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We have had a fabulous start to the year and the students seem genuinely happy to be back. There is such a positive vibe in the building and I am so delighted to be a part of this amazing learning community.

At RINI, we believe asking questions and engaging in dialogue are important elements in the RINI environment. We want parents and students to share ideas, to feel comfortable seeking guidance and asking questions. Students are still navigating being back in school, getting to know their teachers and adjusting to their class schedules. To help alleviate any uncertainty, we asked students to submit questions that our administrative team answered this week during class time. The students had some great questions that helped clarify information for them and their fellow students. Because of time constraints, we were unable to answer all of the questions. Below are some questions we were not able to address during the class period.

• **When is the WiFi on the second floor going to be fixed?**
  We are currently waiting for a particular part to arrive this week, which due to COVID shipments of this product was delayed nationally. Once they arrive, the technicians will install and WiFi will be working. We expect the WiFi will be completely operational by the end of next week.

• **Is there another way to pay for school merchandise if we don't have paypals?**
  If you are ordering clothing from the RINI Gear tab on the website, you do not need to have a PayPal account. You can continue as a “guest” to place and pay for your order. If you would like to pay in cash, please see Ms. Rendine, Marketing and Enrollment Manager in office #417; she will be happy to assist you. Also, we will be adding a new zip up hoodie so be on the lookout for this new option. You can order RINI merchandise [here](#). Orders that have been placed are expected to arrive within the next two weeks and students will be contacted by email to pick up in Ms. Rendine’s office #417.

• **Who is in charge of internships and when will they start?**
  Principal Ferland is in charge of internships. Internship offerings are a
collaborative effort across the leadership team. We will continue to explore internship opportunities amid COVID-19 guidance and regulations. Additional information related to internships will be released in October.

•Can I play sports?

Yes, you can participate in sports with the public high school in your town. You need to reach out to either the coach or the Athletic Director at the public high school to sign up/tryout for sports. Please be aware that if you have to leave early to attend a game, you will need to provide a note from the coach on school letterhead.

•Regarding community service, can we do it in Woonsocket at places like the Boys & Girls Club or can it only be in Providence? When does community service hours start?

RINI encourages students to identify a local non-profit organization in their town for their community service. We want you to be a part of your neighborhood and engage in your community. Community service provides you with the opportunity to become an active member of the community and have a lasting, positive impact on your town.

The starting date for community service will be announced shortly. In the meantime, start identifying organizations you are interested in volunteering at. Reach out and ask if they are accepting new community volunteers, are Wednesdays available to volunteer, what are COVID requirements and what is the process to volunteer.

Students are required to complete 20 hours of community service for the academic year. These are non-paid, volunteer positions. Community service forms are available in the main office on the 4th floor. This form tracks your hours and are signed by the manager of the non-profit that you are volunteering at and submitted by you to RINI.

Ms. Tsiane, Director of School Culture and Community is available to assist students and answer any further questions.

•When will juniors be doing Accuplacer?

Students in Grades 11 and 12 will take Accuplacer this fall during advisory.
Students in Grades 9 and 10 will take Accuplacer this spring during advisory.

**Message from Nurse Audette**

Parents and students have had a lot of questions about what to do if a student has symptoms of COVID at home or gets sick at school. Please take a moment to read the information provided which will answer questions and explain requirements.

What happens if my child has symptoms at home or gets sick at school?

[English Version][Spanish Version]

If you have additional questions, please contact me at daudette@rinimc.org.

**Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

Ildaura Murillo-Rohde, PhD, RN: Changing the Face of Nursing

“The Hispanic whirlwind” — that’s what Ildaura Murillo-Rohde was dubbed for her work as a powerhouse advocate, nurse, therapist, and educator.

Born to a family of health professionals in Panama, Murillo-Rohde studied nursing at the Medical and Surgical Hospital School of Nursing in San Antonio, Texas, where she was dismayed by how few Hispanic nurses were available to serve a large Hispanic population. After graduating in 1948, she went on to pursue several other degrees in education and psychiatric nursing, including a PhD from NYU in 1971.

Over her career, Murillo-Rohde wrote about a broad range of issues from single parenthood to same-sex couples. She also reached several professional heights, including becoming the first Hispanic Dean of Nursing at NYU.

But one of her greatest achievements was creating the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) in 1975. She felt strongly that the country needed an
organization to attract Hispanic people to nursing as well as to support their unique concerns and those of the communities they served.

“I saw that I was the only Hispanic nurse who was going to Washington to work with the federal government, review research and education grants, etc.,” Murillo-Rohde later noted. “I looked behind me and thought: ‘Where are my people?’”

For her creation of NAHN and numerous other leadership roles, the American Academy of Nursing named Murillo-Rohde one of their living legends in 1994.

