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RINI Principal's Update - January 15, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

January 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL

January 25, 2021: School Wide Family Update Meeting-Welcome 2021!

We are excited to welcome a new cohort to students and families for 2021. Please join us on the following dates to learn more about RINI Middle College.

January 27, 2021: RINI Open House

February 6, 2021: RINI Open House

February 11, 2021: RINI Open House

Distance Learning continues for most students through March. In-person instruction will begin with a gradual increase to the extent possible. **Students who are eligible for in-person instruction will be notified individually.**

ACCESS testing for multi-lingual learners is required to be administered in person and will be administered over several days in February and March.

Semester 2 begins February 2.

Please complete the survey here: [Learning Preference Survey 2021](#) to select your preference for distance learning or in-person instruction. This will help us plan for the re-entry of students to the extent that it is safe and possible. Health and safety of the community are at the forefront of all decisions. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

We are embarking on yet another new normal, a reality marred by elements of chaos and driven by the continuous compassion and resilience of our communities; that is the story so far of 2021.

As we reflect on the state of affairs in our nation, we question, we discuss, we look for answers and we continue to create safe spaces for authentic conversation within our school community. That has served us well, as we navigated the onset of the pandemic and now the current climate.

Today I want to focus on the words of a man that we celebrate each year, a man of compassion, a symbol of unity and civil rights; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Kings' words often serve to comfort and provide motivation in our

shared history of injustice and justice.

“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

We are indeed moving forward together. We are moving forward in the realm of equitable educational excellence, as we continue to uphold the very standards that have shaped our academic successes. We are moving forward in our quest to *prepare a diverse group of students to become the highly educated and professional nursing workforce of the future.*

We are moving forward.

FAMILY MEETINGS:

What are you having for lunch? Join us for our Lunchtime Monday Meeting Series for school wide updates.

Collaboration with our families is key student success in academics and attendance. This is the year to get involved. Join the PTO, contact Ms. Tsiane at mtsiane@rinimc.org. We are looking for parents from all grade levels! Next meeting is **January 25**.

ACADEMICS:

Have you signed up for tutorial sessions yet? These interventions, enrichment, and support are essential in distance learning. All students are invited to make appointments with teachers as needed, during this time for extra help with their classes.

Take advantage of the Spring 2021 Programming at the Providence Public Library!

THE VIRTUAL TEEN LEARNING LOUNGE IS HERE TO HELP! Staff can help with: research, writing, resumes, job searches, interview skills, and probably other things, too. Just ask!

Who: Teens in grades 9 - 12.

When: Tuesday and Thursday, 3 - 5 pm, January 26 - May 11, 2021

Where: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 3-5pm on Zoom

How: To schedule an appointment: Email teensquad@provlib.org or text (401) 919-3693



TEEN SQUAD Rhode Coders 2.0: Learn the Code Behind the Game Have you ever wondered how games like Angry Birds and Bejeweled were created? The staff will help you dig into the code, learn JavaScript, and ultimately learn how to build your own computer game.

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Where: Providence Public Library - 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI 02903*

*All classes will be held virtually over Zoom.

How: REGISTER AT: [RIDE.GOSIGNMEUP.COM](https://ride.gosignmeup.com)

TEEN SQUAD Data Navigators 2.0 : Data Navigators In today's world, data rules. It's used to navigate pandemics, forecast hurricanes, predict presidential elections, evaluate basketball players, and more. In this course you'll learn how to organize and manipulate data to find trends and make predictions

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Earn a Work Stipend & High School Credit Learn Workforce Development

Skills for both TEEN SQUAD Programming: Through The Spring 2021

program, participants in grades 9 - 12 have the opportunity to earn .5 of a high school credit through the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)'s Advanced Coursework Network initiative. Participants will also receive a stipend of \$350 for their completion of the program and will receive workforce development training throughout.

Get in Touch Contact teensquad@provlb.org for more details on how to get started.

UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED FROM EVERY FAMILY

- **Grade 9 Families** - please complete and return the lunch eligibility form that was mailed to you. This information is needed as soon as possible.
- **Grades 10 - 12 Families** - please complete the forms for continued enrollment at RINI. These forms include proof of address and updated information. This information is essential and is needed as soon as possible. A pre-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed with the forms for your convenience. Please contact Ms. Leiva or Ms. Lubo at the school for more information or for assistance at: 401-680-4900.

