Upcoming Events

**I LOVE TO READ MONTH**

February 1st - Lost & Found Clean Out

February 6th — Targeted Services Starts, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

February 7th - 3rd Grade Music Concert, 10:00am & 2:30pm, Gym A

Junior Great Books Starts

February 13th - PTO Meeting, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Media Center

February 18th & 19th - No School

February 22nd - RSI Family Game Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.

February 28th - 4th Grade Music Concert, 10:00am & 2:30pm.

Magnet Lottery Applications for Kindergarten 2020 need to be completed by February 22nd at
https://magnetlottery.rdale.org

**** If you currently have students at RSI, you still need to complete the Magnet Lottery Application for your incoming Kindergartener to hold your spot,****
Dear RSI Families,

My warmest regards to you during these Minnesota winter months. January and February provide an opportunity for our students to reflect on their progress thus far for the school year. Each of our grade levels set goals in the fall to improve student learning, and our students and staff have been working diligently to achieve those goals. Now is a good time to ask your children about how they are doing in their efforts to reach their goals. Teachers look at daily and weekly student progress to adjust instruction so that students who need additional support or challenge have their needs met.

Daily attendance is essential for student learning and success in school. If your child is absent or tardy for any reason, please contact the RSIS School office and leave a message on our attendance line at 763-504-4410. The attendance line is checked every morning.

A reminder that students may not arrive to school prior to 9:05 a.m. unless preapproved for a special activity. Our staff is in meetings and preparing for teaching during the day so students are not supervised until 9:05 a.m. Our school hours are 9:20 a.m.—3:40 p.m.

Safety is always a top priority at Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion. Your assistance in keeping our students safe is appreciated. Please drive carefully into the parking lot when dropping off or picking up your child. Use the crosswalk when coming to school or exiting school during arrival and dismissal.

Thank you to everyone for using our doorbell system when coming to RSIS. When visitors press the doorbell, it rings in the office which enables our office staff to see the visitor on the camera at the entrance. Once visitors enter the building, they go directly to the RSIS School office to receive a badge. We use your photo ID—driver’s license when making the badge. Thank you to everyone for your use of this system. We encourage all students to arrive on time to school; however, if students are late in the morning, please bring them into the Health Office to be signed in by the adult who is bringing them to school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated especially on those winter weather days.

In gratitude for your partnership,

Elaine Mehdizadeh, Directora/Principal
February Focus News

Fifth grade detectives continue the process of solving a mystery involving a Hollywood producer. As the Hollywood mystery wraps up this month, fifth graders will be writing mini-mysteries for peer “sleuths” to solve. The writing process will include creating interesting characters and setting, writing embedded clues into the plot, and, maybe, presenting a “red herring” to puzzle the readers.

Problem-solving fourth graders continue the inventive thinking process. Student inventors will present to their Focus class the prototypes for inventions they have created. Next, they will use the creativity checklist, SCAMPER, to rewrite a fairy tale. I am expecting some wacky versions of familiar tales!

Third graders continue to work as detectives in solving the mystery of the missing chocolate recipe. Soon they will propose an idea for a new healthy chocolate product, design the packaging, and will create a commercial to market the new product.

Focus conferences are on a “drop-in” basis. I will be at RSI on Thurs., March 7th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the conference room across from the office, you can also visit me at Forest Elementary on Tues., Mar. 5 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the conference room in the Forest main office. I will be at SEA on Tues., Mar. 12 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 250. I hope to have the chance to talk with you about your child’s progress in Focus class.

West Suburban Summer School classes are offered through Intermediate District 287. Students identified for gifted services this school year will receive a card with registration information from me the first week of February. Those who have attended in the past or have an existing account do not require the card. Check the website at www.district287.org/wsss. The summer class brochure will be available online on Feb. 13, and registration begins on Feb. 20. Classes fill quickly! Please email me if you have questions.

District 281 will also be offering enrichment classes this summer. Stay tuned for more information on the 281 classes!

Sra. Hjerpe
Julieanne_hjerpe@rdale.org

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are located in the front foyer area of the school.

Please check the Lost and Found for any of your students missing items whenever you come to school.

Lost and found items will be donated on March 1st
Educacion Fisica

Deportivo saludo,

K-2 Grade: they will develop the Unit of Invasive and Cooperative games during the first 2 weeks of February. During the last 2 weeks of the month, they will start the skills of Overhand Throwing and Catching.

3-5 Grade: We will develop the unit of Invasive and Cooperative games for the first 2 weeks of February. They will work on the Unit of Football for the last 2 weeks of the same month.

Please remind your students to bring tennis shoes to Physical Education Class.

