

RCS Newsletter

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When Can I Get My Stuff?

Students' personal items have been bagged and labeled by teachers and are ready to be picked up by families. The following times have been designated for pick up:

Thursday, June 11 830 -1130 am

Monday, June 15 9 am-noon

Tuesday, June 16 830 am-3 pm

Friday, June 19 830 am-noon

If these days/ times do not work for your family, please call the school (978-249-2900) and we will figure out a plan with you. We can put bags on buses or we can leave it out front, if we know you are coming. One other option is we could leave it at ACES for Athol families to pick up there.

Please note: When you come to RCS to pick up, please call the school and give us your child/ children's name(s) and **we will bring the bags out to your car. Non-staff are not allowed to enter the building due to COVID-19 safety precautions. Thank you for your understanding.**

Grade 6 Graduation



Plans are all set for a DRIVE-THRU GRADUATION for our GRADE 6 students. This is happening on Tuesday, June 16th from 530-630

pm. (Rain date: June 18th). Grade 6 families: mark your calendars! We have been hard at work planning this event. Families are invited to drive up the RCS main road where we will be handing out swag bags and certificates while WOOHOO-ing our graduates!! We ask that all students and their families and friends remain in their cars at all times. This is for the safety of all. Please do not stop during the drive-thru graduation to approach staff. We agree this is not how we want it to be, (teachers like hugs, too) but in the interest of everyone's health and safety, please stay in your car and observe social distancing guidelines. We can't wait to see everyone and celebrate this important event in the lives of our students!! Thank you.

By the way- 6th grade students can pick up their belongings at the graduation. We will have them ready.

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FROM PAST WEEKS AND WILL REMAIN FOR YOUR REFERENCE...IN CASE YOU DIDN'T NEED IT THEN, BUT DO NEED IT NOW.

Kindergarten Registration is Upon Us

For our families who have a kindergartner next year, informational packets and registration forms are now available. Parents can download packets here, pick up packets at ACES between 9 am and noon, Monday through Thursday, or call Mrs. Basso, our administrative assistant at RCS for a scheduled pickup time at RCS. We can also send it to a bus stop if transportation or getting out of the house is not possible. Screening dates have not been set due to the current school closure. Families will be contacted when this info is available.



When you complete the forms, you will need to provide us with documentation of residency as well as a copy of your child's birth certificate. Usually we ask that you bring in the original birth certificate, and we make a copy, but to make it easier on everyone, we are okay with a photo of the birth certificate emailed in with the forms. If you have questions or

need to make an appointment to come to RCS to get the packet, please call Mrs. Basso at 351-209-0707, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 3 pm. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email me, Cynthia Kennedy, Principal of RCS, at ckennedy@arrsd.org.

School Choice

If you are interested in School Choice, (you do not live in Royalston but want your child to attend RCS) it is necessary to fill out the School Choice forms and return them to RCS for review. No school choice decisions will be made until later in the summer, however. Please be patient with us. We will notify you as soon as a decision is made.

Our Offices Are Now Closed, but We Are Still Here to Help

Due to the increased recommendations for social distancing and staying at home, the school office is no longer staffed on a regular basis. However, we are still providing paper-based resources to families who do not have internet access. If you need these, or have other questions, needs, or concerns, please call our school administrative assistant, Mrs. Basso, at 351-209-0707, between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday. Please also feel free to email me at ckennedy@arrsd.org. This system is in place to continue to support families and students on an as needed basis.



Learning resources and other activities intended to be opportunities for remote learning are posted [here](#) and are updated twice per week.

According to the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Guidelines, students in grades K-4 should be spending about 15 minutes per content area per day, and for grades 5 and up, the recommendation increases to 30 minutes. The total should be about 3 hours per day. **June 10th is the last day academic assignments will be issued by teachers. Teachers will be available for office hours the week of June 15-19th.**



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If you have questions about anything school-related, please do not hesitate to mention it to your child's teacher when he or she calls or emails. This includes any social-emotional needs as Ms. Mickiewicz, our school adjustment counselor, is standing by, and is doing check-ins with students regularly. Feel free to email as well. We are here to help!

Please know we all miss our students so much! Stay well and take care,

Cindy Kennedy

Principal, RCS

Please stay up-to-date with ARRSD news by listening to One Calls, and checking your email and the district webpage at <http://www.arrsd.org>.