



## Important Dates

### 6th grade

#### orchestra concert

December 1, 2016

Online and during elective classes @ RMS

### 7th grade

#### orchestra concert

December 8, 2016

Online and during elective classes @ RMS

### Dominos Dough

#### Raising Night

December 14, 2016

### 7th grade

#### orchestra concert

December 15, 2016

Online and during elective classes @ RMS

### Winter social

December 16, 2016

1:00-2:45pm @ RMS

### Christmas Break

December 17-January 4

## A Message From The Principal

### RMS Update & Community Gratitude

Parents, Students, and Community of RMS -

As we complete our 16 week of the school year we realize how quickly the semester is drawing to a close. We have much at RMS to show gratitude toward, including a very supportive community, dedicated staff, and hard-working students!

The first week of school we challenged all our students to make this school year, a year of growth. As a school and district, we have taken on a focus which includes both the social, emotional, and academic growth of our students. This may stir the question of how exactly are we supporting the various degrees of growth at RMS? Please read below for these details.

At Redlands, we have specifically supported our students social-emotional development through: 1) RMS counseling department has been going into classrooms and teaching the Top 20 curriculum - a successful life habits, 2) Advisory curriculum - focuses on healthy school culture, safety and belonging, and respect for others - our Fall Social was designed and set with these themes, and 3) RMS Teachers - Cores have a strong connection with community building and team building.

Helping our students recognize and demonstrate gratitude toward others has been encouraged at RMS this semester. In our current society, there is so much focus on self - we too want to invest in the future selves of our students. We feel the best way to do this is to encourage and practice successful habits that will transfer into life.

Thank you for trusting us with the education of your child!

Sincerely,

Jory Sorenson  
Principal, Redlands Middle School

## FROM THE OFFICE

*Hello RMS Parents, Thank you for contributing to our efforts to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. By sending notes with your student when they need to leave class early and by using the drop off table located at the front doors of the school, we have had great success in cutting down on classroom interruptions. We appreciate your efforts in allowing our students to have uninterrupted class time.*

Check-out procedures during school hours:

If you need to pick up your student from school early, please send a note with your student to give to the teacher. This will act as their pass out of class. Include the time you will pick up your student, the goal is to have your student waiting in the office for you when you arrive. Then all that is needed is for to sign them out on the white sign-in/sign-out sheet. Following this procedure will cut down on classroom interruptions. If you cannot give them a note, or they forget it, Please call us at 254-7000. We appreciate as much advance notice as possible.

If somebody other than a parent is picking up, please make sure that you state that person on the note. Ideally that person should be listed on the “persons allowed to pick up” on the registration form.

If your student forgets his note or it is a last minute appointment, Please give the office as much time as possible to retrieve your student.

## WASHINGTON DC/NYC TRIP

Who is invited? 8th Grade Students

When: June 6-10th, 2016

Chaperone: Gwen Eller

Sign-up SOON!

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Questions- e-mail [Gwen.Eller@d51schools.org](mailto:Gwen.Eller@d51schools.org) or 254-7000 ext. 39121

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Attention 7th Grade parents:

We are now accepting enrollment for next year's eighth grade Europe trip. During Spring Break 2017, we will depart on March 17 and head to Spain! We will travel eight days through Spain and return on March 28. Below is a link to our travel site, EF Tours, where you will find our itinerary and enrollment access. Feel free to contact Joy Mandeville, joy.mandeville@d51schools.org, for more information.

<http://www.eftours.com/tour-website/1807233SD>

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## 2016 – 2017 EVENING BAND CONCERT PERFORMANCE

Thursday, December 8 – all band Winter Concert – 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, and 8th Grade Band  
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Friday, December 16 – 8th Grade Band (with 8th Grade Orchestra and Choir)  
All School Assembly, performance during the school day

Thursday, February 9 – 7th Grade Band and Solo/Ensemble Concert  
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11 – Band Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Friday 4:00-8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm, Grand Mesa MS

Wednesday, February 22 – 6th Grade Band Concert (with 6th Grade Orchestra and Choir)  
7:00pm – RMS Gym

Thursday, March 9 – Fruita Cluster Jazz Jam – 7th Grade Jazz and 8th Grade Jazz  
7:00pm, Fruita Middle School Auditorium

Tuesday, March 14 – Middle School Jazz Showcase – 8th Grade Jazz Band only  
7:00pm, Palisade High School

Tuesday, April 11 – 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, 8th Grade Jazz Band Pre-Festival Concert  
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21 – Colorado West Music Festival  
Times TBA (during school day) 7th Grade and 8th Grade Bands, 8th Grade Jazz Band

Monday, May 1 – CMU Jazz Festival – 8th Grade Jazz Band only  
Times TBA (during school day)

Tuesday, May 23 – Spring Pops Band Concert  
7:00PM, RMS Gym – all band students



## WINTER STEM-A-THON

**Need a place for the kids to hang out for the first week of winter break?**

### Winter STEM-A-THON

Dec 19-23

9am-4pm

CMU - University Center

Our teacher education clubs will host a week-long STEM-a-thon. Students from grades 3rd to 8th are welcome to register for one day (\$40) or the whole week (\$190). Each day campers will be given a STEM challenge that they will collaboratively solve as building crystal ornaments, Lego challenges, old world crafters, technology programming and so much more. Click the link to register today: [https://secure.touchnet.com/C21035\\_ustores/web/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=4411](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21035_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=4411)

## 2016-2017 CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE

### ORCHESTRA

December 1st- RMS 6th grade orchestra in class and online concert. Concert repertoire will perform for all visitors and elective classes.

December 8th – RMS 7th grade orchestra in class and online concert. Concert repertoire will perform for all visitors and elective classes.

