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RINI Principal's Update - February 12, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

February 15-19: Winter recess. NO SCHOOL

February 25: A Panel of Excellence: Celebrating Nursing Diversity

FAMILY HAPPENINGS:

This month we continue to honor the many nurses of color who have paved the way for people in our community and most importantly our students. We are proud to introduce a panel of nurses of color who will share their experiences navigating their roles in this current climate.

Join us for the February 25 session; A Panel of Excellence: Celebrating Nursing Diversity

SurveyWorks is Now Live!

The survey window runs from **Tuesday, January 19 - Wednesday, March 31**. Parents/Guardians, this is an opportunity to provide feedback on how the school is doing. To complete the family survey click here:

[RINI SurveyWorks \(English\)](#) [RINI SurveyWorks \(Spanish\)](#)

We thank you and appreciate your participation.

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 multilingual learners is required to be administered in person and will be administered over several days in February and March.

Semester 2 begins February 2.

Do you know Students Who Are Interested in Joining our Growing School Community for 2021?

Families can apply on behalf of their student (s) to [Enroll RI](#) for the RINI School Lottery.

Applications are due by Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 5PM

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Calling all Seniors! Mrs Gaspar is looking for seniors to join an innovative team to work on planning senior events for the end of the year. Look out for meeting dates and times.

ACADEMICS:

9TH Grade: Students in CCR9 are all in the process of creating resumes and cover letters to be used for future employment opps, internships, job shadowing opps and for personal portfolios.

Seniors will be meeting 1:1 with Mrs. Gaspar for graduation meetings during their scheduled PBGR classes. This meeting is to ensure that students are aware of what they need to complete in order to graduate in June and as a check in meeting for PBGR.

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

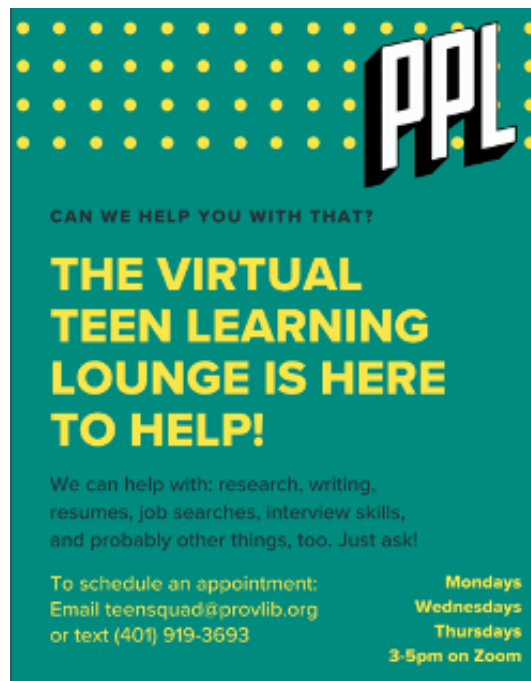
THE VIRTUAL TEEN LEARNING LOUNGE IS HERE TO HELP! Staff can help with: research, writing, resumes, job searches, interview skills, and probably other things, too. Just ask!

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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*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.

COLLEGE AND CAREER UPDATES:

2021 PrepareRI Innovation Challenge: Paid Virtual Summer Internships for Public High

School Juniors in RI

What is the PrepareRI Internship Program?

- 2021 internships will be 100% virtual
- Applications accepted Jan. 13 – Feb. 15, 2021

- Open to high school juniors attending a public high school in RI
- Interns will be required to attend a virtual orientation bootcamp
- Interns will be paid during their time in the program

For more information [PrepareRI High School Virtual Internship Program](#)

- **Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors**



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 A small blue icon of a person with a speech bubble, representing a share or social media action.