Thank you for your support.

Señor Manrique and Señor Dooher

Lunch Schedule

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Like Music to my Ears...... A Band Concert!

Your school band and orchestra students are working toward their concert performance in March. Do not miss the show! Check your school calendar or the district Fine Arts calendar for specific dates & times.

Middle School Registration time is here as you make decisions regarding middle school, we encourage you to make participation in band part of your student's future. Choosing to continue in the band program is beneficial on many levels. Being in "the band family" with friends who have similar interests and musical goals eases the process of adjusting to middle school. Please support your child's creative, intellectual, and social growth by signing him/her up for sixth grade band.

All District Band opportunity will be coming up:

All District Band is an honor band for 6th and 7th graders which rehearses outside of the school day. All current 5th grade band students will have the opportunity to audition for ADB late in the school year. Applications and further information will be made available in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned!

Summer Band & Summer Activities:

Summer will be here before you know it, so plan to take advantage of our District 281 Summer Activities program, which includes band classes for beginners through grade 8. Watch your mail for the Summer Activities brochure and register early for the classes which suit your interests and your family’s vacation schedule.

Lucy Davis
Band Director RSI
lucy_davis@rdale.org

Hello Everyone!

We are settling in after winter break, and we had our first Flexible Learning Day. I hope everyone had a good long weekend and had fun learning from home! Art from the winter art show should all be back with the artist, Thank you to everyone who showed up at the reception – I think we had a record attendance! We are also looking forward to the spring art show at the Brookdale Library which will be on display from March 11th – April 1st. I’m excited to see what artwork will make it into the show!

We are traveling around the world for our current art lessons. Both 5th and 2nd grade are looking at Chinese brush painting, with 2nd grade turning their paintings into lucky lanterns. 3rd grade is looking at civilizations through the world and through time with different creatures they have made. We are combining animals together to make our own new crazy creature! Kindergarten has been looking at Aboriginal Dreamtime dot paintings from Australia. 1st grade and 4th grade are both in Europe having some fun with oil pastels in their non-realistic art.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the spring art show in March!

Srta. Thielges
Maestra de Arte
Volunteer Opportunities

Videographer for Concerts

This year, we are asking for a few volunteers to help with taking video of each music concert. The ideal volunteer would be able to record a concert and share it digitally with the music teachers. We use the videos in class later to reflect and evaluate our performances, which fulfills one of the Minnesota state fine arts standards. We would like parents to be able to watch your own children’s concerts with your full attention, so volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a concert of a different grade level. If you are interested, please email Mari Scott (mari_scott@rdale.org) with your preferred dates (see concert schedule below). Let me know if you have your own camera or if you would use a school-owned camera.

Parent Musicians

Do you play an instrument or like to sing? Let us know! We are sometimes looking for special guests to help play piano, guitar, flute, or other instruments to accompany our students at concerts.

2018-2019 Concert Dates

The 10:00am performances will include many students in the audience and will be considered somewhat of a dress rehearsal. Parents are encouraged to attend the 2:30pm performance (or evening performances for Grades 2 and 5) but are welcome for the morning concert if that works better.

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Thursday, February 7th - 3rd Grade (10am and 2:30pm)
Thursday, February 28th - 4th Grade (10am and 2:30pm)

ADDITIONAL CONCERTS:

Friday, April 12th - Kindergarten (10am and 2:30pm)
Tuesday, May 7th - 2nd Grade (10am in Gym A, 6:00pm PMS)
Tuesday, May 21st - 5th Grade (7pm at the Ordway Center in St. Paul)

**This concert was mistakenly listed in the calendar as May 28th. The correct date is May 21st.

Your RSI music specialists,

Sra. Scott & Sra. Hill
News from the PTO

Did you know that February is I Love to Read Month? Our school has lots of fun activities planned to support the love of reading! The PTO is supporting reading through the Dimes and Dollars Challenge followed by the Rock ‘N Read event! The Dimes and Dollars Challenge is a money drive from Feb 20 – March 4th where you can send in coins or bills to be collected and tallied by classroom. The classroom that raises the most money will earn $50 in Scholastic Book Fair Money. All proceeds from the Dimes and Dollars challenge will go directly to the Media Center!!! The Rock ‘n Read Event is a great celebration in the Media Center on March 4th and 5th where all students will have the opportunity to spend some time reading as they rock! Do you have a rocking chair or gaming chair that you could loan out for a couple days (March 1-5th)? If so, send us an email! Approximately 30 chairs will be needed.

