

Peek at the Pack for Parents

Presented by RVMS SAC



Welcome!!! We are so happy you are here!

Welcome to the Greatest School!

We are:

- Dedicated
- Involved
- Caring
- Supportive
- Positive
- Enthusiastic



Right now you may be feeling like this...



By the end of tonight,
you will be feeling like this..



Tonight we will discuss:

- Policies
- Communication
- Academics
- Student Organizations
- Social/Emotional Support for Students
- Odds and Ends
- Positive Culture



Policies

A yellow binder with a white label that says "Policies" is shown on a desk. The binder has a silver ring on the right side. In the foreground, there is a silver pen with a black grip and some papers with text on them.

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Cell Phone Policy

We are thrilled to be part of this district-wide agreement!

- Cell phones **MUST** be in backpack during school hours (7:45-2:45).
- If you need to contact your student, please contact the main office and they will get message to your child.
- Students will be signing a cell phone contract.

Consequences:

1st offense - Warning - turn off and put away

2nd offense - Cell phone confiscated and brought to the office until the end of the school day

3rd offense - Cell phone confiscated, brought to office and parents notified

4th offense - Cell phone confiscated and parents pick up phone from office

5th offense - Cell phone not allowed at school for four weeks

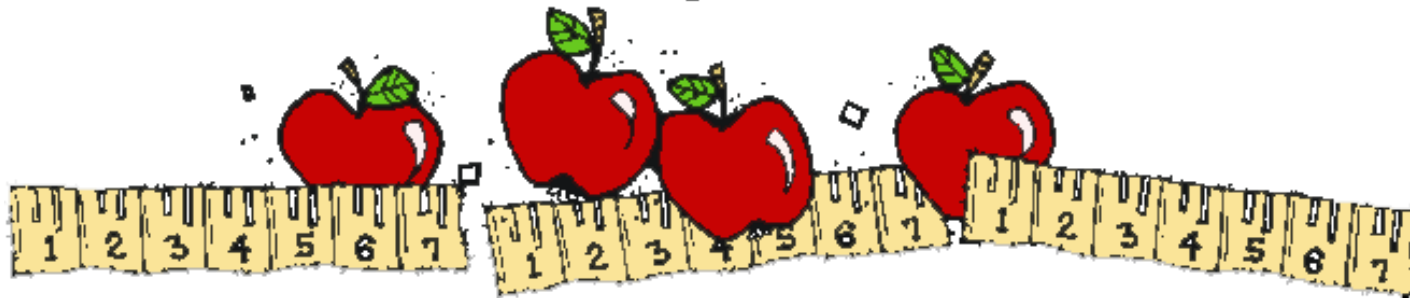
6th offense - Cell phone no longer allowed at school



Behavior Policy

- The school follows the district's Code of Conduct
- (You acknowledged that you read this when you registered your student)!
- Teachers review this with students
- Can be found: on RVMS website on "Our School" tab

Know the Rules



Bullying/Harassment

No Tolerance Policy. Period. Not Allowed.

If you have a concern, please contact:

Shelly Hyland, 7th grade AP (shelley.hyland@dcsdk12.org) or
Tanner Fitch, Principal (tanner.fitch@dcsdk12.org)

Text-a-tip (law enforcement)

303-660-7500

Safe2Tell

877-542-7233



Student Threat Process

- If a threat has been reported, law enforcement is notified immediately.
- Law enforcement and the school district will direct all communication.
- Mr. Fitch will communicate with parents and students as directed by law enforcement and the district.
- If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mr. Fitch directly.

Tardies/Absences



Tardies:

- First bell at 7:25
- Students need to be in seats by 7:30.
 - If your student is later than that, please sign them in. **BE SURE TO BRING IN YOUR LICENSE**

Absences:

- ATTENDANCE NUMBER: 303-387-2302
- Parents must call to excuse an absence within 48 hours of the day missed; otherwise, the absence will permanently remain unexcused on record.
- Please call ahead if you need to pick your child up early, so a pass can be issued and your student will be ready to go.
- You need to sign your child in and out anytime during the school day. (Again, don't forget your license)!

