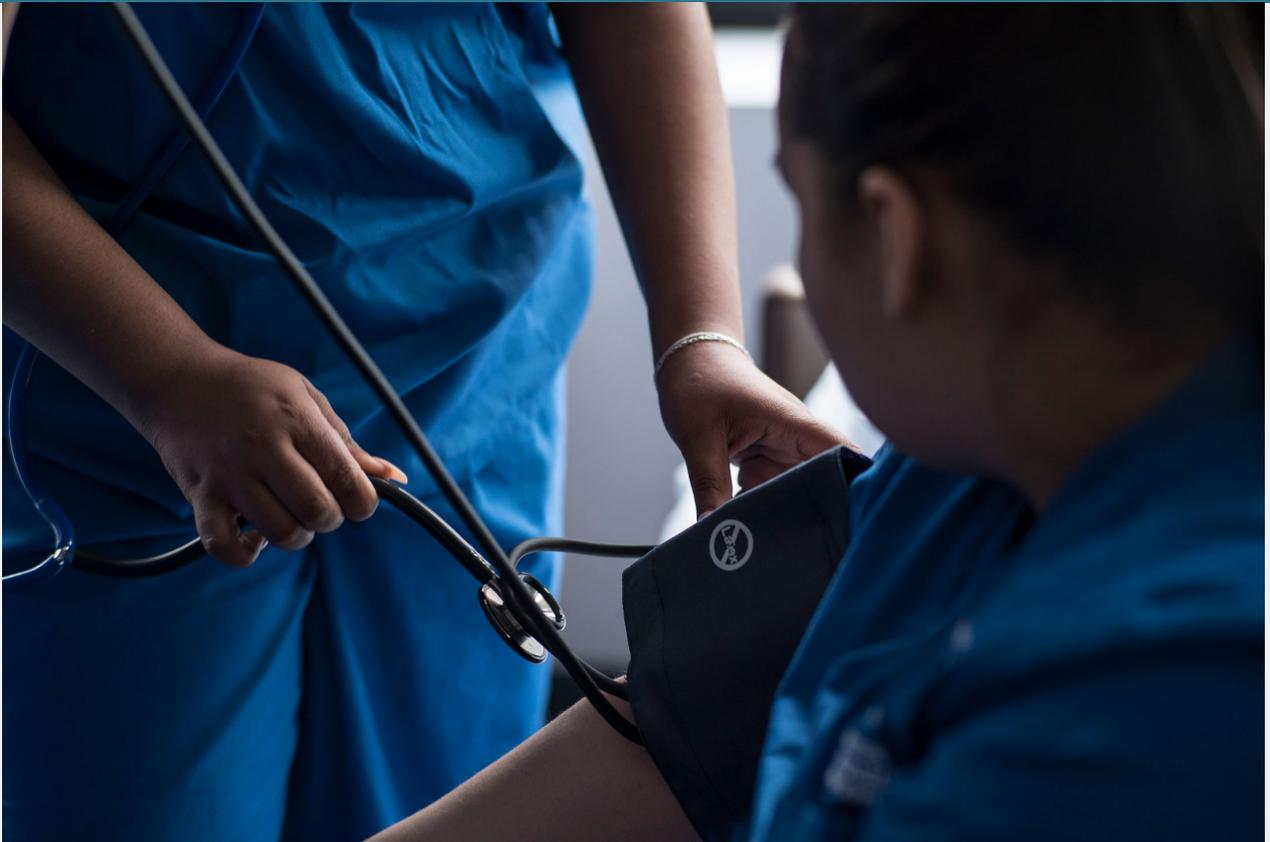




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RINI Principal's Update - January 29, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

February 8: Lunch Time Series: A Celebration of Excellence

February 15-19: Winter recess. NO SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

During the month of February, America honors and celebrates black excellence. The month-long celebration highlights the history, the journey of black people, and the stories that have defined us as a nation and continue to be integral in this current climate.

The year 2020, culminated in the inequities of our nation. Health disparities and racial strife became further exacerbated by the pandemic. The simple right to breathe became not only a health issue, but a civil rights issue as black struggles and death were documented and chronicled on our television screens. That too, is now black history.

At the helm of black history are black innovators; namely nurses, Sojourner Truth, Susie King Taylor, Goldie D. Brangman, and Mary Eliza Mahoney, who had the privilege of becoming the first black registered nurse. These nurses were instrumental in carving a niche in healthcare, despite the many barriers they faced.

