



# Royal Palm

## Middle School

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### September Dates to Remember

- Sept. 5** Curriculum Night in the Cafeteria starting at 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- RP @ CH 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 11** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- PV@RP 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 11** Girls Soccer Game PV vs. RP @LM
- Sept. 13** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- DF@RP 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 13** Girls Soccer Game DF vs. RP @PV 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 18** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- MS@RP 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 18** Girls Soccer Game- MS vs. RP @LM 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 20** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- CH@RP 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 20** Girls Soccer Game CH vs. RP @PV 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 24** Cross Country Meet @ MS 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 25** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- RP vs. PV 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 25** Girls Soccer Game RP vs. PV @PV 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 27** Boys/Girls Volleyball game- RP@DF 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 27** Girls Soccer Game RP v.s DF @Conosido Park 4:45 p.m.
- Sept. 29** – Luv Our Schools....Campus beautification day!
- Oct. 8-12 FALL BREAK- NO SCHOOL**

#### Dear Raiders and Cardinals:

Another school year is upon us and change is in full bloom. If you looked at our new class schedule for this year, you may have noticed that we now have an intervention period built into each day. This will serve our students in many different capacities. It will allow the teachers to accumulate data and identify strengths and weaknesses and then discuss, as a team, what particular interventions should be deployed. This provides us with 30 - minute time increments, daily, to truly intervene and also look at additional opportunities to enrich our students academically, socially and behaviorally.

The teachers and staff at RP have worked diligently on this change in the schedule and have embraced what the intervention time should look like. As is the case with anything that is new, there will be adjustments that will need to take place. The staff has committed to the time and we look forward to increased academic and social growth for our students.

Sports have started! Girls' soccer, boys' and girls' Volleyball, and Cross Country will all be up and running at the time of this newsletter. The number of participants is encouraging and the coaches are committed to sharing the general philosophy of developing student athletes in the most appropriate ways. Practice and learn each day and apply the components of hard work and sportsmanship to make sure that students are a part of something bigger than themselves.

In everything we do, we try to set clear expectations. Sports, classrooms...wherever and whatever we do, expectations provide the foundation for success. We recently had our first All-School Assembly and the students were practicing the **Three R's** of the **Raider Way**. Responsible, Respectful and Reliable. **The Raider Way** is our way of describing the expectations of what it means to be a student at Royal Palm. Essentially our core/code of ethics. Each grade level had an individual grade assembly to go over expectations prior to the All School Assembly. This was a calculated measure to make sure that all students became aware of why we have assemblies. In short, it was an attempt to build our school community.

Building community is the life-blood of any school. We are looking to improve what and how we communicate with all members of our community. From pre-assembly meetings with students to parent contacts via "dial-outs", "email blasts" and text messaging, we are doing whatever we can to reach out and grow our community with the sharing of school information and activities.

We look forward to a rewarding school year with growth being our on-going focus; endeavoring to make sure that growth occurs in all facets of the RP community.

Respectfully,

*Will Ambos*

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Principal

#### Peachjar Digital Flyer Platform and Email Updates

The WESD is committed to educational excellence and ensuring that parents stay informed about important activities and events that enhance their child's life. In an effort to improve parent and community engagement, we will be implementing Peachjar to send digital flyers and school newsletters directly to parents via email. Additionally, all flyers and newsletters will be posted to each school's Web site. Parents will be able to click to register their children for youth sports, enrichment programs, and community events. By using this new system, we expect to eliminate the need to print roughly 2,688,000 sheets of paper per year—nearly 322 trees! The WESD will continue to communicate with parents and community members as we make the transition to Peachjar via the District Web site, social media and email. Please ensure that the WESD has a current email address on file. You will receive emails from the District in case of an emergency as well as for updates about your school and the District. Contact the front office to update your email address today!



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## ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION USING PARENTVUE

Royal Palm Middle School is pleased to announce that parents and guardians can be more involved in their child's education by utilizing ParentVUE, a Web-based program that allows parents and guardians the opportunity to monitor their child's educational progress. Each parent/guardian will receive information on how to activate his or her account.

You will receive activation instructions and an activation key that you will need when you first sign in. You will be given the opportunity to change your password after your account is activated. By activating your ParentVUE account, you will be able to see information specific to your child or children. You will be able to view your child's attendance, class schedule, grade book and, to a limited extent, calendar. The grade book for grades 4-8 will be fully available. For grades K-3, limited grades will be visible as WESD is transitioning grade books for K-3 into the system at this time. You will also be able to see and review student information (contact and emergency information) the school has on record for your child. We encourage you to activate your ParentVUE account (instructions included) and become familiar with its features. Your child's teachers will be updating the information regularly, so visit often to stay current with your child's progress. We look forward to working with you to improve your access to information about your child's academic progress. If you have a question regarding your child's schedule, grades and/or attendance, please contact your child's teacher. If you have a question regarding the use of ParentVUE, please e-mail:

WESDParentVUE@wesdschools.org

## SPORTS

### 2018-2019 Girls Soccer Team

Yara Sadeq  
Madilyn Cortez  
Reggina Moreno  
Amira Al-Hamka  
Yadira Escobedo  
Teslauch Kuol  
Xochiti Gallegos  
Liliana Lopez  
Layla Rennie  
Osceana Osceola  
Carla Valencia  
Brianna Jimenez  
Gloryseli Hernandez  
Kimberly Flores  
Blanca Garcia  
Leslie Ledezma  
Devany Alcantara

### 2018-2019 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Team

Jalen Harvey  
Janiya Parra  
Hailey Danielson  
Ciara Barnett-Joya  
Rosa Emeterio  
Breanna Esquibel  
Caitlyn Sakera  
Brianna Begaye  
Fanny Salgado  
Estephania Ramirez  
Catherine Garcia  
Kyleah Flores

### 2018-2019 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball Team

Elizabeth Hurtado  
Claudia Cordova  
Aniyah Patton  
Jada Farrell  
Kayiah Williams  
Jo Dunn  
Sara Lerner  
Megan Walters  
Isabella Urias  
Neriah Henry  
Alaysia Madden  
Taylor Gilbert

### 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 state taxes through tax credit. 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).



Like us on Facebook

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.

royalpalm.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.

# THE RAIDER WAY