COLLEGE AND CAREER UPDATES:

- **ACN pre-registration deadline has been extended by one week for all courses, including enrichment courses beginning this week, and**

will now close Tuesday, **January 19 at 8am.** This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance learning at the college level of course. Attendance is mandatory and you will receive credit for the classes. Create an account and register at [ACN Registration](#). Please reach out to Ms. Keating if you have any questions jkeating@rinimc.org.

- **Spring 2021 registration for college classes has begun!**

To pre-register for URI classes go to:

<https://web.uri.edu/osi/programs/concurrent-enrollment/registration/> Look for the "online non-matriculated student form" link To pre-register for CCRI classes go to: <http://ccri.dualenroll.com/> If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Clancy at mclancy@rinimc.org



Rhode Island Foundation
@RIFoundation



Rhode Island high school seniors can now apply for our Carter Roger Williams Scholarship.

Submit an application by February 12 for up to \$20,000/year of college.

Help us get the word out 

Click on this [Link](#) to learn more.

- **The RI College Planning Center** also offers free information and assistance to students and families. Check out the [website](#). Appointments are available by phone and can be booked online.

- **The 11th grade CCR classes continue on their path to college.** This week students begin to craft their college essays as they

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Pause Rhode Island, Outreach and Support Services

PAUSE Rhode Island is a program that provides free community outreach and support services for Rhode Islanders dealing with stress and anxiety due to COVID-19.

- If you or someone you care about needs assistance or information on how to deal with COVID-19 related stress and anxiety, please call one of our 24/7 hotlines:
 - For anyone 18 or over : 401-414-5465
 - For anyone under 18 : 855-543-5465
- Self-Care resources may be found [HERE](#)
 - [2020 Family Pandemic Brochure](#)
 - [Tips for Managing Stress During COVID-19](#)
 - [Tips to Reduce Your Stress and Anxiety During COVID-19](#)
 - [2020 Self-care Tips for Service Providers](#)
 - [Tips for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- All people who get COVID testing done in RI can now access test results at portal.ri.gov/results Students and staff should continue to use the PreK-12 Hotline at (844) 857-1814 to schedule COVID tests if necessary.

Brown Emergency Medicine has launched [TeleCARE](#), a new video telemedicine acute care service. During an online tele-healthcare visit, board-certified emergency physicians provide a level of care beyond what's available in a typical urgent care setting. Patients of all ages with acute illness or injury can schedule 30-minute appointments through the secure online

service at their convenience from anywhere in Rhode Island. Appointments are available from noon to midnight every day. TeleCARE physicians can order labs, imaging, e-prescribe, and send an electronic copy of the visit to a patient's regular providers. The service accepts insurance for professional charges and does not collect fees before visits. Interpreter services are available. Learn more about the service [here](#).

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

RINI's Policy on Quarantine After An Exposure to a COVID-19 There have been CDC recommended changes to the length of quarantine following exposure to a positive COVID-19 case. RINI has chosen to continue with the "Gold Standard" of a 14-day quarantine following exposure to a positive case for our students. This means a student must quarantine for 14 days after their last contact with the positive case before returning to in-person classes. If the student lives in the same home as the positive case and the positive case can not isolate in a separate bedroom, bathroom and have food dropped at the door of their room, the student must quarantine for the infected person's 10 day isolation period and then begin their 14-day quarantine. This means a total of 24 days before a return to in-person classes and the end of quarantine.

COVID-19 Vaccine In RI RI is in Phase 1 of the COVID vaccine plan. School teachers are in Phase 2 of the current RI plan to receive the vaccine. The Vaccine Plan is being adjusted frequently due to vaccine availability and changing recommendations from the CDC.

COVID-19 Tests and Results RI students and school staff, as well as everyone else, can now make appointments for a COVID-19 test online at

[Schedule a COVID-19 Test](#) Students and staff should indicate that they are affiliated with a K-12 school when booking their appointment. There are test sites located throughout the state. Tests can be scheduled at any site

All COVID-19 test results can be obtained at [COVID-19 Test Results](#)

WORKFORCE INFORMATION

The Department of Health is looking for workers to be trained and do contact tracing. This is vitally important work and they need bilingual staff. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact the web address below. [RI Case Investigator.](#)

