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Dear RINI Community,

Students have now been in school for four weeks and have settled into their routine. We are proud of the many students who have been arriving on time and the families that we see each morning dropping off students, also on time!

However, we need to address the issue of arriving at school late in the

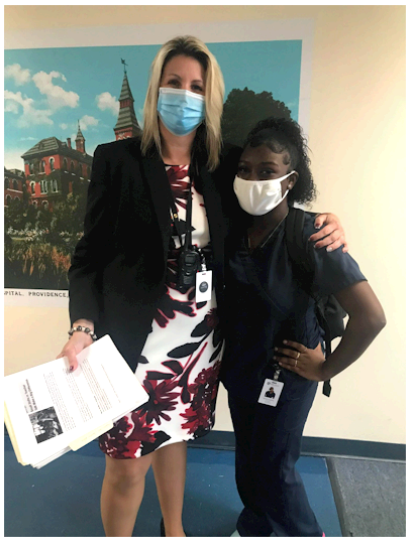
morning. Parents, please help us by having your student arrive at school on time, every single day. One of the most important things students can do to achieve academic success is going to school everyday and on time!

Being punctual is an important habit that can serve high school students well through college and into their future careers.

We are committed to creating a pathway for all our students to achieve success in school and beyond. Let's work together to help you realize your fullest potential.

•School hours: 8:00am-3:00pm
•School doors open: 7:30am
•Breakfast is served to all students free of charge,
daily from 7:30 am-7:55 am.
•Teacher-Student Support time: Mon.-Fri.: 7:30am-8:00am & 3:00pm-3:30pm

Principal Ferland



Student Recognition:

Principal Farland celebrates RINI student, Malayah Jengelley who was caught doing a good deed to make our RINI community a better place. Great job Malayah!

No School Date:

September 29th: No School, but students will have a distance learning day with asynchronous work provided by their teachers.
Professional Development Day

Think Like a Teacher: What Makes a Successful Student?
by Susan Biemesderfer

Whether you're in high school or college, there will be times when learning feels amazing, and times when it's a humbling experience. But it will always be worth the effort. So what's the secret to achieving your personal best? While there's no simple formula, most teachers agree that certain qualities are essential for academic success. Here are some of their pro tips.

Show Up and Manage Your Time: Let's begin with a couple of basics: Go to class and pay attention. Getting there on time shows respect for your teacher and your peers. Manage your time so you can get to school, keep your focus when you're there, and do the homework and studying necessary to perform well. Once you're in class, tune in. If you feel your mind beginning to wander, rein it in.

Work Hard: Being smart is an asset for any student, but the best students aren't necessarily the most brilliant — they're the ones with the self-discipline to sharpen and apply their intelligence. One of the smartest things you can do is approach schoolwork with a sense of commitment. Hard work is something teachers will always notice. This means completing assignments on time, being prepared for tests and quizzes, and always looking for ways to improve.

Ask Questions: Any dedicated teacher will tell you they want students to ask questions. More importantly, If you don't ask questions, the teacher is left to assume that you understand what's being taught. If you don't understand something and you don't speak up, you can run into trouble when new lessons build on the concepts that never made sense to you in the first place.

Stay Motivated: This one may not be as easy as it sounds. Inevitably, students encounter obstacles and even setbacks. What matters is how you handle the hurdles you encounter. "Failure is one of the greatest tools in the learning process," says educator and researcher Linda Stade. "Unfortunately,

too many people are so overwhelmed by the feeling of failure they aren't able to stand back and look at the lessons it can teach. Having the tenacity to stare down failure is an extraordinary skill."

Refer a Friend:

Do you have a friend or family member that is interested in healthcare and starting high school in 9th Grade next year? Refer them to RINI. You can send us their name and email and we will connect with them. Send their name and email address to Ms. Rendine at krendine@rinimc.org or have your friend reach out to Ms. Rendine.