Communication



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Blasts, Pod Information and Newsletters

Weekly Blast

- Provides an overview of weekly activities, events, announcements
- (Read this)!

Pod Information

- Each Pod sends out communication regarding Pod specific activities
- Email your teacher with any specific concerns or questions. They should respond to you within 24 hours. Please follow-up with another email or phone call if you do not receive a response in this time frame.

Monthly Newsletter

- Contains a letter from Mr. Fitch, as well as more in-depth information

Other Ways to be “In the Know”

- Meet with your child on Monday afternoons to review planner and check teacher websites
- Check Parent Portal regularly
- Check the RVMS website regularly

If you don't know, please ASK!!

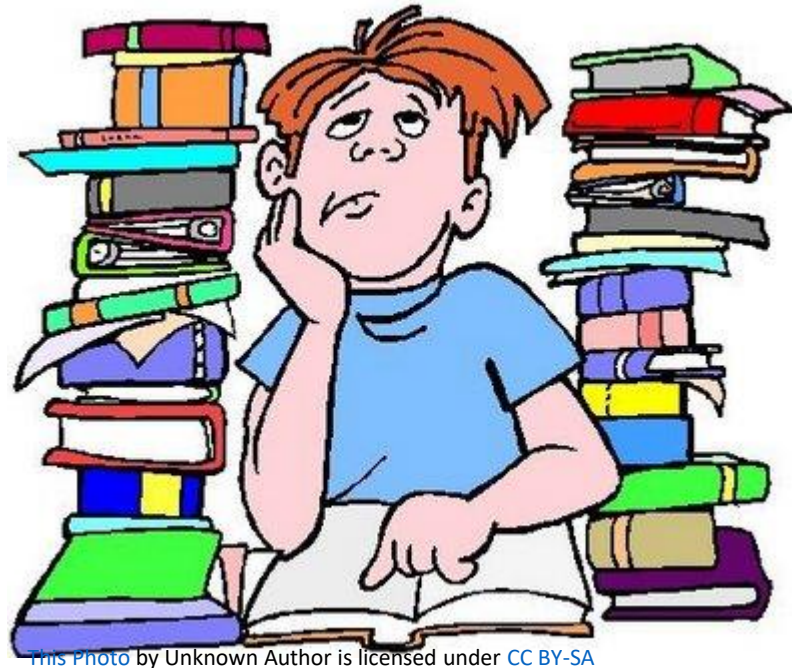


RVMS Website

<http://rvms.dcsdk12.org>

- This is a great resource!
 - School
 - Athletics
 - Staff List
 - All Policies
 - Pit Crew Info
 - SAC Info
 - Clubs
 - Teacher Websites
 - Electives

Academics



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Pods

- Students are placed in Pods randomly
- All Pods contain students with a variety of academic abilities
- Each grade level consists of three Pods: Arctic, Tundra, Gray
- Each section of the building houses the different Pods with 7th Graders upstairs and 8th Graders downstairs
- Pods choose from a variety of thematic units and fieldtrips, and will communicate to you on a regular basis
 - This will look different from Pod to Pod
 - Pods are working toward creating more unified communication and discipline policies

International Baccalaureate aka IB

Goal: To develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.



GRADING

Kids receive two grades in each subject.

Content Knowledge

Content Knowledge is graded on a 1-8 scale. It includes things like quizzes, tests, projects, performances, and portfolios. Students have grading rubrics that outline the expectations for each level. Infinite Campus translates the numbers into letter grades for report cards.

A = 7 or 8. Students show excellent understanding and consistently apply their learning in complex classroom and real-world situations.

B = 5 or 6. Students show substantial understanding and frequent application of concepts, knowledge and skills.

C = 3 or 4. Students show basic understanding and some application of concepts, knowledge and skills.

D = 1 or 2. Students show limited understanding and infrequent application of concepts, knowledge and

Grades are weighted , which is not reflected on the scores you will see in Infinite Campus

Work Habits

Work habits are graded on a 1-4 scale. They include things like our PACK traits: being prepared, actively engaged, cooperative, kind and safe. Turning in homework and having the expected class supplies are other examples of work habits. Also, being tardy impacts the work habits grade.

