

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2023

THE PULSE OF RINI

RINI Community News

At-a-Glance

SPECIAL REMINDERS

Chromebooks ONLY, Please: Students are only allowed to use their Chromebooks in school when they are online – NO EXCEPTIONS. The RINI network has specific safety measures in place to protect your students from online intrusions. This important safety net does not extend to other laptops that students may bring to school. As a result, students MAY NOT use their personal laptops and tablets in school to access online work. Students can take notes on tablets but will still need their school issued computer. Please remind your students to pack their school-approved Chromebooks and chargers each morning.

IEPs & 504s: If your student has an IEP, please contact Ms. Marin Murphy (mmurphy@rinimc.org) for any IEP related questions. If your student has a 504, please contact Ms. Damaris Rosales (drosales@rinimc.org).

Clothing Drive: RINI is teaming up with Project 401 for a winter clothing drive. We are looking for gently used winter clothing like jackets and gloves. Clothes will be given to the South Side community in Providence. Most items are worth a point, while thicker materials will be worth two points. When RINI reaches 100 points, students will get a dress down day. This clothing drive will run from now until December 18th.

Bus Passes: Students who need to replace their bus passes should contact Ms. Santiago (jsantiago1@rinimc.org).



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Dates to Remember

- DECEMBER 20TH: MATH STAR TESTING
- DECEMBER 18TH - 22ND: SPIRIT WEEK
- DECEMBER 20TH: HALF DAY
- DECEMBER 25TH - JANUARY 1ST: WINTER VACATION

Upcoming Events

- DECEMBER 15TH: DIABETES AWARENESS/RINI FAMILY NIGHT & FLU CLINIC
- DECEMBER 19TH: STUDENT COUNCIL BINGO

After School Clubs

RINI TUTORING CENTER: OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, 2:30-3:30PM IN THE CAFETERIA

DEIB CLUB (DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING): EVERY TUESDAY, 3-4 PM

STUDENT COUNSEL: MONDAYS, 3-3:30 PM.

SAFEBAE: THURSDAYS, 3PM



Excellentia!

We are rapidly approaching the holiday season and with it, the last push of the semester. At this time, teachers are updating grades in PowerSchool, and our gradebooks are up to date. If you have any questions about your student's progress, please reach out to their classroom teachers. We recently held our Fall Semester Parent Teacher Conferences, however, if needed, we are more than happy to schedule a time for you to meet with and speak with your student's teachers.

Final exams for the Fall 2023 Semester will be held not long after we return to school in the new year: exam dates are January 24th, 25th, and 26th. As in the past, final exam exemptions will be at the discretion of the course instructor, so students should make sure they are communicating with their teachers to know what to expect at the end of the semester. More information about the final exam schedule will be provided as we approach the exam dates.

Students will be taking their Winter STAR Math tests on Wednesday, December 20th. This information provides teachers with information about student math levels, as well as how to better support students in developing the skills needed to succeed both in their classes as well as on standardized tests such as the SATs.

Additionally, Wednesday, December 20th, will be a half day for students. Student Council is running a Winter Spirit Week from December 18th - December 22nd, and will be holding bingo after school on Tuesday, December 19th, from 2:30 - 4PM. Bingo prizes include Dunkin gift cards, Target gift cards, and Flip-a-Zoo stuffed animals.

I want to acknowledge the hard work that our students have been putting in this semester, and to encourage them to keep it up. RINI can be a challenging school—because we know that our students can reach the challenges that we set for them. We are almost at the end of this first semester: students, you've got this!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. We are always here to help support this community.

**“Excellence is to
do a common
thing in an
uncommon way.”**

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



In partnership,

Principal Ferland

School Shoutouts - Student Spotlight

For this week's student spotlight, we want to highlight Jason De Paz, who was nominated by science teacher Giovannina Minardi. Ms. Minardi says, "Jason steps up daily in class to help multilanguage learners understand the content work in science class. He is always respectful to teachers and students. He is an upperclassmen and I've witnessed him being helpful to underclassmen in the hall, which shows his character, compassion, and empathy." Congratulations Jason!





NURSE'S NOOK & UPDATES FROM STUDENT SUPPORT

Nurse's Nook

This week, there are a few reminders that I want to put out to our school community. We no longer are testing for COVID-19 at school; if students are sick, families are responsible for obtaining testing for COVID, and they should not be sending sick students to our building. This is to help those students get better sooner, since it's hard to rest if you have to be up and about, and it's also to help keep the rest of the school community safe from illness.

Did you know that approximately 23,000 people in Rhode Island have diabetes and don't know it?

December is Diabetes Awareness Month. RINI will be hosting a Diabetes and Family Health Night on December 15th from 5PM - 7PM. At this event, we will also be hosting a free flu clinic, so if you have not already gotten your flu vaccine, please come by!