Meet the RINI Staff:

Richard Morandi
Science Teacher

My name is Richard Morandi. I am one of the 9th-grade science teachers. I'm married to an incredible biologist, Alicia, and we have two boys, Oliver (5) and Isaac (1). We have 2 cats that tolerate me, Gracie and Darwin. Recently, our family has grown to include 2 giant Madagascar hissing cockroaches as well. With any luck, they should have a small family of their own before springtime.

I grew up in East Lyme CT. Completing high school was a struggle for me. My brothers and I were all diagnosed with a variety of learning disabilities. A high school diploma was always considered the finish line so when I graduated I didn't have any further plans. As a result, I didn't immediately go to college. I worked at a variety of jobs, from painting boats to running a sales route. The one thing I learned from those experiences was that I'd need to go back to college if I wanted to live the life I had imagined for myself.

At 27, I enrolled at UCONN where I studied the environment and the systems that cause climate change. I graduated just before my 31st birthday with a

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Conservation. I followed that up with a Master of Curriculum and Instruction the following year. This is my 9th year teaching and it's easily my favorite job I've ever held.

Of all the years I've been teaching, this is my 3rd at RINI. I started teaching a summer program for the city a few years ago and was offered a position to teach freshman science the following fall. I took the job primarily because I was impressed by the relationships I witnessed around the building. It felt like family from the first day I walked into the building.

As a 9th-grade science teacher, I hope that my students learn two things. This school has high expectations, and they can meet those expectations. If we can have fun along the way that's great too. Oh, I also hope they learn that cockroaches make nice pets.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
Hector Hugo Gonzalez, PhD, VR-RN

Gonzalez was one of the founding members of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees before serving in the United States Army Nurse Corps as a captain. In 1974, he became the first Mexican-American registered nurse in the United States to earn a doctorate and went on to serve on the board of directors for District 8 of the Texas Nurses Association and became the first Hispanic and male president. Gonzalez later chaired the Department of Nursing Education at San Antonio College, where he helped develop programs that would allow nurses to complete their degrees in the evening. Under his leadership, the department also had one of the highest minority and male student enrollments and the largest number of qualified minority faculty in the U.S.

Let's Get Vaccinated!

The UCAP School - Providence on 09/25/2021

75 Carpenter Street, Providence RI, 02903
Vaccinations offered: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
Age groups served: 12+
This clinic is offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine which is for people age 12 or older only.

Register Here

Sockanosset-POD on 09/25/2021
100 Sockanosset Cross Road, Cranston RI, 02920
Vaccinations offered: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
Age groups served: 12+
This clinic is offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine which is for people age 12 or older only. Register Here

CCRI Warwick Drive-Through on 9/25/2021
400 East Avenue, Warwick RI, 02886
Vaccinations offered: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
Age groups served: 12+
This clinic is offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine which is for people age 12 or older only. Register Here

CCRI- Lincoln on 09/25/2021
1762 Old Louisquisset Pike, Lincoln RI, 02865
Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Age groups served: 12+
This clinic is offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine which is for people age 12 or older only. Register Here

Community Events

•*Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at Roger Williams Zoo*
September 30 - October 31
Trail opens 6:00 –10:30 pm.
LAST ENTRY AT 10:00 PM.

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular is open rain or shine. NO REFUNDS OR

RESCHEDULING. All tickets must be purchased online in advance.

It's music to our ears as the nationally acclaimed walk-through Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at Roger Williams Park Zoo is back and better than ever. Presented by Citizens, this year's spectacular takes you from Joplin to Jay-Z, as we celebrate the greatest music from the last 150 years. Stroll, or dance your way, past thousands of intricately carved pumpkins displayed while listening to the soundtracks from 1860's through today. Feast your senses on Rhode Island's biggest and greatest pumpkin spectacular! Tickets on sale NOW!

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular is open rain or shine. In the case of light to moderate rain, the show will be open. NO REFUNDS OR RESCHEDULING. Read below for details on pricing, parking, and our weather and membership policies.

