ROGER LUDLOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Greetings RLMS Parents/Guardians:

RLMS School Climate Information

I am hoping that you child is feeling successful academically, socially and emotionally while the year is over 100 days in. The school climate at RLMS is a top priority. We do various programs throughout the year around bullying, risky behaviors, mentoring, citizenship, good deeds (Top Dog), Developmental Guidance and our Student Assistance Team (SAT). Many of these programs are led by Steve DeAngelo, our Dean of Students, Administrators and our school counselors. Additionally, some of these programs are with the RLMS SAT students pairing with faculty advisors to work with younger grade level around topics that impact our school climate. Most recently, RLMS participated in a "Start with Hello" program run through the Sandy Hook Promise organization. "Start with Hello" is a prevention program that teaches children how to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other. Last week, all RLMS students were assigned to a table in the cafeteria as a way of mixing them up so they can practice interpersonal skills. "Start with Hello" asks students and educators to take steps in class, the lunchroom and/or other times in their day to be inclusive and connected. I have pasted a link below which gives additional information about the program. The link will also be accessible through the parent link on the RLMS webpage.

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Attendance information

A reminder that school begins at 8:10am. Students should make every effort to arrive on time as part of developing a sense of responsibility. A student who arrives to school late due to a doctor or dentist's appointment must bring a note from the doctor or dentist in order to be excused. Parents should try to avoid making medical appointments during school hours whenever possible.

Students are allowed **five** unexcused tardies each quarter. After 5 tardies, a warning will be given. Beginning with the sixth unexcused tardy, and for every subsequent unexcused tardy during each semester (up to nine); the student will receive ½ hour lunch detention. On the tenth unexcused tarty (up to fifteen), and after school one hour detention will be issued. Any further tardies will be dealt with individually, but consequences may include suspension. **Be advised that the only excused tardy recognized by the school involves doctor and dentist appointments.**

All other student tardiness is unexcused and requires a parent note. The parent note does not excuse the child, but instead informs the school that the parent/guardian is aware that their child was tardy. Again, we believe that regular school attendance is essential for the success of our students.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding upcoming events at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. GO BULLDOGS!!

Warm regards~

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