



Royal Palm

Middle School

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Royal Palm News March 2019

Dear parents and guardians,

State testing time is upon us! We will be kicking off the testing season on March 26, 2019 with our 8th graders taking the AIMS Science test. Again, this first testing day will be for our 8th graders only. We will then move into AZMERIT testing beginning on April 1, 2019. A schedule of each grade level and approximated times are included in this newsletter. The testing has been spread out over three weeks to accommodate the fact that we are doing all of the testing online. Chromebooks are the chosen method of delivery for WESD and this is our first year jumping into the technological testing world.

We ask that you do what you can to assist in the testing process. Here are a couple of talking points that we will be discussing with our students, if you can continue on these topics of discussion, it would really help.

- **TALK!** Please talk to your child about the importance of state examinations. They do matter and they are very important. It is an ongoing measurement of student growth and giving the best effort possible is the only way to get an accurate measurement. These testing measurements assist in identifying areas of strength and areas that are in need of improvement.
- **ATTENDANCE!** Please make sure that everything is done to get your child to school on time and ready to participate. Also, we are getting you the dates and approximate times for the testing in order for you to avoid scheduling appointments for students during the testing times for each grade level. We need the kids here and ready to go!
- **SLEEP!** – Please encourage the students to get a good night’s sleep. An adolescent requires about nine hours of sleep in order to be at optimal rest to perform at the highest level.
- **HYDRATE!** – A wet brain is a happy brain! Please encourage your child to drink water...not sports drinks, not soda....just good ole H2O. It does make a difference.
- **ATTITUDE!** – Attitude is everything...please remind your child to do the best they can. Positive attitude leads to better results.

Thanks in advance for any and all support that you can offer during this very busy time of year. The testing schedule for each grade is available in this newsletter to assist you with the most updated information.

Respectfully,

Will Ambos

Principal

Will Ambos, Principal
Tera Sotelo, Assistant Principal

MARCH

Dates to Remember

- Mar. 14** WESD Boys Soccer Championship 4:45 p.m.
- Mar. 15** Disneyland Fieldtrip 5:00 a.m.
- Mar. 18-22** SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL

APRIL

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 8** Girls Softball Game RP@CH
- Apr. 8** Parent Connection Classes 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 9** Girls Softball Game DF@ 4:45 p.m.
- Apr. 15** Track & Field RP Host @ Sunnyslope HS 4:45 p.m.
- Apr. 16** Track & Field RP Host @ Sunnyslope HS 4:45 p.m.
- Apr. 16** Girls Softball Game MS@RP
- APR. 17** 3rd Annual Career Day
- Apr. 17** Track & Field RP Host @ Sunnyslope HS 4:45 p.m.
- Apr. 18** Track & Field RP Host @ Sunnyslope HS 4:45 p.m.
- Apr. 18** Girls Softball Game CH@RP 4:45 p.m.

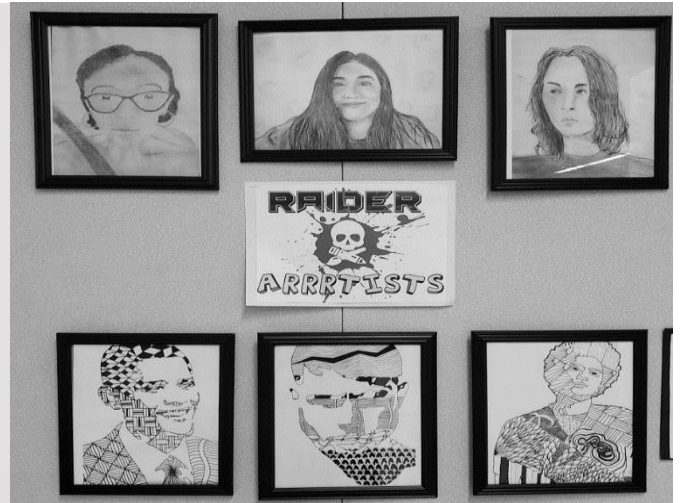
Update Your Email Address

Parent communications are now sent via email. Please make sure we have your current email address.