We at RINI Middle College recognize the many nurses who have come before us, and their quest to diversify the healthcare workforce. We continue that work by adherence to the RINI school mission of preparing a diverse group of students to become the highly educated and professional nursing workforce of the future.

In the month of February and every day, we celebrate and honor the contributions and innovations of black pioneers.

Ms. Tsiane

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

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 **February 8; A Celebration of Excellence.**

STUDENT CLUBS:

It is a novel about justice, power, greed; it is The Great Gatsby. Join Ms. Boger's weekly Wednesday book club to explore the world of Jay Gatsby. All students, parents and teachers are welcome! Contact Ms. Boger at jboger@rinimc.org if you have any questions.

ACADEMICS:

Juniors are on the fast track to college. This week they are finishing up college essays and working towards their final drafts.

Seniors will be meeting 1:1 with Mrs. Gaspar and I 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.

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. Tutoring opportunities include Khan Academy and Upchieve.

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

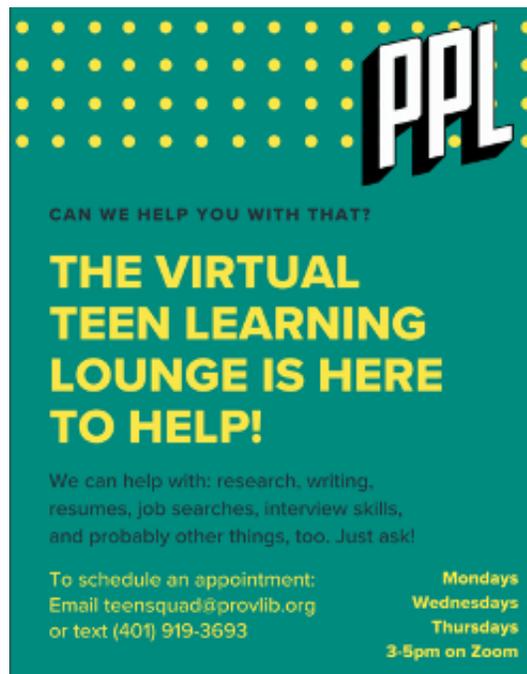
THE VIRTUAL TEEN LEARNING LOUNGE IS HERE TO HELP! Staff can help with: research, writing, resumes, job searches, interview skills, and probably other things, too. Just ask!

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.

Who: Teens in grades 9 - 12. No experience needed but if you have some, we'll welcome you too.

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

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

Who: Teens in grades 9 - 12. No experience needed but if you have some, we'll welcome you too.

When: Monday and Wednesday, 3 - 5 pm, January 25 - May 12, 2021

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)

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@provlib.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:

- 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 

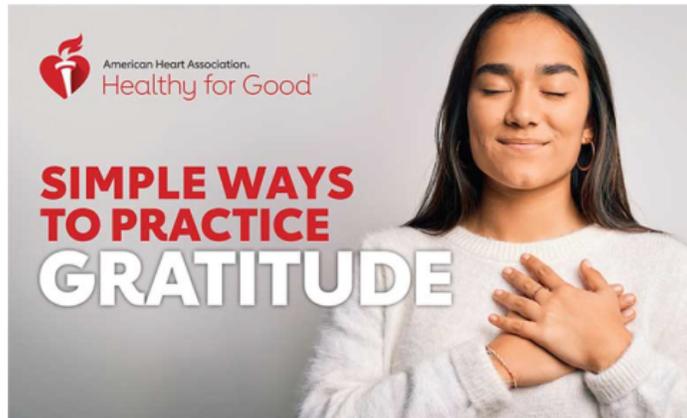
Click on this [Link](#) to learn more.

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

Travel Tips and Quarantine Updates

Quarantine Requirements

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. You CAN test out of quarantine with a negative rapid or PCR test.

Hospitalization

If you have been discharged from a hospital with a negative or unknown COVID status you MUST quarantine for 14 days.

Emergency Room Visit

If you have visited the emergency room and are discharged with a negative or unknown COVID status you do NOT need to quarantine

Remember the 3 W's

Wear mask

Wash your hands often

Watch your social distance

[COVID-19 Information](#)

[Schedule a COVID Test here](#)

[Get COVID test results here](#)

WORKFORCE INFORMATION

Calling all CNA's! Cherry Hill Nursing Center is hiring CNAs. Excellent sign on bonus \$1500 for students and parents who are CNA's. For more information or to apply log onto: [Cherry Hill Careers](#)

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](#)

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

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 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, 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

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

It is 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 Tuesday 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 please call: 401-312-4347,
or send an email to: info@ribsfest.org

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