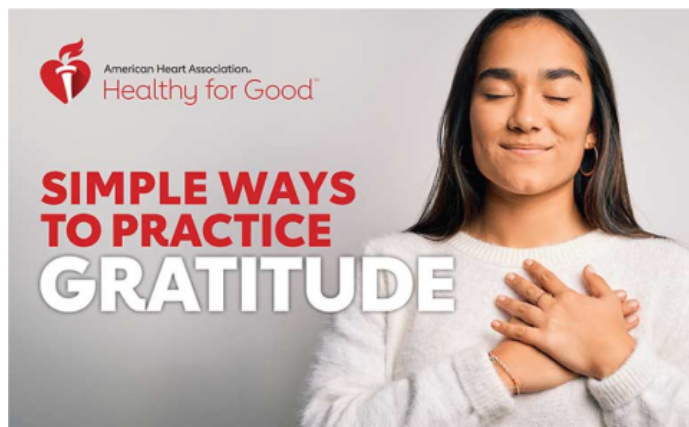
Click on this [Link](#) to learn more.

It is not too late to file for FAFSA!

Day and night appointments are available. Book your appointment at [The College Planning Center](#) or call 401-736-3170 [Prepare for FAFSA](#)

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Practice self care this month. This is a time for gratitude. Spoil yourself and use these resource to Practice Gratitude and simply [Take Care of Your Health](#)



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

COVID Testing At RINI Middle College:

We began COVID testing for students and staff this week. We are using the BinaxNOW rapid test. Our goal is to test everyone who is in the building once a week. This is NOT the deep brain swab. All students will be instructed on how to perform their own swabs. Click the links below to see RINI's Testing Plan and the Student Consent Forms. If you have any questions about our COVID Testing Plan please contact Nurse Audette at daudette@rinimc.org

[RINI COVID-19 Testing Plan - English](#)

[Plan de prueba COVID-19](#)

[BinaxNow Testing Student Consent Form - English](#)

[Formulario de consentimiento para la prueba BinaxNow - Estudiantes](#)

Quarantine Requirements After Travel

International Travel

If you travel out of the US you must quarantine for 14 days following your return. You can **NOT** test out of quarantine for international travel.

Travel within the US

If you travel to a state with a higher than 5% positivity rate for COVID you must quarantine for 14 days following your return. Students can NOT test out of quarantine with a negative rapid or PCR test.

[COVID-19 Information](#)

[Schedule a COVID Test here](#)

[Get COVID test results here](#)

Continue With the Three W's

Wear a mask.

Wash your hands.

Watch your distance.

WORKFORCE INFORMATION

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:

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 Path to Healthy Eating: Free food distribution

Eat healthy this year. Starting from **Friday 2/5 and every Friday through March 10am - 12pm at the Pell elementary school in Newport** free food will be distributed. It is open to all Rhode Islander. You just have to show up!

The RI Food Bank is distributing at this site. Boxes include produce, meat and milk.

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 allow 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 Ms. Pellegrino at:

spellegrino@rinimc.org to 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



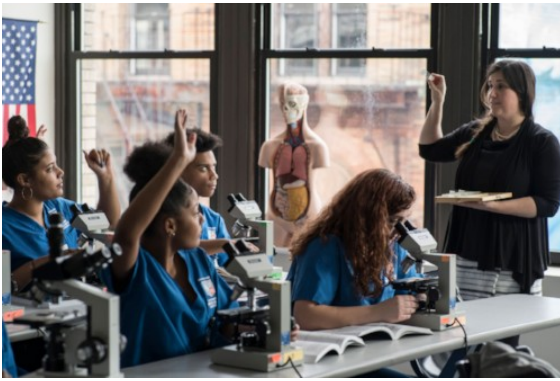
Family Care: RINI Middle College is committed to our students and families throughout the school year. Please reach out to our school social Ms. Pellegrino, spellegrino@rinimc.org, if you need support, guidance and resources at this time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February is Black History Month

PCL is proud to join Providence City Council as co-host of the [Black History Month Panel- Michael S. Van Leesten: Bridge Builder](#) on Thursday, February 15. Council Deputy Majority Leader Mary Kay Harris, Council President Sabina Matos and panelists Ray Rickman, Jordan Van Leesten, Mary Harrison and Frank Santos will participate in a virtual panel discussion on the life and legacy of the civil rights activist.

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