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**RKIMS March 2024 Updates**

**Spring Parent Teacher Conferences-**

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Description automatically generated**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 from 4:25pm-8:10pm**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 4:25pm-8:10pm**

**RKIMS School Engagement Council (Virtual)-**

**Thursday March 21, 2024 at 2:00pm**

**Link:** [**https://meet.google.com/dpu-cjnr-ggt?pli=1**](https://meet.google.com/dpu-cjnr-ggt?pli=1)

**No School- March 22, 2024**

**No School (Spring Break)- March 25, 2024-March 29, 2024**

**Reminders-** RKIMS is closed campus school for lunch; which means students can bring a lunch from home but food cannot be delivered via door dash, uber eats or families.

**RKIMS School Uniform Gear -**RKIMS has school uniform gear available in the office, ready for purchase. Click on the link to see what’s available: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17foZ-De5OPSogAqJaaoutuB4AXe4T6_t6ePaBNkgnsA/edit?usp=sharing>

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Elevate Parent and Student Accounts:

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Elevate Student Portal:

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Hello 8th Grade Families,

Thanks to all the families that attended the 8th Grade Completion Ceremony Meetings.  Below are links to the presentation and size form.

Presentation:<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1cHkTI828P-Fdyfl2Gu_h5yD_Y_kMLIl5474RNl-gFsc/edit?usp=sharing>

**Size Forms are due 03/07**:

<https://forms.gle/SNMTTFTWY8R91AUN6>

If you have any questions, please call 414-616-5226.

Thank you,

Ms. Sophia

Parent Coordinator

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**IB News- Community Projects**

**THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

The community project focuses on **community and service**, encouraging students to explore their rights and responsibilities to implement **service as action** in the community. The community project gives students an opportunity to **develop awareness of needs in various communities** and **address those needs through service learning**.

8th grade students have started their IB Community Projects and have been assigned staff supervisors to assist and guide them.

Please click on the link below, it will provide more information and a guide on what’s expected. IB Community Projects are due April 2nd.

Link: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FipFg-8lsQC6OmR9NLB4t4nMGr19O_fQ8KKx73CrU7A/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Petterson at 414-616-5200.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the Innovation Lab, students participate in our Environmental Club every Wednesday during the 7th and 8th hour.  We have a partnership with Riveredge and they came to our school to work with our group.  We've decided to design, create and build a garden and flower beds for our school.  Students are deciding what type of vegetables, possible fruits and flowers we would like to have in our gardens.  Our volunteers from Riveredge will teach them how to properly plant and grow what we select.  Eventually, we will harvest and possibly cook the foods we grow.

Our Environmental Club will be going to Riveredge Nature Center to do Maple Sugaring, which is tapping Maple trees for the sap and making syrup from it.  We will be able to enjoy eating pancakes and then taking a nature hike in their over 500-acre nature preserve.

We have two students that will be participating in the Wisconsin State Badger State Science Fair being held at UW-Milwaukee Student Union on Saturday, March 9th.  They are exploring Artificial Intelligence and how mechanical learning, and bias are affecting outcomes.  A group of students went to Milwaukee School of Engineering to do a lab activity related to Artificial Intelligence with a Cute Bot to program it to detect colors, shapes and even if we smiled or frowned.

Later in the semester, we will be participating in two more competitions.  Our MPS STEM Fair and a showcase for Project Lead the Way.

Many students are participating in the Rubber Band Car Challenge which is a worldwide competition.  They can only use materials on the list and see how far their car will move forward without any pushing of the car.  I will record and submit entries of finished cars.  Deadline is March 17th.

Next month, we will be going to Discovery World for an Intro to Robotics class and to explore all their interactive experiences.

We also had a guest speaker with a partnership with STEM Forward, they sent Daphne Wilson, Director of Zoe Engineering.  She owns her own company that she started in 1999.  She is an electrical engineer who grew up in the city of Milwaukee and received her degree from Milwaukee School of Engineering.  As far as she knows, she is still the only African American woman who owns her own engineering firm.  She discussed her path from childhood to her career to inspire our students to pursue their dreams.

See you in the lab!

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**Resources:**

MPS is offering free virtual tutoring for the 2023 - 2024 school year.  Parents can use this link to sign up: [Parent Tutoring Request](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/feb2e69bb3b349b08d5d86e5a59c590e).

Free Homework Help Websites

1. **Khan Academy** short lessons in the form of videos. The website also includes supplementary practice exercises - [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

1. **Brainpop** animated educational site for kids - Science, Social Studies, English, Math, Arts & Music, Health, and Technology. - [www.brainpop.org](http://www.brainpop.org)

1. **Socratic** brings you visual explanations of important concepts in each subject. - <https://socratic.org>

1. **Fact Monster** A free reference site for students, teachers, and parents. Get homework help and find facts on thousands of subjects - [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)

Urban Ecology Center (Grades 1st - 5th  
Humane Society (Grades 1st - 5th)  
Wehr Nature Center (Grade 2nd - 4th)   
Zoological Society (Ages 8 & 9 only)  
  
**Spring Break Adventure Registration Link:**[**https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/1035b5a8b85a4434bde28bb302b314e2**](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/1035b5a8b85a4434bde28bb302b314e2)

Extended-Learning-Opportunities- Enrichment-Camps  
If you have a SNAP EBT card you are eligible for free or reduced admission to various museums throughout the USA.

In Milwaukee it is the Milwaukee Public Museum and in Chicago it includes the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago Children's Museum, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Lincoln Park Zoo, and others. For details on the program and a complete listing of participating establishments click on the link <https://museums4all.org/for-visit>