PLEASE NOTE: All tickets are available for purchase ONLINE ONLY and timed ticket entry requires pre-registration.

•Fall Harvest Festival
Saturday, Sept. 25th
9am-2pm
Our Saviour's Parish
500 Smithfield Rd, Woonsocket
Come join us for our first Fall Harvest Festival! Handmade candles, Fall and Christmas crafts, Homemade baked and chocolate covered goodies, Children's games, Treasures, and great food from the smoker and grills!

•Feria Live
Knight Memorial Library
275 Elmwood Avenue, Providence
Saturday, Sept. 25th
11am-2pm
Get free tickets on Eventbrite
Youth dance group from Colombia performing traditional folk dances. Live, in-person event in Providence, featuring Teatro ECAS, dance troupe Raices and arts and crafts Vendors' Exhibition.

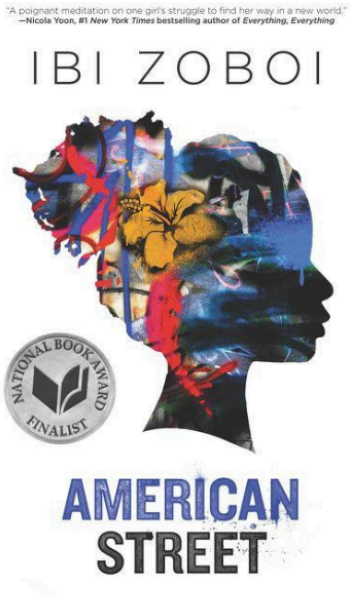
•*Exeter Fall Festival*
Yawgoo Valley Ski Area & Water Park
160 Yawgoo Valley Rd, Exeter
10:00am to 3:00pm
Join the Friends of Exeter Public Library Fall Festival at Yawgoo Valley Ski Area on Saturday, September 25 from 10am-3pm for a Family Fun event! Outdoors the festival to benefit the Public Library while introducing you to local businesses and artisans. Indoors find Yawgoo Valley's annual used ski & snowboard sale!

•*Invest in Peace*
Sunday, Sept 26th
Roger Williams Park Temple To Music, Providence
11am-3pm

The Nonviolence Institute (NVI) invites you to Invest in Peace by joining us at the Temple to Music in Roger Williams Park on Sunday, September 26, 11am – 3pm. This free family-friendly event celebrates The Beloved Community – one of justice, peace and harmony – that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned. Invest in Peace will feature a peace rally, music, a choir, poetry, drumming, and a marching band! There will also be opportunities to learn more about nonviolence and nonviolence training. The Temple to Music will be bustling with food trucks and we encourage attendees to bring picnics and lawn chairs. At 11am there will be sign-making for children and adults, followed by the Peace Rally and Awards Program. This year we honor community leader Dewayne “Boo” Hackney with the Sister Ann Keefe Award and Edward “Ned” O. Handy III and Washington Trust with the Community Impact Award. These awards are given to accomplished individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts and contribution to Rhode Island.

What To Read Next: Book Recommendation:

A *New York Times* Notable Book
*A *Time Magazine* Best YA Book Of All Time*
Publishers Weekly Flying Start * *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of the Year * *ALA Booklist* Editors' Choice of 2017 (Top of the List winner) * *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year * *Kirkus* Best Book of the Year * *BookPage* Best YA Book of the Year



An evocative and powerful coming-of-age story perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Jason Reynolds

In this stunning debut novel, Pushcart-nominated author Ibi Zoboi draws on her own experience as a young Haitian immigrant, infusing this lyrical exploration of America with magical realism and vodouculture.

On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find une belle vie—a good life.

But after they leave Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins, Chantal, Donna, and Princess; the grittiness of Detroit's west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own.

Just as she finds her footing in this strange new world, a dangerous proposition presents itself, and Fabiola soon realizes that freedom comes at a cost. Trapped at the crossroads of an impossible choice, will she pay the price for the American dream?

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