Have you considered joining the PTO Board for next year? We could use your time, talent and ideas. We will be taking nominations over the next couple months and voting at the April PTO meeting. All positions can be shared. It takes a village – come be part of it!

Mark your calendars to get your game on at RSI Game Night! Join us on Feb 22nd (6:30-8:30pm) for a community-building night of fun board games and bingo in the cafeteria and media center.

Remember to “like us” on Facebook (RSIS PTO) and check out our volunteer website at http://signup.com/go/cqfYOU to find a role for you. Do you get the PTO emails? If not, contact us at risispto@gmail.com. Last but not least, bookmark our website: https://www.rsispto.org/.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 8 (Friday) – Logros
- Feb. 13 (Wednesday) – PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm RSIS Media Center
- Feb. 20 - March 4 – Dimes & Dollars Collection (100% of proceeds go directly to Media Center!)
- Feb 22 (Friday) – Box Tops collection – send ‘em in!
- Feb. 22 (Friday) – RSI Game Night, 6:30-8:30pm
- Feb. 28 (Thursday) – last chance to order your yearbook before prices increase!
- March 1 (Friday) – Lost and Found Clean Out
- March 4/5 (Mon/Tues) – Rock ‘N Read event at RSI Media Center (rocking chairs needed)
- March 5, 7, 12 (Tues / Thurs) Spring Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair
- March 18 – PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm RSIS Media Center

Please mark your calendars for our PTO meetings for the 2018-19 school year. Meetings will be Feb. 13, March 18, and April 23.

Brenda Brincks – President
Jessica Hassis & Nicole Micheel Armstrong – Co-Secretaries
Corey Jacques – Vice President
Sarah Taylor – Treasurer

rsispto@gmail.com
Hello RSI orchestra parents and students!

The 4th and 5th grade orchestra students performed at the Fall Orchestra Festival on Nov. 15 at Armstrong High School. The students performed their music by memory to a large and enthusiastic audience! Bravo to all the musicians on a fantastic performance!

Upcoming orchestra events:

March 9 District Orchestra Festival at Cooper High School
All 4th and 5th grade orchestra students will be participating in the Spring Orchestra Festival on Saturday, March 9, at Cooper High School.
Please encourage your child to practice the following pieces of music at home to prepare for this festival:
The 4th graders will be performing Fiddlers Hoedown, The Recess Boogie Woogie and America
The 5th graders will be performing The Recess Boogie Woogie, Autumn from the Four Seasons and America.
All students must bring their instrument, their music, and a music stand. Make sure your name is on your instrument case, binder, and music stand. Please wear nice dress clothes...a step up from your normal school clothes! This performance will be videotaped for television! There will be flowers sold and free will donations collected at the performance. The proceeds will go directly toward our festival expenses.

March 19 RSI Spring Orchestra Concerts
The 4th and 5th grade orchestra students will be performing at 2:00 at RSI and 6:30pm at RMS on Tuesday, March 19. These concerts give the RSI orchestra students a chance to perform for fellow students, family and friends.

There is nothing better than one on one instruction with a private lesson teacher. Please contact Mrs. Conrad if you are interested in an area private lesson teacher list.

Thank you for all you do to help your child become a successful instrumentalist!
Musically yours,
Connie Conrad
RSI Orchestra Teacher
connie_conrad@rdale.org

763-504-4071
Meet our 2018-19 RSIS Interns...

VICKY BECERRA
Rafela, Argentina

Background:
I am 22 years old and live with my mother and stepfather, Ivana and Lucas. Both of them are employees and work for important companies of the city.

I have recently completed my degree as a teacher of English. I would like to teach children and teenagers and continue studying to become a translator.

Hobbies & Interests:
I love reading, taking Zumba classes and biking. I also enjoy crocheting and knitting.

Email: vicky.becerra@hotmail.com
Classrooms: Kinder: Gulling, Langlois, Ortiz

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Three equal horizontal bands of sky blue (top), white, and sky blue; centered in the white band is a radiant yellow sun with a human face known as the Sun of May; the colors represent the clear skies and snow of the Andes; the sun symbol commemorates the appearance of the sun through cloudy skies on 25 May 1810 during the first mass demonstration in favor of independence; the sun features are those of Inti, the Inca god of the sun.

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Iguazu National Park covers an area of subtropical rainforest in Argentina’s Misiones province, on the border with Brazil. Within the park on the Iguazu River, the renowned Iguazu Falls encompasses many separate cascades, including the iconic Garganta del Diablo or “Devil’s Throat.” The surrounding park features diverse wildlife including coatis, jaguars and toucans.
¡Argentina!

