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RCS Named Distinguished School by Commissioner of Education

On March 5, 2019 the Athol-Royalston Regional School District received a letter from Commissioner Jeff Riley stating that the school was selected as one of 52 distinguished schools in the state of Massachusetts for improvements on MCAS testing. The school will be recognized during a ceremony at the state house on June 7, 2019. The school will bring several students, teachers, administrators and school committee members to receive the award. The district is proud of the work that has been done in Royalston. Kudos to the teachers, staff and students of the building!

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ACES Toy Bingo What Fun!

School-Based Health Center Slated To Open September 2019!

Many of you are probably asking, what is a school-based health center and how does it work? A school-based health center is where students rely on school-based health centers to meet their needs for a full range of age-appropriate health care services, typically including:

- primary medical care
- mental/behavioral health care
- dental/oral health care
- health education and promotion
- case management
- nutrition education

Students can be treated for acute illnesses, such as flu, and chronic conditions, including asthma and diabetes. They can also be screened for dental, vision and hearing

problems. With an emphasis on prevention, early intervention and risk reduction, school-based health centers counsel students on healthy habits and how to prevent injury, violence and other threats.

School-based health centers often are operated as a partnership between the school and a community health organization, such as a community health center, hospital or local health department. The specific services provided by school-based health centers vary based on community needs and resources as determined through collaborations between the community, the school district and the health care providers. Orientation to the center began with the district's first parent café.



Parent Survey Coming Soon

ARRSD is very interested in hearing from parents from across the district. Starting the first week of April, phone calls will go home to random families asking them about their experience as a parent in the district. The survey data will then be used to help reformulate the way business is done in schools. If you are a parent who is called, it is our hope that you will take five minutes to take the survey.

Parent Café Great Success!

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019 the Athol-Royalston Regional School District held its first ever parent café in conjunction with Valuing Our Children. Non-profit organizations such as SEPAC, Heywood Hospital, National Honor Society, Salvation Army, United Art, Mrs. Monet Dance Studio, Center for Human Development and Summer Playground were present to work with families. The purpose of the parent café was to empower our families by asking them what they are looking for from the school department and to educate them about the school department's current strategic plan. The night was a great success! Families ate while questions were asked and the evening ended with a wonderful reptile show. Over 100 people participated in the evening.



ARMS held Pi day! So what exactly is Pi? Pi is the mathematical representation for the number of times the diameter can go around a circle. Pi is a number which is equal to 3.14.

Diversity Committee To Be Formed

Are you interested in helping to develop the diversity curriculum for the district? This year the State of Massachusetts voted on a new History and Social Studies Framework. The framework has left openings for community input on topics to be covered of diverse nature at specific grade levels. In order to ensure the community has an opportunity to weigh in on what some of these topics may be, we are asking you to take part in a diversity committee that will be spear-headed by our Pre-K to 8 Curriculum Director. The commitment to the committee will consist of 6-8 one hour meetings that will take place late in the afternoon. If you are interested in taking part please email Molly Superchi at msuperchi@arrsd.org by no later than April 10, 2019. We look forward to hearing from you!

