Random Acts of Kindness

Everyday at RINI, the staff and I have the pleasure to witness students carrying out a number of small acts of kindness that have a profound effect on others. Your actions, your compassion, everything you're doing, we see it, we appreciate it, and you help make this school special.

As your principal, I am very proud of all that you do and I want to applaud you for your acts of kindness. You have made a difference in a fellow student, teacher, or community member's day. YOU are appreciated and YOU make a difference.
I am asking students and teachers to share acts of kindness that we can highlight throughout the year. As a community, we need to build each other up and support one another in a positive and professional way. Let’s show everyone the good we can do together....#RINI Rocks!

I will start first by sharing a small act of kindness that meant a great deal to me. Senior Jerry Avila recently took a moment to come by my office just to check on me and to make sure I was having a good day! I greatly appreciate his small act of kindness. Thank you Jerry...you made my day!

Helping a New RINI Student
Submitted by Ms. Campbell, Instructional Coach

While doing classroom observations, I witnessed firsthand Miss Alondra Zurita go above and beyond to help a new student here at RINI. She shared her notes in their Natural Science class and worked with this new student to ensure she had everything she needed to catch up and be successful in the class. When I asked Alondra why she conducted such a nice gesture, she said "I know that it can be tough to be new. The school work can be hard, and it is easy to fall behind; so I wanted to help her!"

Have a moment of kindness that you want to share? Email me at tferland@rinimc.org or Ms. Katie Rendine at krendine@rinimc.org.

Principal’s Coffee Chat
“Principal’s Coffee Chat” is an opportunity for Principal Ferland and parents to connect and a chance for parents to ask questions, share ideas, and have an open conversation with me.

The first “Principal’s Coffee Chat” will be held on Wednesday, October 13th from 5 pm-6 pm. You can register here and a reminder will be sent to you with the link. Or join the discussion here.

So, pour yourself a cup of coffee and join the conversation

**Important October Dates**

- Thursday, October 28th: No School but students will have a distance learning day with asynchronous work provided by their teachers. Statewide Professional Development Day

**Seniors: CCRI Important Dates**

**October 11—CCRI**

- Holiday—No Classes

**October 13—Wednesday CCRI**

- Monday Schedule

**October 20- CCRI**

- Mid-Term Grades Due

**COVID Vaccine Clinic**

Oct 15th - Village Greene School
204 Westminster St. Providence

Village Green Virtual Charter School, in partnership with The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and Paolino Properties, will host a second
vaccine clinic on Friday, October 15 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Those students, teachers, administrators, school staff and family members from Charette, Village Green Virtual Charter School, Nowell Leadership Academy, Rhode Island Nurses Institute Middle College Charter School, Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts, and YouthBuild Preparatory Academy who received their first vaccine shot are encouraged to register and receive their second vaccine.

**Registration will close at noon on Thursday, October 14.** Register [Here](#)

**RINI Student Council**

The RINI Student Council had its first meeting this week! The goal of RINI's student council is to give students a chance to express and assist in school affairs and activities, provide opportunities for students to experience a leadership role within RINI, and encourage student/faculty/community relations. In other words, A student council is a group of student leaders who work with an adult advisor to collaborate with others to impact their school community. All students are welcome! If interested, come to a meeting! They will be held on Mondays after school(3 pm) in room 206! Students can email Ms. Bushey at vbushey@rinimc.org to learn more about joining the Student Council.

**Showcasing the Talent of RINI Students**

Within the walls of RINI, our students demonstrate their skills and abilities daily in the classroom. Many students also have a passion for the arts and writing. RINI wanted to showcase the talents exhibited by ninth-grader, Elianny Paulino Taveras and her gift to
Love
by Elianny Paulino Taveras
RINI Class of 2025

What is love people ask?
Love is a feeling when you
Get butterflies in your stomach.
Love is how you hurt your heart
Until it shatters like glass.
Love isn’t easy it makes you
Work like you are in school.
Love is like spring when
The flowers bloom.
Love is like the Ocean
When it’s mad/sad it sucks people
Into darkness, when its happy is like an
Owl in the night.
Love is one thing I want,
But can’t have cause it shatters
Me into pieces of glass.

Community Events:

• Scituate Arts Festival
554 W Greenville Road, North Scituate, RI
The Scituate Art Festival, in its 55th year, is a favorite Rhode Island tradition over the Columbus Day weekend. We feature 200 juried art and craft exhibitors, select antique vendors, a food court offering regional specialties, live musical entertainment, and a huge art/craft/antique raffle. We are proud to have been recognized eight times as 'Best Annual Arts/Crafts Festival Statewide' by the readers of 'Rhode Island Monthly Magazine.'

• Southern New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off
Sat, Oct 9, 9 AM – 5 PM
Frerichs Farm
Are you ready for this year's GIANT pumpkins? We sure are! We are so excited for this event since last year we had restrictions in place for COVID safety. We are planning this event to be open to the public for 2021.

• **Autumnfest 2021**
Sat., Oct. 9th-Mon. Oct. 11th  
Diamond Hill Road & Social St. Woonsocket, RI  
For parade, festival details and times, visit Autumnfest  
Autumnfest is a weekend festival held every year in Woonsocket, RI on the holiday weekend. Filled with music, crafts, food, amusement rides, and a parade.

• **Halloween Events**
Looking to plan a day of haunt-filled fun this fall? Make sure to check out these two Haunted Rhode Island Event pages. Visit [Halloween Rhode Island](#) and [RIHauntedHouses](#)

**What to Read Next:**  This week's book recommendation tells the story of Rhode Island Physician Dr. Arun Singh  
*Your Heart, My Hands: An Immigrant's Remarkable Journey to Become One of America's Preeminent Cardiac Surgeons* by Arun Singh, M.D.

An encouraging and inspiring true story on how a boy from India overcame a difficult childhood and devastating hand injuries and became one of the most prolific cardiac surgeons in U.S. history.

Leaving a life marked by crippling setbacks and his father's doubt, in 1967 a twenty-something doctor from India arrived in America with only five dollars and the desire to claim his American dream. The journey still awaiting Dr. Arun K. Singh would be unparalleled. Faced with an entirely new culture, racism, and the lasting effects of disabling childhood injuries, through hard work and perseverance he overcame all odds. Now having performed over 15,000 open heart surgeries, more than nearly every surgeon in history, Dr. Singh reflects on his most memorable patients and his incredible personal life. Shared for the first time, these intimate and uplifting accounts, along with photos, will have you cheering for the underdog and appreciating the enduring determination of
the human spirit.