A (4) = Exceeds expectations consistently

B (3) = Meets expectations

C (2) = Meets expectations inconsistently

U (1) = Does not meet expectations

Infinite Campus (aka Campus Portal)

- All of your child's assignments, grades and absences can be accessed through the Infinite Campus
- You can connect via the RVMS website, or download the Campus Portal app
- Grades are updated on a regular basis
- You can set notifications to update you as soon as grades are posted
- Work Habits and Content Knowledge are both posted for each subject
- Each grade is shown as a score out of 100; however, remember this does not represent a true percentage



Honor Roll



There are 3 possible categories for Honor Roll qualifications:

1. Principal's Honor Roll-all A's in content knowledge, B's or higher in work habits
2. Honor Roll-All A's and B's in content knowledge and work habits
3. Paw Award-all A's in work habits

Students are recognized each quarter in their individual Pod celebration. A parent and student assembly is held at the end of the year for students who earned an Honor Roll recognition in one or more of the three categories throughout the year.

Testing

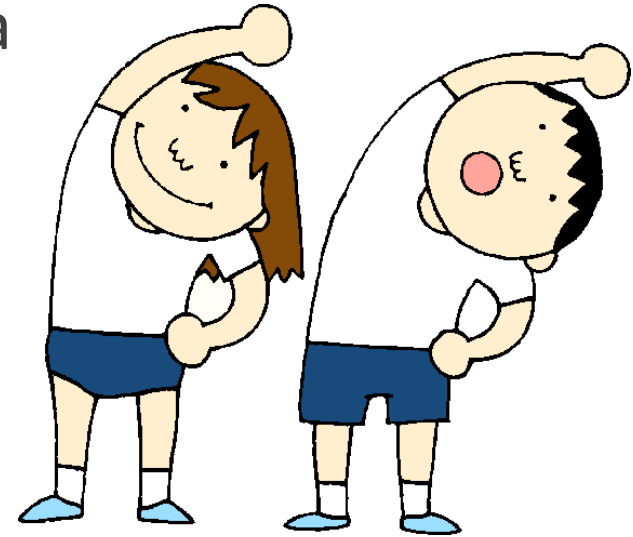
- iReady tests for math and reading are administered in the fall, winter, and spring. Science is administered in fall and spring. Additionally, some students take a language usage test.
- CMAS is administered in the spring during class.
 - The data drives the UIP and educational programming.
 - Data points are extremely valued!



PE/Health

The only lockers kids use are in PE. Please practice using a lock, so your student feels confident. They will be given a lock and combination. Write down the combination somewhere they can easily reference it.

- Remind your student to bring home PE uniforms to washed!
- All students switch between Health and PE quarterly.
- 7th graders will start with PE this year.



Student Activities, Clubs and Athletics



School Trips

- The school hosts two trips each year at the end of 8th grade. Students are nominated by their teachers in 7th grade. If your student is nominated, you will receive information at the beginning of the second semester.
- One trip is to Washington DC/New York City, and the other is international, which changes each year.



Athletics/Drama/Clubs

Athletics

- Anyone who wants to play can play.
- Kids will be placed on one of three teams: Team A, B, and C.
- Each sport lasts six weeks and change throughout the year.
- Practices and games occur throughout the week, but not on weekends.
- Practices are held every day after school until 4:45 or later.
- A fee is required.
- Unified sports teams are offered to support kids with special needs. Volunteer spots are opened to all RVMS students.

Drama

- There is a fall and spring performance.
- Students must audition and are not guaranteed a role.

Clubs change yearly due to student needs.

BLAST is an after school club that meets twice/week to assist kids with homework.

Student Council

- Any student may participate.
- Elections are held for officers.