December 15th- RMS 8th grade orchestra in class and online concert. Concert repertoire will perform for all visitors and elective classes.

### CHOIR

December 8th – RMS 7th grade choir in class and online concert. Concert repertoire will perform for all visitors and elective classes.

December 15th- RMS 8th grade choir in class and online concert. Concert repertoire will perform for all visitors and elective classes.

ATTENTION! 8TH GRADE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR CAROLING @ MESA COUNTY CENTRAL LIBRARY ON DECEMBER 12TH.

## ALPINE BANK NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS ELIZABETH KENNEDY AND BLAKE SCHULTZ!



We would like to update you on our counseling office wanderings this year. Feel free to see us if you have any specific questions for us about what we do.

In August and September we went into 6th and 7th grade classrooms and presented the Top 20 Student curriculum which involves challenges and lessons such as, being the best version of oneself, development of emotional intelligence, exercising Habits of Mind, and ways to better think, learn and communicate at school and home. Many of these lessons use metaphors that support students better understanding ways to cope when circumstances are beyond their control. Students learn skills to advocate for themselves when they need support academically or emotionally.

We have two grief groups that are in session currently with the support of Hope West. Recently, we put out a call to parents to allow us to support students dealing with divorce, substance abuse prevention, self-esteem and friendships. We run support groups for many different issues and if parents have the desire for their student to be involved in these groups please contact us.

We are currently in the 8th grade classes doing the Top 20 curriculum and the focus is on reframing difficult circumstances to the positive and changing the behavior to more productive and positive outcomes. We will be going back to 6th grade to begin our work with College in Colorado. We have students complete interest inventories as well as explore careers, college or post high school training options. Students will create an account they can access throughout the rest of their school life.

Our 8th graders will be choosing high school classes and making decisions about the programs they may be interested in during February and March. We will be going to the 8th grade classrooms early in January to discuss high school planning and post high school options. We make sure that students have a clear understanding of their high school graduation requirements as well as allowing them time to get back on College in Colorado to look at specific options for post high school and what it will take for them to obtain access to those goals. We explain options such as AP curriculum, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics), IB Program, community programs that support the high schools such as WCCC, Career Center and others. After our presentations, the feeder schools will come to us and present information about scheduling. The students interested in CHS or PHS programs are invited to attend presentation from both of those schools as well. Look for information in emails as well as on Parent Vue for dates that our feeder high schools invite parents and students to come to their buildings in the spring for transition meetings as well as tours and activities.

January through May will be full of activities that include more Top 20 presentations, scheduling for next year, and more support groups starting up. We will also be coming to 7th grade classrooms to present the Signs of Suicide Training that is a district-wide program we have done with 7th grade for many years. There will be a 6th and 8th grade component to the suicide prevention lessons as well. Permission slips will be sent out prior to that presentation.

As always, feel free to stop by counseling, call or email Shan Mixon or Gwen Eller if you have need for clarification or support for your student. We are so honored to serve this school and community!



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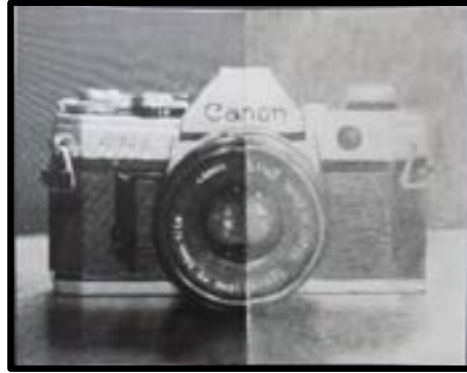


# RMS ARTISTS

## 8<sup>th</sup> Value Drawing



Olivia Wick



Jaidynn Maynard



Kaiya Howard

## 7<sup>th</sup> Radial Designs



Lori Bird



Cyley Sizemore



William Winward

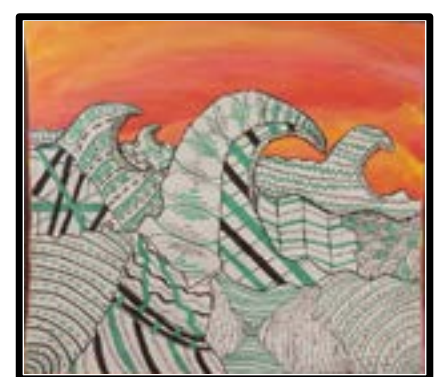
## 6<sup>th</sup> Wave Zentangles



Gabrielle Marquez



Peyton Evanich-Kurtenbach



Maren Lynch

# Student of the Month November 2016

Emily	Portice	Remaining open to continuous learning	Core 6-1
Keedon	Jones	Striving for accuracy	Core 6-1
Jedd	Brinton	Creating, imagining and innovating	Core 6-2
Anna	Paul	Creating, imagining and innovating	Core 6-2
Jacob	Haifley	Remaining open to continuous learning	Core 7-1
Tesa	Johnson-Balding	Striving for accuracy	Core 7-1
Clark	Keely	Taking responsible risks	Core 7-2
Johnson	Jack	Striving for accuracy	Core 7-2
Sydni	McGowan	Thinking and communicating with clarity	Core 8-1
Elaina	Arcand	Listening with understanding and empathy	Core 8-1
Vincent	Giurado	Thinking interdependently	Core 8-2
Abigail	portice	Questioning and Posing Problems	Core 8-2
Ben	Mai	Creating, imagining and innovating	Art
Samantha	Balint	Striving for accuracy	Band
Lillian	Price	Striving for accuracy	Computers
Josiah	Rodriguez	Striving for accuracy	Orchestra
Ian	Holm	Persistence	P.E.
Agin	Marisol	Listening with understanding and empathy	Tech Ed

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