, and community businesses for your generous donations for Staff Appreciation Week. We are so grateful to be a part of such a supportive Royal Family!

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4/24/22

Quarter 4 Progress Reports were posted on myStudent on Friday. Please review your child's grades as we only have 5 weeks left in the quarter with State and District Testing the majority of May. If there is a questions about your child's grade or progress, please reach out to the teacher. Students are offered multiple second chance learning opportunities, daily Knight Time intervention, academic lunch, and tutoring Monday through Thursday after school in the media center. We want to make sure everyone finishes Royal Strong!

The RRMS PTSA will hold their final General Meeting and Elections for 22-23 school year on Monday, April 25th at 6:30PM in the RRMS Media Center. We encouraged everyone to get involved and make a difference in your child's education by being an active volunteer and joining the PTSA!

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This week in sports the track team travels to JW Mitchell High School for a track meet at SMSS. Field events begin at 5PM and the running events will immediately follow. \$5 on GoFan.co and only clear bags will be admitted for entrance. Go Knights!

Royal Families... Staff Appreciation Week is right around the corner on May 2-6 and we want to make it extra special for our amazing staff! We are asking for donations of gift cards, gift basket items and anything else to show our [#royalappreciation!](#) Please use this link created by the RRMS PTSA to make the donation: <https://m7scym5f.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/.../DYXuAzViaKrd...>

Anything and everything is appreciated! Donations can be dropped off at the front office by April 28th and make sure to put your name on it so we can thank you appropriately. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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4/15/22

We had a great week this week at the Ridge culminating with our RRMS PTSA Dodgathon event raising \$6,500, which will go toward technology. Thank you everyone for your support! Thursday evening we also hosted a 5 team track meet and the River Ridge Girls Track Team placed 1st and the Boys Track Team placed 3rd. Amazing job, Royal Knights!

This week we will continue with the NWEA Map Assessment 3 in Math, ELA, and Science to monitor progress prior to the end of year assessments in May. Please check myStudent for results in testing history. There is only 6 weeks left and it will go fast. Progress Reports will be available this week in myStudent. Students should be on track for promotion in all Core classes. If you have questions about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher or the student services department for a parent teacher conference.

Attention 8th Graders...

The following letter was sent home with 8th grade students and mailed home to families. Please check out all of the important end of year activities.

[8th Grade End of Year Letter 2022](#)

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