Dances

Halloween

- hosted by student council
- held after school in the gym
- costumes optional



Spring

- held in the evening in the atrium
- semi-formal



Social/Emotional Support for Students



Connections

- New this year!
- All students will meet Friday mornings for 20 minutes with an assigned teacher in small groups (around 18 kids) of 7th/8th graders from every Pod
 - 7th graders will have the same Connections teacher next year
- Curriculum/Lessons provided by the mental health team
- If a situation occurs that requires attention prior to Friday, Connections will be moved accordingly
- Provides increased social/emotional support for students
- Provides one more trusted adult for students
- Content will be communicated with parents

Odds

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Ends

Drop-off

Four possible routes:

1. If driving west, pull into the line of cars and pull forward as cars move forward (do not block the neighborhood street)
 - Pull ALL the way forward in front of the school
 - To return heading east on Wildcat, you may make a U-turn at Mountain Maple
2. If driving east, turn left on Mountain Maple and follow the line of cars to the east, on the road that runs parallel to the bus lanes, or
3. Take Foothills Canyon Drive to drive around the south side of the ThunderRidge parking lot to the cones at the crosswalk between the two schools, or
4. Take Lucent to Broadway to Wildcat (and see #1)

Do **NOT** drop your kids off on Wildcat

- ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME and STAY OFF YOUR PHONE
- PLEASE tell your child to ALWAYS push the crosswalk button and stay alert

Pick-Up

- The line begins to form as early as 2:00!
- Park in the line and move forward as cars pull forward
- If your student finds you before getting to the front of the school, you may pull out of line
- Do NOT park on the side neighborhood streets, or you will be ticketed



Volunteering Opportunities

- Dances
 - Set-up, clean-up, snacks, chaperoning
- Lunchroom
 - Be another set of eyes during the two lunch hours and visit with students
- PIT crew activities
- Library - Assist library staff for a few hours a day on a weekly basis
- Math and Reading Tutors - Assist students with math and 1:1 with reading
- Donate Beverages and Meals for different School functions
- Music Program - Play piano for some orchestra concerts
- General Help - volunteer for RVMS when help is needed in areas not specified
- Donate Baked Goods
- School Social/Chaperone
- Career Education (Classroom or Career Day Speaker)
- Drama Department - Assist students with after-school drama productions
- Main Office Help
- SAC - Serve on the RVMS School Accountability Committee
- 8th Grade Career Fair



Pit Crew



P.I.T. Crew is the "Parent Teacher Organization" of Ranch View Middle School.

We rely on volunteers to serve on and/or lead committees and help with activities. We welcome volunteers - parents, grandparents, community members, those who work full/part-time. You can volunteer for as much or as little as you like!

WHAT DOES P.I.T. CREW DO?

We help raise money to support teachers/staff through appreciation activities and classroom grants. We help support and develop a positive school culture.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR :

- *Restaurant Spirit Nights
- *COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA
- *Boo Grams
- *Kona ice days
- *Staff Appreciation activities- **This Is A Big Focus For This Year!!**

SCHOOL GRANTS FUNDED BY P.I.T. CREW SINCE 2010:

- *Wolves/Murals On Staircase
- *Staff Lounge Makeover (Paint/Appliances)
- *Library Makeover (Paint/Furniture)
- *Smartboards
- *Weight Room Upgrades
- *Yoga Balls And Standing Desks
- * Broadcast Technology
- * Staff Meals & Coffee
- * Staff Training
- * Document Cameras
- * Projectors
- *Books
- *Stationary Bikes
- *Freezer For Science Dept.
- *Mobile Computer Lab
- * Band Instrument Maintenance
- *Outdoor Learning Center
- *TI Calculators
- *Light Speed Sound System

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Fundraising

- Magazines
 - Raises money for items that will improve the school experience for staff/students (ie stand-up desks, electronic shades for atrium windows)
 - Goes into a school account and is divvied out on a per needs basis
- Pit Crew – Donation Campaign (coloradogives.org/RVMS)
- Various altruistic drives organized by different RVMS clubs



Positive Culture

We are proud to be part of Ranchview Middle School!!!

RVMS celebrates:

- An amazing staff
- Clubs/organizations for every student
- Active, enthusiastic parent volunteers
- Kindness Week
- Trips
- Connections
- Therapy Dogs
- Mental Health Support
- 8th Grade Color Run



Please share all celebrations!! Email your positive feedback to staff and teachers, post your good news!

Thank you for being part of the team!

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