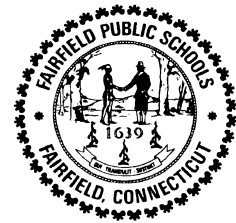


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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – APRIL 2017

Drama Production – 13 - The RLMS Drama production was this past weekend. After months of rehearsals, singing and set building, our students put on an amazing production of 13. This story follows Evan Goldman as he moves from NYC to Indiana right before he turns 13. It was an oversold crowd on Friday and very full house on Saturday night. A HUGE thank you to Ms. Brown-Wilusz, Mrs. Friedrichs, and Mrs. Lafond who put in countless hours to put together a fantastic experience for our students. Our students put on a great show that they should be very proud of.

Food delivery to RLMS – Please be aware that parents and guardians are welcome to deliver lunches to our delivery cart when a child forgets their lunch. We have noticed a recent issue where numerous pizzas or larger food deliveries are coming to RLMS. Please know that having pizza/food delivered and shared by a small group of students during the lunch waves causes a disruption to the school day and the cafeteria environment. Please only drop off food/individual lunches for your child.

Dress Code - I am once again asking your assistance for the remainder of the year to help us enforce students wearing appropriate clothing to school. We take pride in all RLMS students and believe that your dress reflects the way you feel about yourself and the quality of the school. Clothing must be clean and in good repair. At no time should clothing detract from a student's attention to the academic process. Students wearing attire that is disruptive to the educational process, dangerous to personal safety, or advocates substance abuse or makes sexist statements will be required to change immediately. I did not want to give you the entire list from the RLMS handbook, but I wanted to highlight some "frequent flyer" issues that we are encountering. Here are some guidelines for appropriate dress:

- Footwear must be worn - certain classes for safety reasons may require specific footwear for the students. These policies must be adhered to.
- Clothing should cover undergarments, and provide appropriate coverage at the midriff and neckline. The midriff should not be seen (i.e. lace).
- Hats are not to be worn inside. (Please leave hats in your locker.)

- Clothing that promotes or depicts alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violent behavior, or sexually explicit or suggestive words or pictures are prohibited.
- Skirts and shorts must have some length and inseam. No visible undergarments and skirts and shorts must provide appropriate coverage.
- Shirts with shoulder straps must be worn.
- Pajamas/sleepwear/slippers are not to be worn to school.

I will be asking staff and parents to be vigilant around dress code/issues and concerns this spring. Many thanks for your support on this one!

13 Reasons Why Series - We would like to make you aware of a television show that some of our students may be watching. The show is based on the book, Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher. **RLMS is not endorsing or showing this series.** It is available to view on Netflix and contains very mature subject matter including suicide and rape. We understand it's a parent's decision whether or not they allow their child to view the film; however, there is a valid concern related to the fact that the content of the film may serve to normalize or even sensationalize very dangerous behaviors. If the child views the film with or without parental consent, the below links have talking points which provide some useful information for parents in how to address the content with their child as well as recommendations to seek support if indicated.

<https://www.save.org/blog/tips-watching-new-netflix-series-13-reasons/>

<https://www.jedfoundation.org/13-reasons-why-talking-points/>

The RLMS Counseling Department is available to speak to students and parents about these important issues. Please feel free to contact us with questions or additional support.

IMPORTANT DATES

4/27 – Chorus- “Phantom of the Opera”(Grade 8, 7:00am – 7:00 pm)

5/17 – 8th Grade Gifted Trip (8:00- 11:45am)

5/25– High Note Festival (Orchestra)

5/30 – RLMS 8th grade Awards (invitations will be sent to award recipients) – 3:15pm

6/2 – High Note Festival (Band grades 6 & 8)

6/7 – Holiday Hill – 8th Grade

6/8 – 8th grade Dance – 6-:30-8:30pm

6/16 – 8th grade Closing Exercises – 9am