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**NURSES INSTITUTE
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RINI Principal's Update - March 5, 2021

RINI UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES:

LUNCH TIME MEETING SERIES:

March 15: Marching On: Latest Family Updates

March 29: Bring Spring: What does Spring Hold for Students and Families?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings to the RINI community.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tammy

Ferland and I am the newly appointed Principal at the Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College Charter School. I am very excited to begin this journey at such an important and progressive school. I have been in education for over 18 years, first as a high school social studies teacher, then, for the past four years, as an administrator. I look forward to meeting with parents/guardians and working together to continue the important work of educating your child. I am eager to meet our students and thrilled with the opportunity to be part of their educational journey.

I know the big question on everyone's mind is "when are students returning to school"? As the Covid positive numbers decline across the state, and with careful consideration, I am excited to inform you that on Monday, March 8, all teachers are transitioning back into our school facility. Students will continue online learning as we prepare our classrooms and offices for the eagerly awaited return of our future nurses. Some other positive news this week is that educators are now able to receive the Covid vaccination, further enhancing our ability to bring our student body back to school soon.

Distance learning has not been easy but we are starting to see light at the end of this very long and difficult tunnel. As soon as it is possible, we will begin to have students return to in-person learning. I want to make sure that our school is safe for our students and faculty, and as the leader of this community, I take this responsibility seriously. I will continue to keep you informed as things evolve. Thank you for your patience and continued support of our school.

Stay safe and I look forward to our family and community partnership in preparing our students to become the next generation of nurses.

Kind regards,

Ms. Tammy Ferland,

Principal

Win a \$250 Visa Card! Complete the Survey Works Survey and your name will be entered for a chance to earn a \$250 visa gift card. This a token of appreciation for our RINI Families.

To earn the visa gift card:

- Complete the survey in a language you are comfortable with:
- [RINI SurveyWorks \(English\)](#)
- [RINI SurveyWorks \(Spanish\)](#)
- Take a picture of your screen showing you have submitted it (or provide a screenshot)
- Email image to mtsiane@rinimc.org.
- Celebrate with your \$250 gift card!

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.

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.

ACADEMICS:

WE ARE DOING GREAT THINGS IN EDUCATION! This week we successfully initiated in-person CNA lab time; this will continue throughout the month of March.

FRIENDLY FRIDAY ANYONE? This week students shared something positive about another classmate. We are building and celebrating positivity!

SENIORS: LET'S GET READY FOR GRADUATION! Mrs Gaspar is looking

for seniors to join an innovative team to work on planning senior events for the end of the year. Meetings take place on Thursday after school at Mrs. Gaspar's Zoom Link.

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. Contact Kelly Riley, Donor Services Administrator, by calling: 401-427-4028, or emailing her at: kriley@rifoundation.org.

2021 Navigant Credit Union Scholarship Accepting Applications The 2021 Navigant Credit Union Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior entering an accredited junior college, college, university or tech school. The applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of Navigant Credit Union in good standing. The deadline for this scholarship is Monday, May 3rd 2021. The [Scholarship](#) can be downloaded from the Navigant Credit Union website. Please contact Kelley Schimmel at scholarships@navigantcu.org with any questions.

It's My Heart New England Scholarships 2021 It's My Heart New England is offering 4 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each for 2021. The scholarships are awarded to qualified high school and college students who meet the following criteria: diagnosed with Congenital Heart Defect (CHD); been the recipient of a heart transplant; or have a family member (sibling, parent) diagnosed with CHD.

You can access the [application here](#) for these scholarships on our website. Applications must be postmarked by March 26, 2021 for award on or before June 27, 2021. Have questions? Email us at ne@itmyheart.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

Providence Residents 65+ or living in specific zip codes can register for COVID vaccine.

[Providence COVID Vaccine Registration & Information](#)

[RI COVID Vaccine Information](#)

[MA COVID Vaccine Information](#)

Continue to Practice the 3 Ws

Wear a mask

Wash your hands

Watch your distance

Rapid COVID testing has begun at RINI. Students and staff have been tested once a week for the last 3 weeks if they are in the building.

WORKFORCE INFORMATION

Please contact Mrs. Wozniak at: 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

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



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 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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