Meet the RINI Staff

Kandace Campbell
Instructional Coach: All Subject Areas

My name is Kandace Campbell, and I am native to New Orleans, Louisiana. Due to being a NAVY spouse, I have lived in many different locations; and I have had the privilege of enveloping myself in a mutli-cultural society. This experience has built my love, respect, and empathy for all people. I earned a Bachelor's of Science in Middle Grades Education from the College of Coastal Georgia in 2014; and since then I have spent time in the classroom, I ran and developed the Education Department at Sea Life Park Hawaii on the island of Oahu, and served as a Professional Development Coordinator and Administrator at The Growing Patch Children's Academy in Aeia, HI. I moved to Rhode Island in May of 2021, and I am ecstatic to be a part of the RINI team.

Here at RINI my title is Instructional Coach: All Subject Areas; in which my role is to work with teachers to support best practices in using data, provide analysis of school-wide trends in instruction, and make recommendations to the Director of Teaching and Learning about potential next steps to address areas of need. My ultimate goal is to be a positive support to all the teachers and students here at RINI. I was drawn to RINI because of the high standards, rigor, and the commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity; and I am honored to be included into the RINI community. I am looking forward to a great year and a fantastic future.
There is Art All Around Us…

Take a moment and enjoy the new art mural being painted on 94 Washington St (backside -Frisky Fries building) as part of Avenue Concept urban program. Garden of Journey, the artist, boasts considerable experience using murals as a form of placemaking. She collaborated with Xbox and video game publisher 2K during the 2019 NBA All-Star Weekend in Charlotte to turn the basketball court at the McCrorey YMCA into a colorful work of art. The artist has been featured in Elle magazine as one of “The Female Muralists Behind Black Lives Matter’s Most Visceral Imagery,” and in Ford’s “Born to Roll” ad campaign, which celebrates creative women of color.

Her design for the new mural will explore a theme of creative energy versus destructive energy, featuring two imaginary figures who serve as yin and yang. It is based in Afrofuturism, a cultural aesthetic and philosophy that explores the African-American experience and African diaspora through science-fiction and fantasy.

Community Events

**Jorge Cardenas**: In Remembrance and Celebration – A Life of Community Service in Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibition

URI Feinstein Providence Campus, 1st and 2nd floor Lobby Gallery

80 Washington Street, Providence, RI

Monday, September 20th-Friday, September 24th 9am-5pm

Monday, September 27th & Tuesday, September 28th 9am-5pm

This exhibit is presented to commemorate the life and impact of Jorge F Cardenas (April 1949-November 2020), who was born in Callao, Peru and emigrated with his family to Rhode Island in 1993. Jorge dedicated more than 28 years here to improving the lives of his family, community artists and musicians, and to school children and youth in Providence, Rhode Island.
Community artists, poets, musicians and dancers have come together to share their art and deep appreciation to the memory of Mr. Cardenas who improved the lives of all those around him.

View virtual tour here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRq6kZNzteE

NOW SHOWING: SOUL - Movies @ The PVD Rink

Saturday, September 18th at 7pm

Stretch out under the stars in front of a giant inflatable screen & enjoy a monthly series of family friendly films with Cricket Cinema providing a theater-quality experience complete in downtown PVD at BankNewport City Center. FREE General Admission (bring your own chair!)

RESERVE HERE or visit TheProvidencerink.com for more info!

Rhode Island Heritage Month's Virtual Celebration

September 2021 is Rhode Island Heritage Month! Please join us every Saturday in September at 7:00 PM for a 60-minute RI Heritage Virtual Celebration on our YouTube channel. Each week we will feature “RI Heritage Highlights” from cultural performance groups, cultural organizations, hands-on activities like crafts, cooking, and more!

To join us for our weekly broadcast: Please Like to Subscribe to our YouTube channel, and click the bell icon to get new video updates.

Broad Street Farmers Market Saturday, 9/18 8am- 12pm 807 Broad St. Pawtucket, RI

The Broad Street Market opened in 2002, and offers a diverse selection of fruits and vegetables. This market also offers the Healthy Foods, Healthy Families program!

Providence St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Smith Street, Providence, RI

Saturday, September 18th 12:00pm

Celebrate the halfway point to St. Patrick's Day 2022 with the rescheduled 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade! Begins at Smith Street and Hilltop Avenue. The parade will proceed eastwards on Smith Street and end at the Rhode Island State House

What to Read Next: Book Recommendation

What Would Frida Do?: A Guide to Living Boldly by Arianna Davis

Having doubts about your next step? Ask yourself what artist Frida Kahlo would do in this “beautiful volume . . . sure to inspire” (Boston Globe).

Revered as much for her fierce spirit as she is for her art, Frida Kahlo stands today as a feminist symbol of daring creativity. Her paintings have earned her admirers around the world, but perhaps her greatest work of art was her own life. What Would Frida Do? celebrates this icon’s signature style, outspoken politics, and boldness in love and art—even in the face of hardship and heartbreak. We see her tumultuous marriage with the famous muralist Diego Rivera and rumored flings with Leon Trotsky and Josephine Baker. In this irresistible read, writer Arianna Davis conjures Frida's brave spirit, encouraging women to create fearlessly and stand by their own truths.

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