Population / Geography:
With nearly 44.3 million people, Argentina is the 31st largest country in the world by population. It is the 9th largest country in the world by area with 2,780,400 square kilometers which is just under 1/3rd the size of the US.

History:
After being claimed by for the King by Spanish explorers and a failed British invasion, Argentina declared its independence in 1816. Up until about the mid-20th century, much of Argentina’s history was dominated by periods of internal political unrest and conflict between civilian and military factions.

Democracy returned in 1983 and has persisted despite numerous challenges, including a severe economic crisis in 2001-02 that led to violent public protests and the successive resignations of several presidents. 2003-15 saw Peronist rule by Nestor and Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, whose policies isolated Argentina and caused economic stagnation. With the election of Mauricio Macri in November 2015, Argentina began a period of reform and international reintegration.

Economy:
Argentina’s currency is the peso. They have suffered recurring economic crises during most of the 20th century, but now are beginning a transformation towards a more liberal economic order, taking advantage of its rich natural resources, highly literate population, export-orientation, and diversified industry.

Food & Culture:
Argentines enjoy a wide variety of Indigenous and Criollo creations, including empanadas (a small stuffed pastry), locro (a mixture of corn, beans, meat, bacon, onion, and gourd), humita and mate. The country has the highest consumption of red meat in the world, traditionally prepared as asado, the Argentine barbecue. It is made with various types of meats, often including chorizo, sweetbread, chitterlings, and blood sausage.

Fun Fact:
While soccer is the most popular sport, the national sport of Argentina is pato - a combination of polo and basketball. Pato is Spanish for ‘duck’ as early games used a live duck inside a basket instead of a ball.

Questions about the RSIS Intern Program? Contact rsisinterns@gmail.com
DISCOVER U
10th Annual Robbinsdale Area Schools

2019 SPELLING BEE

Saturday, March 2, 2019
(Check-in from 9-9:20 am only)
Competition begins at 9:30 am

Robbinsdale Middle School
3730 Toledo Ave N, Robbinsdale
XW-2450
Grades 2-5
$5

No charge to students on Free or Reduced Lunch

Think you can S-P-E-L-L? Then, come join the fun! You will participate in a competition with students in your current grade level.

Awards ceremony with prizes for top and runner-up spellers immediately following - every participant will take home a certificate. Practice word lists will be mailed to all registrants on Friday, Feb 8. Note: Judges may include words that are not on the practice list.

Parents and families are welcome to watch.

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 25

Registration Options:
Online: rdale.eleyo.com
Phone: 763-504-6990
By Mail: Community Ed at FAIR-Pilgrim Lane,
3725 Pilgrim Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55441

Prizes donated by Seven Dreams Education Foundation, supporting Robbinsdale Area School students by funding innovative hands-on learning opportunities.
Arrival and Dismissal
Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion School
2018-2019 School Year

Our school hours are 9:20-3:40 p.m. The door for parent pick up does open at 3:35, but the children will not be arriving at the cafeteria until after 3:40 when our dismissal bell rings. Thank you!

Student safety is our number one priority at RSIS, especially when we plan for before and after school arrival and dismissal. We ask that the procedures listed below are followed for everyone's safety. Please make sure that you have read over these procedures very carefully with your child.

**BUSES:** students that ride the bus to school.

9:05 a.m. **Bus Drop-Off at the Front Entrance** – an adult will instruct the students to get off the bus. Students will enter the building respectfully and responsibly. They will go directly to line up in the building while waiting for the first bell at 9:10 a.m. Note: Students who eat breakfast before school may go directly to the cafeteria.

3:35 p.m. **Bus Loading** – Students will gather in the Multipurpose Room, Gym A or Gym B under the direction of supervising teachers. A student holding the bus number will walk down the hall leading the line to the bus. Students will follow the bus line leader in a quiet and orderly manner as they exit the building to load the bus. Students who ride the bus during arrival or dismissal are supervised outside by staff members.

**Important Change in District Policy** – For safety, security and liability reasons, students may only ride the bus assigned to them, unless they have a signed note with approval from the office to ride another bus. Please make other transportation arrangements whenever possible.

**PARENT DROP OFF IN THE MORNING AND PICK-UP IN THE CAFETERIA IN THE AFTERNOON:**

Students are dropped off and picked up by car using the front parking lot.

9:05 a.m. **Drop-Off at crosswalk in the front parking lot** - Students enter through the main entrance of the school. **Students are not to line up or enter the building before 9:05 a.m. for supervision reasons.** Students need to be prepared to exit their vehicle when their car is in the unloading zone located at the crosswalk in the front parking lot. Please unload and pull out as quickly as possible. There is no passing in the unloading zone as it creates an unsafe situation. Note: Students eating breakfast may go directly to the cafeteria.

