Good evening RINI Families

Parent-Teacher conferences present a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss the academic progress of your student. They are a chance for participants to ask questions, share relevant information, celebrate accomplishments, and a time to plan how you can both help your student succeed.
Students will be released at noontime on both Monday 11/22 and Tuesday 11/23.

RINI Parent-Teacher conferences will be virtual on both days. Conferences will begin at 12:30 pm and the last time to sign up is 6:30 pm. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with a team of teachers for their child's grade level. Spanish interpreters will be available as well. To sign up, parents need to call the main office at 401-680-4900 and our administrative assistants will provide you with times available. A confirmation email will be sent with the google meet link and instructions for the day of your conference.

At RINI, we value our parents as partners in our students' success. Attending conferences is important to that success. Parent-teacher conferences provide an opportunity to foster the partnership with your student's teachers. We look forward to meeting with you.

On behalf of the entire RINI faculty and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our community a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving. It is a wonderful opportunity to be with family and friends and give thanks for all that we have been afforded.

Principal Ferland

**Important Dates: No School / Early Dismissal**

•Monday 11/22 and Tuesday 11/23: Early Release at Noon (12:00pm)
•11/24-11/26: Thanksgiving Recess

**Calling all RINI Writers**

Write Rhode Island Short Story Competition 2021: Write Rhode Island is a creative writing competition for students which will showcase the talented young writers in our state. Winners of Write Rhode Island will receive prizes, awards and publication in a print anthology. Eligible entries should be a short story/work of fiction incorporating Rhode Island as a theme, and can be submitted November 20 - December 12, 2021. [See website for guidelines.](#)
Annie Dodge Wauneka, First Native American to Receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Annie Dodge Wauneka, born in 1910 was the first female elected to serve on the Navajo Tribal Council. She was bestowed the highest civilian honor award, the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, for her lifelong work to integrate cultures, allowing for innovations in medicine to be used on the Navajo Reservation to fight devastating communicable diseases. She was responsible for inaugurating multiple campaigns against influenza, trachoma, tuberculosis, contaminated drinking water, alcoholism, and use of the hallucinogen peyote on the reservation. Among her many contributions was the development of an English-to-Navajo medical dictionary to ensure critical communication around disease prevention and treatment. Ms. Wauneka served on the advisory board to the US Surgeon General and the US Public Health Service, received two honorary doctorates in public health, and was recognized by the Navajo Nation as a “legendary mother of the Navajo people.”

RINI Paint Club Masterpieces

Students had a blast participating in Mrs. Salomone’s paint club. Students expressed their creativity, had fun, and took home a masterpiece. Students are excited for more Paint Club nights with Mrs. Salomone.

Look for future Paint Club night announcements to sign up.

Volunteer Opportunities

- CCAP: Comprehensive Community Action Program (Pawtucket, Cranston, Providence & Warwick) CCAP is providing community service opportunities to high school students at all locations. Visit [CCAP](#) for
contact information

- Federal Hill House: Federal Hill House in Providence has two volunteer opportunities currently available at both 35 Swiss Street and 261 Manton Ave. Providence: Volunteers are needed Tuesday – Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3p.m. for various tasks including packing bags for distribution to families and stocking shelves (requires ability to lift up to 40 lbs.). Short and longer shifts available! - this opportunity would work for students on Wednesdays early release days. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Allori Fernandes afernandes@federalhillhouse.org for more information. Volunteers must be vaccinated against Covid-19 and wear masks while on site.

Meet the RINI Staff

Sarah Boyajian
Biology, Anatomy and Physiology

My Name is Ms. Boyajian and I teach Biology, Anatomy and Physiology. This is my sixth year teaching at RINI and my fourteenth year teaching. I studied at UNH where I received a B.S. in Marine and Freshwater Biology. It took me a few years to go back to school to get certified for teaching but deep down I always knew I wanted to teach. It probably started to become most apparent once I was in high school myself and I started coaching soccer teams and teaching English as a Second Language at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries. Then at UNH I became a teaching assistant for Biology labs. In a classroom is always where I have felt most at home.

Outside of school I still enjoy coaching soccer, and have coached both my own childrens teams for the last seven years. I wish I could still play soccer, but I had to give it up a few years ago so I could fully commit to my role as a soccer mom. If I am not in school or on some type of sports field you can find me outdoors gardening, hiking, kayaking and paddle boarding.
I like to stay busy and I am always up for adventure. I think that is why I love to teach every day is a new adventure, a new challenge and a new success!

Community Events

• Planetarium Show
  Museum of Natural History and Planetarium
  1000 Elmwood Ave, Providence
  Providence, RI
  Saturday, November 20, 2021 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm
  Sunday, November 21, 2021 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

  Located in the Museum of Natural History at Roger Williams Park, the planetarium is a dome theater with a Zeiss projector that casts images of stars, planets and constellations to simulate the night sky. Planetarium show tickets must be purchased online using our online ticketing system. Museum admission does not include the planetarium. Show lasts approximately 30 minutes. Planetarium show tickets must be purchased online. For safety reasons, planetarium show ticket holders are not permitted to enter the planetarium once the show has begun.

• Cookie Decorating
  Saturday, November 20, 2021 - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
  Mt Pleasant Library
  315 Academy Avenue Providence, RI 02908

  Come decorate cookies with icing, sprinkles, and other delicious sweets! (All Ages) Space is limited, so please register by email, telephone, or in-person.
  Contact Information: Karina Veras kveras@provcomlib.org (401) 272-0106

• Shrek: The Musical
  William E Tolman High School
  150 Exchange St, Pawtucket, RI
  Saturday, Nov. 20th at 7:30 PM – 10 PM

  On the 20th anniversary of Shrek, the Movie, we bring you Shrek - the Musical! Full of beautiful new music, with a heartwarming tale woven throughout, our high school cast is ready to deliver a fun-filled, exceptional
Book Recommendation: What to Read Next

There There by Tommy Orange

One Of The 10 Best Books Of The Year—The New York Times Book Review

Winner Of The Center For Fiction First Novel Prize

Tommy Orange’s “groundbreaking, extraordinary” (The New York Times) There There is the “brilliant, propulsive” (People Magazine) story of twelve unforgettable characters, Urban Indians living in Oakland, California, who converge and collide on one fateful day. It’s “the year’s most galvanizing debut novel” (Entertainment Weekly).

As we learn the reasons that each person is attending the Big Oakland Powwow—some generous, some fearful, some joyful, some violent—momentum builds toward a shocking yet inevitable conclusion that changes everything. Jacquie Red Feather is newly sober and trying to make it back to the family she left behind in shame. Dene Oxendene is pulling his life back together after his uncle’s death and has come to work at the powwow to honor his uncle’s memory. Opal Viola Victoria Bear Shield has come to watch her nephew Orvil, who has taught himself traditional Indian dance through YouTube videos and will perform in public for the very first time. There will be glorious communion, and a spectacle of sacred tradition and pageantry. And there will be sacrifice, and heroism, and loss.

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