Junior Achievers Inspire Conference is almost here! We are working on the JA Inspire virtual conference for 8th grade students. Anyone who has ideas about what an 8th grade student would like to know about RINI or would like to participate in a video about your experience at RINI, please contact Mrs. Wozniak awozniak@rinimc.org

Please contact awozniak@rinimc.org if you are interested in participating in community volunteer opportunities through the ZOOM platform to area residents in nursing facilities. Additional information can be found at [RINI Workforce Development Office](#)

Lifespan Community Health Ambassadors now offering Virtual Lectures

What: *Diabetes Prevention Classes:*

CHOOSE FROM:

Evening Class

CLASSES START: Thursday, January 14, 2021

ENROLL UNTIL: Thursday, February 4, 2021

DAY & TIME: Every Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Lunchtime Class

CLASSES START: Friday, January 29, 2021

ENROLL UNTIL: Friday, February 19, 2021

DAY & TIME: Every Friday, 12 to 1 pm

By attending each class, you will receive free program materials. Must be 18 years of age to participate.

For more information or to register:

Email Ana Almeida-DoRosario or call 401-444-8069.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

The WeR1 Fund is providing \$400 gift cards for Rhode Islanders: who are not eligible for most federal relief programs due to their immigration status.

The funds allows for purchase of groceries, gas, and other basic necessities.

Those in need of assistance should visit [Dorcas International](#) to apply.

Applications can also be found in [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#), and [Haitian Creole](#).

Need Family Support During the Pandemic? Virtual Zoom Professional

Development sessions offered by [The Bradley Learning Exchange](#) are

available to parents to help navigate the COVID-19 environment. The free 40-

60 minute sessions include topics such as; *Working with Kids During the*

Challenging Pandemic, Self-Care for Parents, Support your Child to Engage in

Distance Learning and Talking with Kids About Difficult Topics.

To schedule a professional development session please contact Alyssa at aalba@lifespan.org

GRAB AND GO MEALS:

PROVIDENCE: Breakfast and lunch meals are now available to families with children ages 18 and under on Tuesdays and Fridays. Times for pick up are 2:30pm to 4:30 pm.

Here are the sites that are serving meals [Providence Grab and Go Sites](#)

RHODE ISLAND FOOD SITES: If your family lives in a location other than Providence, please click below for a list of food sites that serve your community:

[RI FOOD SITES](#)

RINI Partners with The Inner You Counseling Center:

Supportive services are available for RINI students and families. Please reach out to the school social worker Mrs. Pellegrino, spellegrino@rinimc.org access these supports, either online or in-person.

***New* Teletherapy (Phone or Video)**

We are here to support your mental health during this very stressful time of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are accepting new patients through Teletherapy via video or phone.

We accept all insurances and offer a sliding scale for those who do not have insurance or can't afford services. For more information or to book an appointment please call [401-773-7116](tel:401-773-7116) or click the button below.

[BOOK AN APPOINTMENT](#)



Family Care: RINI Middle College is committed to our students and families

throughout the school year. Please reach out to our school social Ms. Pellegrino, spellegrino@rinimc.org, if you need support, guidance and resources at this time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Get Ready for FUNDA FEST 23: A Virtual Celebration of Black Storytelling

It's January, so it's time for FUNDA FEST! The Rhode Island Black Storytellers (RIBS) will once again astonish, educate and entertain us with a nine-day festival of storytelling featuring more than 25 artists and 12 virtual shows, January 23-31, 2021. FUNDA FEST includes three fabulous, free events for Providence Community Library on Tuesdays, **January 19 & 26 and February 2**

Enjoy FUNDA FEST via live zoom, or as a pre-recorded program

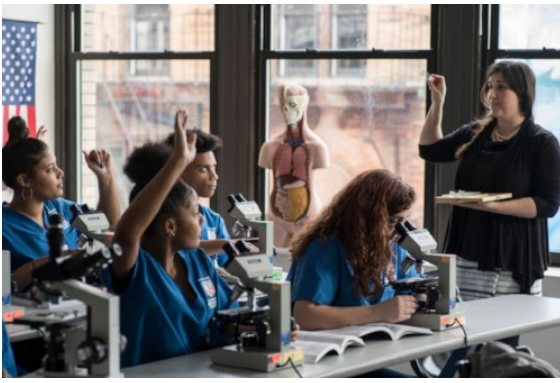
To see all of the performers and events and to register: www.fundafest23.com

For more general information about FUNDA FEST: 401 312-4347 or info@ribsfest.org.

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