*All parents/guardians and students must use the designated crosswalk when arriving to or leaving school.*

It is important that all students arrive on time at 9:10 a.m. when the first bell rings so that they are in their classrooms ready to learn at 9:20 a.m. when the second bell rings. **Students who arrive late to school must be escorted to the office and signed in at the Health Office by a parent/guardian.** They may not be dropped off with a parent/guardian watching them enter the building from a vehicle.

3:35 p.m. **Pick-Up in the cafeteria** – The cafeteria door will remain locked until 3:35 p.m. Students will be dismissed from class at 3:35 p.m. and assemble in the cafeteria to wait respectfully for their parents/guardians to pick them up in the cafeteria. Students are in the cafeteria. Once a parent/guardian makes eye contact with their student, the child leaves his/her spot and proceeds to the
sign out tables. An additional staff member makes sure that the student’s parent/guardian is present. The student is then released to the parent/guardian sign out table. The staff member checks to make sure the student is signed out. The student is released to the parent by the staff member. Please arrive promptly at the end of the school day to pick up your student.

✓ When coming to drop off or pick up your student from school, enter the parking lot slowly. Watch for staff members and other pedestrians as you enter the parking lot.

✓ If you know in advance that you will be changing your child’s pick-up routine at the end of the day, please inform the RSI office staff no later than 2:30 p.m. that day whenever possible.

✓ RSI staff will ask to see identification whenever there is any question about the individual picking up the student.

✓ Any parent/guardian who is signing out your student at the end of the day and then entering the building for an activity or event will wear an orange visitor’s sticker.

✓ Activity leaders will be turning in an attendance sheet to parent pick up for students who are attending after school activities and go directly to that activity (Chess Club, Scouts, etc.)

✓ Students who are still in the cafeteria waiting for families at 3:50 p.m. will be sent to the office to wait. Please pick up your student(s) no later than 3:50 p.m. from parent pick-up in the cafeteria.

WALKERS: students and parents/guardians that walk to or from school
9:05 a.m. Drop-off door at the main entrance - Walkers are crossed by the school patrols under the supervision of a staff member and use the main entrance to enter the school. Students are not allowed into the school until 9:05 a.m. for supervision reasons.
3:35 p.m. Pick up – Students will be dismissed to meet a supervising staff member near the main office and then exit through the main entrance door. Walkers are crossed by the school patrols under the supervision of a staff member. Students are to walk on the sidewalk area.

Thank you for helping us to make arrival and dismissal time safe and convenient for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion School office at 763-504-4400.

Respectfully,

Elaine Meh dizadeh
Director/Principal
Parent and Student University
Saturday, March 9, 2019 • 9am – 1:30pm • Robbinsdale Middle School
Focus on Articulated Skilled Trades • Job Fair • Resource Expo

All Robbinsdale Area Schools' families are cordially invited to the Spring Parent and Student University, featuring articulated skilled trades, a job fair and resource expo!

There will be breakout sessions for adults and students (grades 6-12) covering a variety of different topics. Session Highlights: Certified Nursing Assistant Programs, College/Trade School Prep, Architectural Technology Program, Career Exploration, and more!

School-aged programming for K-5 students will be provided by Adventure Club staff, allowing parents/guardians to attend breakout session, job fair and resource expo. Children will learn team building, work on science and art projects, and play games. Registered participants will receive more information on sessions and resources prior to the event.

- Free continental breakfast and lunch provided as part of the conference
- Door prize drawings
- TO REGISTER: scan the QR code or go to http://bit.ly/PASU-Spring2019

For more information, email: ai_family_engagement@rdale.org

Phone: 763-504-8000 • www.rdale.org • Facebook.com/robbinsdaleareaschools
Our policy is to not serve birthday treats during lunch due to the following reasons:

- Increase in student food allergies.
- Students often eat their treats first as they are passed out during lunch and are full.
- Sugar-overload directly impacts a student’s readiness to learn.
- Hurt feelings—Children are extremely disappointed if a parent does not bring a treat, or they make comparisons about the size and kind of treat brought from home with their peers.

**Important**—Parents or special friends are highly encouraged to join us for a school lunch on their child’s birthday, or any other day for that matter, to make a special memory.

RSI will continue the policy of no birthday treats (or prizes) served during lunch.

Nothing is more important than making a child feel special on his/her birthday. Your child is invited to stop by the principal’s office to pick out a birthday pencil. We are catching up with our birthdays from September through October 15. At the classroom level, teachers will share their own unique traditions to make each child feel special on his/her birthday.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.