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RINI Principal's Update - July 23, 2021

A Note from Rhode Island Commissioner of Education Infante-Green *Get Vaccinated Today to be Ready For School in September*

We're in the dog days of summer now, but it's time to think about our plans to get back to school. As you know, Rhode Island students will be returning to in-

person learning fully this fall. We want every student to be able to experience the full academic and social benefits of in-person learning while we keep them as safe as possible. In order for that to happen, we are encouraging all of our students aged 12 or older to get vaccinated before the start of school this year.



Rhode Island has done a lot to make sure that vaccines are available to everyone. Vaccines are completely free of charge, regardless of insurance status. Many vaccination sites no longer even require an appointment, although some do. To find more information about your local vaccination options, you can visit C19VaccineRI.org or call 844-930-1779 for assistance Monday – Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturday to Sunday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Multilingual support is available so that every family has the chance to get a vaccine. Get out, talk to your friends and neighbors, and help us push to get all of our educators and students 12 or older vaccinated in the next two weeks!

Angélica Infante-Green

Let's Talk About Habits

We continue with our Let's Talk About Habits column to help you develop good habits to start utilizing now that can lead to success in the classroom, in relationships and in your career. In this edition, we are



highlighting Habit #2 from author Stephen Covey as discussed in his book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective High School Students*. Start implementing these

habits now to help you navigate your life and succeed in school in the Fall.

Habit #2: HAVE THE END IN MIND:

Begin with the end in mind. Decide where you want to go and draw a map to get there. What are your career goals? Where do you want to be in life? What is most important to you? Think ahead. Set meaningful goals. Have a plan on how you are going to accomplish them. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm what that will look and feel like. How can you make the day go smoothly? What actions and plans can you put in place to make this happen?

RINI Facelift

During the summer, RINI has been receiving a minor facelift in preparation for the new school year. We are thrilled that RINI will now be utilizing half of the second floor for additional new classrooms and administration offices.



Principal Ferland is excited for new paint to be put on the walls.

Construction has been underway since the end of June and the new space is looking fantastic. The second floor will have seven new classrooms and new offices for Administrators. Students will be able to visit and meet with Ms. Ferland, Principal, Mrs. Dwyer, Director of Teaching and Learning and Ms. Tsiane, Director of School Culture and Community in their new offices on the second floor.

Parents and RINI: Together Supporting Your Student

As parents, you play a very important role in your child's academic success.

Parents share responsibility with us to help your student learn and meet educational goals. RINI is committed to working in conjunction with the family to guide, support and provide you and your child with as many engagement opportunities as possible. When we say “we have an open door policy” to families, we mean it.

RINI is currently seeking parents to join the Parent Teacher Organization and the School Improvement Team. If you are interested, please contact Ms.

Tsiane mtsiane@rinimc.org

RINI Models Still Needed

Do you enjoy being photographed?

Do you want to have your picture taken by a professional photographer?

Do you want to be a star on the RINI website?

If you are interested, sign up NOW! Spots are limited.

[SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE](#)



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Sign up to participate in

a professional photoshoot at RINI!

A small token of appreciation will be given to each student who participates. This photoshoot will be held on **Tuesday, August 10th 12pm-2pm** at RINI.

[Click Here to Sign Up.](#)

From the Desk of Ms. Dwyer, Director of Teaching and Learning

Nursing & Workforce: College and Career Readiness (CCR) Program

RINI is excited to announce the completion of an innovative College and Career Readiness (CCR) curriculum for Grades 9-12. In CCR 9, students will explore culture and identity, as well as the Four Pillars of Nursing (scholarship, character, compassion with empathy, and professionalism) through a series of role-plays, simulations, and intentional discourse. Students will use this foundation to engage in nursing ethics and dilemmas in CCR 10. In CCR 11

and CCR 12, students will engage in practical tasks to support them in their RINI internships, college admission process, and postsecondary transition.

Meet the RINI Staff Member

Ms. Lydia Diaz

Bilingual Administrative Assistant

Hello, my name is Lydia Diaz. I was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico then I moved to the United States when I was just 2 years old. I lived in New York most of my life and now live in Pawtucket, RI. I graduated from Woonsocket High School and from



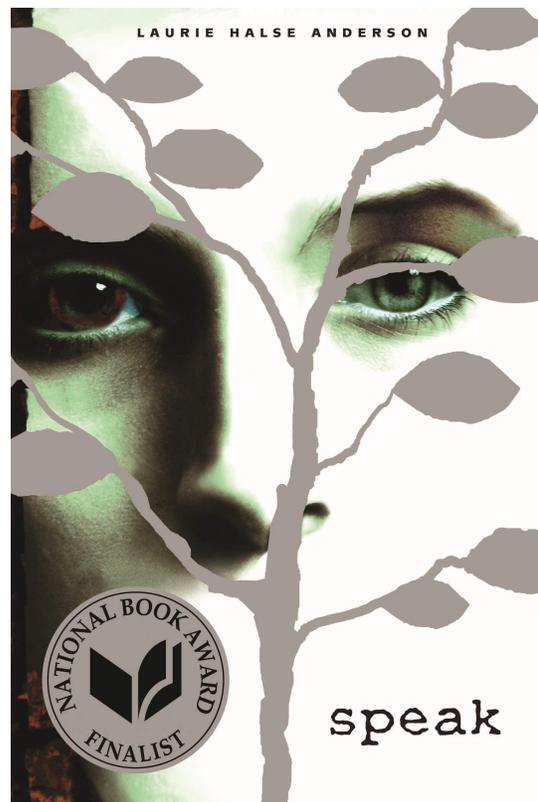
Laguardia Community College. I enjoy watching movies or just relaxing with my dog. I come from a very big family as I'm number 14 of 15 kids and have 61 nieces and nephews! I am excited to meet all the new students this year as well as seeing the returning students. I look forward to helping you in any way that I can. I am the bilingual administrative assistant at RINI and here to help all the families, especially those that need an interpreter.

Book Recommendation

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Freshman year at Merryweather High is not going well for Melinda Sordino. She busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, and now her friends—and even strangers—all hate her. So she stops trying, stops talking. She retreats into her head, and all the lies and hypocrisies of high school become

magnified, leaving her with no desire to talk to anyone anyway. But it's not so comfortable in her head, either—there's something banging around in there that she doesn't want to think about. She can't just go on like this forever. Eventually, she's going to have to confront the thing she's avoiding, the thing that happened at the party, the thing that nobody but her knows. She's going to have to speak the truth.

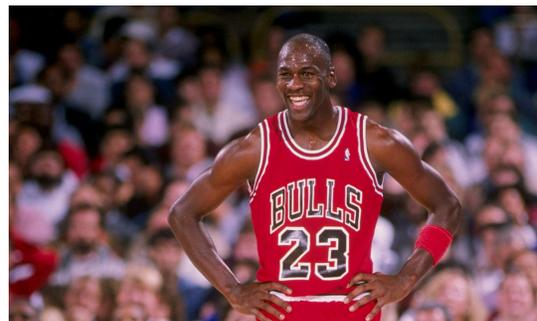


Free Summer Meals Available Statewide in Rhode Island

Rhode Island students can get free lunches all summer long, thanks to the Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program. More than 200 sites were set up in eligible communities, with no eligibility requirement for students who live there. Families can find their summer meals site by visiting [FOOD SITES](#)

Quote of the Week

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot... and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed."



Michael Jordan

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