

Riverton Middle School

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Hello!

It is my hope that you have had a fun and relaxing summer. Whether you were able to travel, take a weekend get-away, or had a “stay-cation” with family and friends, I hope this letter finds you with your batteries re-charged and excited to start the new school year! In hopes of starting the school year off on the right foot, I have included some important information within this letter

6th Grade Orientation:

Orientation for all incoming 6th graders is **Monday, August 6th**. Valuable information concerning middle school policies and procedures will be discussed. This is also when 6th graders will enroll and sign-up for lockers. Mrs. Elizabeth LaTurner with Food Services will be available at 5:30 to take care of meal accounts and the orientation will start at 6:00 in the auditorium. As a reminder, middle school textbook fees are \$25 and may be paid on this night.

Enrollment:

Enrollment is scheduled for **Tuesday, Aug. 7th – Thursday, Aug. 9th, from 8:00-3:00**. Enrollment forms can be filled out in advance by printing them from our website (www.usd404.org). Click on the Middle School Tab at the top and scroll down to “Middle School Enrollment for 2018-19.” We will also have hard copies available in the office. Along with the enrollment form, please make sure and fill out the Lap Top User Agreement, Drug Testing Form (7th and 8th only), Health Services, Home Language Survey, Residency and Picture and Survey permission forms as well. As a reminder, RMS textbook fees are \$25 and laptop fees are \$50 (7th and 8th grade only). Discounts are available for those who qualify for Free/Reduced lunches and those who have siblings who are issued a laptop.

Handbook Changes:

Changes to the middle school hand book for the 2018-19 school year are included in this letter. These changes pertain to ZAP, New RAM Time, and the Student Computer Policy. As always, please feel free to contact the office should you have questions.

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS):

In order to meet all of our student’s needs and ensure they receive the proper and best instruction, we implemented a MTSS program last year for both Math and Reading. In short, each fall, winter, and spring, all students will take a short math and reading assessment. These assessments provide teachers with invaluable data to help identify students who may be struggling and need more individual attention.

Last year, we focused solely on those students who struggled and were in need of frequent interventions. This year we are expanding the program to include ALL students. Based on nationally normed data, students who are in need of additional instruction/interventions, or those who could benefit from enrichment activities, will be enrolled in either a math or reading MTSS class in order to receive more individualized and targeted instruction. Please see the enclosed attachment for more information regarding this program. We saw tremendous growth in students after our first year and look forward to the results by including ALL students in the program this year.

INCREASED COMMUNICATION THROUGH TEXT MESSAGES:

In order to improve communication between school and home, we are encouraging parents to sign up to receive important announcements and updates regarding RMS via text message by utilizing “Remind”. Signing up is quick and easy. Your phone number will not be shared. Please see the “Remind” handout attached to this letter to sign up

As you can see, there are a lot of great things happening at RMS! As a reminder, the first day of school is **Wednesday, August 15th, and will be for 6TH GRADERS ONLY.** The entire middle school will attend on Thursday, August 16th. Please don't hesitate to contact the middle school office should you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!!

Zach Martin

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