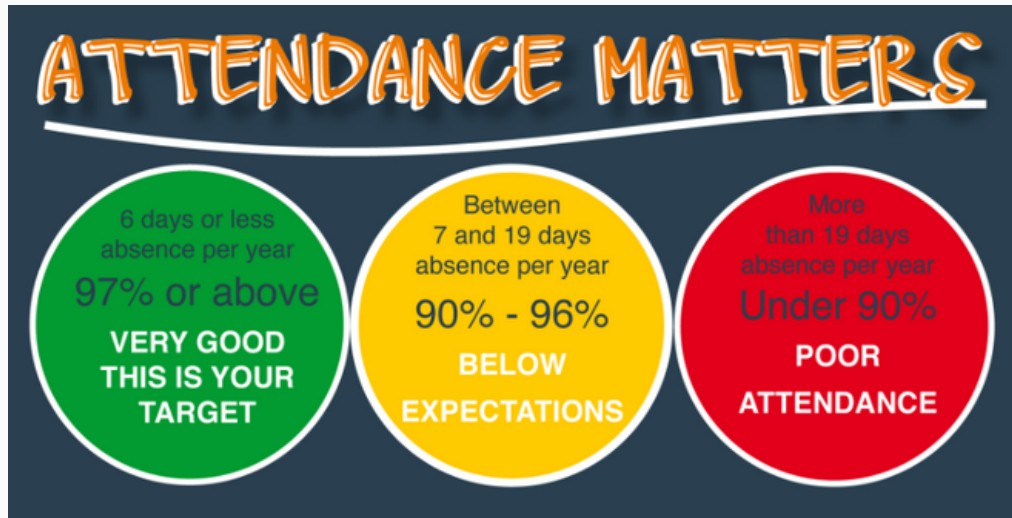
Many of the recommendations for preventing adult-onset, or type 2 diabetes, are similar to the recommendations for general good health. Prevention includes:

- Maintaining a healthy body weight
- Being physically active (yes, the stairs from the Lower Level to the 4th floor are good for you!)
- Eating a healthy diet with plenty of plants
- Eating healthy fats, like those from plants and fish, while avoiding too much fat from dairy and red meat
- Making healthy choices for yourself

Guidance and Advisory Updates

Dress Code Reminders: Students should be wearing cardigans, nursing jackets, and crewneck sweaters underneath their scrub tops. **Hoodies are not allowed with our uniforms**, and while students can wear coats to school, they are not allowed to wear their coats in class. Coats and jackets should be hung on the backs of chairs while in class. Additionally, we ask that students remember that bubble sandals are not acceptable footwear.

We are going to begin playing music in the cafeteria during lunch. Please let us know what kind of music you'd be interested in hearing.



Medical Insurance

Do you or members of your family need medical insurance? RINI has connections to various organizations that can help families in need of medical insurance. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Santana, Director of Nursing at RINI at Jsantana2@rinimc.org.

PVD Connects

Do you need the internet? Are you a Providence resident?
PVD Connects that will pay 30 dollars a month for internet service. [Here is the link.](#) City of Providence PVD Connects - City of Providence (providenceri.gov) This is a need based resource.

Around Town

Roger Williams Park Zoo Holiday Lights Spectacular - November 24 – December 31, 2023
Open nightly (closed Christmas Eve/Day) 5:00 – 9:30 pm, with last admission at 9:00 pm.
Tickets sold online only.

RISD Museum – With a collection of more than 100,000 objects -- ranging from ancient times to the present -- the RISD Museum is a dynamic cultural center offering critically acclaimed exhibitions and lively public programs for all ages. Admission is free on Sundays from 10am - 5pm and Thursday evenings from 5 - 8pm.

Additional Information

2023-2024 Rhode Island School-Located Flu Vaccination Clinics

RIDOH's Office of Immunization, in partnership with The Wellness Company, provide school-located flu vaccine clinics across Rhode Island. School-based flu clinics are an easy, convenient way for students, families, and community members to get vaccinated against the flu at no cost. The higher the number of people vaccinated, the lower the chances of a flu outbreak. Flu vaccination is critical this season to reduce the burden of other respiratory illnesses and hospital admissions on the healthcare system.

Keep students healthy and in school by helping to prevent the spread of flu. Encourage everyone to get a flu vaccine. Run your KIDSNET report to see which of your patients/clients need a flu shot. All are welcome!

There are 220 flu clinics scheduled at public and private schools throughout the state. Most evening clinics are open to community members age three or older. Some school districts will host clinics at each individual school. Other districts choose larger sites to host clinics where all community members can attend. Daytime clinics are available in high schools. These clinics are typically scheduled during the school day to increase participation, and they are limited to students, staff, and faculty.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: schoolflu.com. Walk in registration is limited. Please contact Kathy Marceau at Kathy.Marceau@health.ri.gov if you have any questions.



**DID YOU KNOW
APPROXIMATELY
23,000 PEOPLE IN
RHODE ISLAND HAVE
DIABETES AND DON'T
KNOW IT?**

JOIN RINI DIABETES AWARENESS NIGHT

**DECEMBER 15TH, 2023
5PM -7PM**

150 WASHINGTON ST. PROVIDENCE RI 02903

**DIABETES STUDENT PRESENTATION
JOB FAIR
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
FREEBIES**



Additional Information



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PROJECT 401 X RINI

CLOTHES DRIVE

Date: 12/1/23 - 12/18/23

Location: LL3 / LL4

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Dungeons & Dragons Club

After School,
Starting in January!

WANTED:
Adventurers ready to
test their wits against
deadly dungeons,
mysterious magic,
and foul foes!



Interested?
Scan the QR
Code and Fill
Out the Interest
Survey!

Additional Information