You can call the office at 602-347-3200 or email us at rpoffice@wesdschools.org

Our annual WESD art show is now up at ASU West. This year it features 40 Raider Artists and eight different art projects from General and Studio Art. Our work is featured on the 2nd floor of the Fletcher Library. The official event is on March 26, but you can view the art anytime between now and the 26 during library hours. You can park for free at the District Office and walk over to ASU West or park at ASU for \$3. Some highlights of the show are posted up in the front office and I'll send out photos after the event if you cannot attend.

Thank you everyone!
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Lady Raider Softball starting up in March, come support!

-Templeton



The 8th Grade Lady Raiders completed their basketball season with a 5-3 record and are gearing up for the District Tournament as the #3 seed and will participate in the City of Tempe Girls Middle School Tournament on March 20-22.

GO LADY RAIDERS!!

8th Graders

We need your baby pictures!

Please bring in a picture of you when you were a tiny one.

Please label the back with your full name and Homeroom.

Pictures can be dropped off to C143, Mrs. Norris or to B128, Mrs. Leos.

They can also be emailed to shauna.norris@wesdschools.org (please state your full name in the email)



**Brian J.
Brandon C. T.
Steven B.
Brian G.
Arturo J.
Cesar C.
Jeremiah F.
Francisco O.
Caleb H.**

**Alexander G.
Cesar V.
Ivan R. C.
Jan V.
Benny E.
Jesus S.
Malachi R.
Justin G.**



Congratulations to the Royal Palm Music Program on their performance in the Spring Concert!

Tax Credit Information:

Be a credit to your school. As you prepare your taxes for the end of the year, don't forget to remember Royal Palm Middle School as a viable option to reduce your tax liability through a tax credit donation. Have questions? You'll find all the answers on our Website: wesdschools.org. Locate the tax credit information under quick links on the left side of the home page.

Have you moved or changed your phone number?

If have you moved, or will be moving, please bring in your proof of residency and fill out a new proof of residency form that is available at the front office. Also, please be sure to update the office of any phone number changes as well as emergency pickup information for your student(s).

ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION USING PARENTVUE

Wondering about your student's grades? Don't want to wait for the next report card? With ParentVUE, you can check your student's grades anytime.

You can also check attendance records and email teachers with any questions or concerns. Just stop by the office with your photo ID to get your **ParentVUE** access code.

If you have a question regarding the use of ParentVUE, please e-mail: WESDParentVUE@wesdschools.org

STUDENT ID CARDS

The safety of students traveling to and from school, as well as their safety at school, is of primary importance to the Washington Elementary School District. With this in mind, WESD has implemented technology to make it easier to identify students when they are on campus and to verify when and where students enter and exit a school bus. All WESD students are required to wear IDs while on the school campus and on buses. Students were provided a picture ID at the beginning of the school year at no cost.

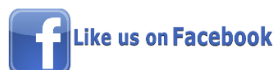
Students will be checked for compliance throughout the school day. If a student does not comply with the school dress code in wearing his or her ID card, the student will be disciplined accordingly. Students may not be allowed on the bus if an ID is not present. IDs must be visible at all times.

If students deface, destroy, render their ID unreadable or lose their ID, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID for \$2.00.

Replacement lanyards and pouches are .50 cents.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

- Please remember that students are not to be dropped off in the morning before 7:45 a.m. There is no teacher supervision before that time.
- Also in the morning, please drive along the drop-off route and let students off on the curbside. Do not drop off in front of the office. It is too dangerous with buses driving through and other parents/visitors backing out of parking spaces.
- Remember that in order for a student to be called to the office and be released, identification must be provided to the office staff.



Please go to our Facebook page, Royal Palm Middle School, and like us. Also, remember to visit the Royal Palm School website for school events / activities and sport schedules.

THE RAIDER WAY