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**RINI Principal's Update - February 19, 2021**

**RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:**

**February 25:** A Panel of Excellence: Celebrating Nursing Diversity

**FAMILY HAPPENINGS:**

A Panel of Excellence: 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. This is a virtual event. To sign up please contact Ms. Tsiane at [mtsiane@rinimc.org](mailto:mtsiane@rinimc.org)

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

## **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL CULTURE AND COMMUNITY**

English is not my first language, and I was not born in America. That is my story, and the reality of some of our Multi Language Learner (MLL) students. Over the last month they have been taking the ACCESS Test. ACCESS stands for "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners." It's a test that's given to students from kindergarten to grade 12, to assess their progress in learning English.

As students navigate and make progress in the acquisition of language, culture and integrate into the fabric of American society, we are reminded again of the complexity of the endeavor. We are reminded that the journey of growing into America is a unique and individualized process. We are reminded yet again that there is a subgroup that is cementing their future in our nation, and doing this at an unprecedented time.

The RINI school community would like to recognize and honor our students, staff and community who continue to facilitate this process of progress. We want to thank our families who continue to support students and partner with us on our quest of educational excellence for all.

Ke lebogile,

**Ms. Tsiane**

### **SurveyWorks is Now Live!**

The survey window runs from **Tuesday, January 19 - to 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.

**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.

#### **COLLEGE AND CAREER UPDATES:**

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** The Rhode Island Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Martin Luther King Scholarship. The Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund provides scholarships

to students who meet the following criteria:

- Rhode Island resident
- Applicants must be African-American/Black
- Accepted or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary college or technical school within the U.S.
- Must demonstrate academic and leadership success
- Must be able to demonstrate financial need

The award amounts vary and the scholarship may be renewable.

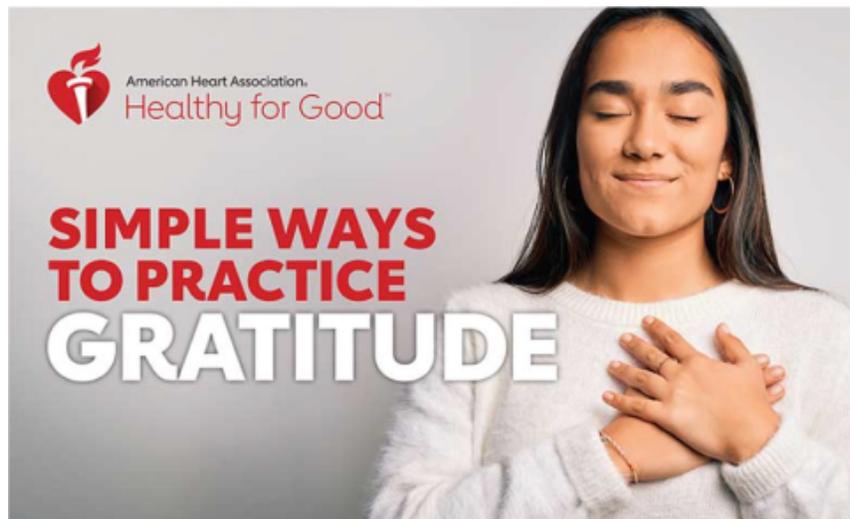
Deadline for application submission is Monday, April 12, 2021 by 5 p.m. (EST). Please click [here](#) to apply. For Contact Kelly Riley, Donor Services Administrator, at 401-427-4028 or [kriley@rifoundation.org](mailto:kriley@rifoundation.org).

### **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 NURSE'S OFFICE**

### **COVID Testing At RINI Middle College:**

We began COVID testing for students and staff in the building. 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](mailto: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 Mrs. Wozniak at: [awozniak@rinimc.org](mailto: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](#)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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



### **COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **Live, learn locally at the Providence Community Library!**

- [Learn Italian - Beginner & Advanced Levels](#)
- [Learn Spanish in 2021 with PCL](#)
- [New ESL Classes](#)
- [Prepare for U.S. Citizenship with These Virtual Classes](#)
- [Tools for Healthy Living - A Virtual Series](#)

#### **One Hour Resume Building Workshops, Thursdays**

Email Krista at: [kristavp@gmail.com](mailto:kristavp@gmail.com) to set up a one-on-one appointment for help with your resume. This workshop is online with Google Meet. If you need help using [Google meet](#), we will help you.

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