

# October Newsletter 2025



## Rufus King International Middle School

### RKIMS Uniforms/ School Gear

Students have asked for school uniforms. Parents we are allowing students to wear uniforms. You may purchase these items at Walmart, uniform store, JCPenney, Amazon, Target, and more Required: Royal Blue or Gold Top Required: Black bottoms: Pants, short or skirts must be knee length or longer (no holes in pants) School Spirit wear/gear is also considered uniform but students will need to still wear black bottoms Optional: Sweaters are but should be black, royal blue or Gold (White button-down shirts under sweaters are ok). Uniforms are optional.

If you have any questions, please call 414-616-5200

### October Important Dates

Book Fair  
Thursday October 2, 2025

Early Release Day  
October 8, 2025

Parent Teacher Conference  
Tuesday October 7, 2025  
Wednesday October 15, 2025  
4:30pm-8:15pm

No School  
October 17, 2025  
October 20, 2025

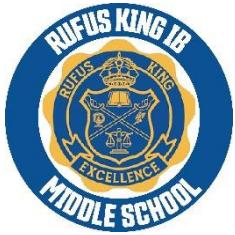
Title 1/ RKIMS School  
Engagement Council  
Virtual  
Thursday October 30, 2025  
2:00pm  
(<https://meet.google.com/mfa-cceh-mks>)

### RKIMS PBIS Event: October

For the month of October students PBIS will be having a Halloween Dance on October 31, 2025. RKIMS student will need to earn 300 PBIS points with no suspension for the month October. If you have any questions please call Mr. Gentry at 414-616-5200.



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## Rufus King International Middle School Annual Title 1 Event

Parents come join us for our Annual Title I Event.

We will discuss the Title I program, School Parent Compact, and help build parent involvement, support and awareness.

Date: September 26, 2024

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Auditorium

There will be raffles for gift cards and prizes.



If you have any questions, please contact the Parent Coordinator Ms. Sophia at 414-616-5226.



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# Parents/Guardians Survey

***Share valuable input, feedback, and suggestions***

MPS parents and guardians play a vital role in student success. We want to understand how best to support you to improve family and community engagement — your opinion is important to us. The survey will provide MPS with important information, including the best ways to communicate with families and how to better understand key aspects of family/school relationships.

## Survey Facts

- ① The survey takes about 5 minutes to fill out.
- ② The survey is available at:  
[mpsmke.com/spcssurvey](http://mpsmke.com/spcssurvey).
- ③ The survey is available in English, Arabic, French, Hmong, Kiswahili, Rohingya, Somali, and Spanish.
- ④ We encourage each adult in the household to take the survey.
- ⑤ The survey is confidential. Names or other identifiers will not be used.
- ⑥ Schools will receive a copy of their survey feedback.

## How will responses be used?

Survey responses will be used to:

- ▶ Understand how families access school resources
- ▶ Identify areas and opportunities for improvement
- ▶ Guide planning for school events and activities
- ▶ Inform best practices to expand and enhance academic success

**Deadline: October 31, 2025.** Please contact your child's school with questions.

## Take the survey!

- ① Online at:  
[mpsmke.com/spcssurvey](http://mpsmke.com/spcssurvey)
- ② At your child's school
- ③ Ask for a paper copy from your child's school.



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# The Salvation Army of Milwaukee County

## 2025 Coats for Kids Distribution Days

There are notable changes for 2025:

1) Families must register for an appointment

- Registration open October 1–22, 2025
- Register online (Scan QR code, click or visit [bit.ly/COATSMKE25](https://bit.ly/COATSMKE25))
- Appointment times:
  - Friday, October 24 | 3–7 p.m.
  - Saturday, October 25 | 9 a.m.–12 noon
- Adults must present photo ID at check-in.

2) Children's Coats Only

- Event is for ages 0–18 (infant through high school senior).

3) Children Must Be Present

- A child must attend in order to receive a coat.

**Adult Coats**

- Adults 18+ will have a chance to select coats later this season following distribution.
- Details will be posted on our website.



Coats for Kids distribution will be held at  
The Salvation Army Distribution Center,  
5880 N. 60th Street, Milwaukee.  
Registration is required.

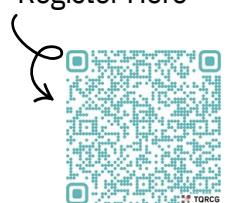
Hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves will be available as quantities last. [Register Here](#)

Have questions?

Contact us at [outreachMKE@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:outreachMKE@usc.salvationarmy.org)

Visit [www.SAMilwaukee.org](http://www.SAMilwaukee.org)

Call us at (414)464-2940





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# Where's the Bus?

An app for families

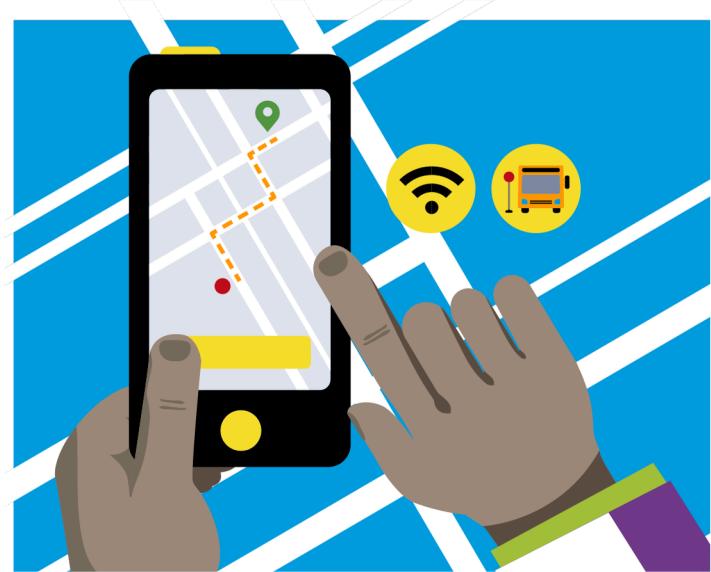


MPS families have access to an exciting app to help track their child's bus—**WheresTheBus!** Families can track their child's bus in real time.

**WheresTheBus** lets families know when their child's bus will reach the bus stop. The app tracks the bus location through GPS and provides up-to-the-minute arrival times.

The app is free! Families can access

**WheresTheBus** from any device with internet capability—smartphone, tablet, PC, or iPad. Apple iOS and Android apps are available.



1 To access **WheresTheBus**, families must have a Campus Parent (parent portal) account with a login and password.

These can be set up two ways:

- ] At each child's school during regular school hours; an ID is required; OR
- ] At MPS Central Services, 5225 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, WI, 53208, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; an ID is required



For issues accessing Campus Parent, contact your child's school or [parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:parentportal@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).



2 Get started with **WheresTheBus** today!

- ] Log in to Campus Parent.
- ] Search for **WheresTheBus** and click on the icon.
- ] Follow the registration steps and instructions.
- ] Download the app from the App Store (iOS/Apple) or Google Play (Android).
- ] Log in with your Campus Parent ID and password to open the app and see bus information.



For issues accessing WheresTheBus, contact [busing@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:busing@milwaukee.k12.wi.us).

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello! My name is Ms. Sophia and I am RKIMS Parent Coordinator, I'm so excited to welcome you to a new school year at RKIMS!

I've been part of the RKIMS community for 8 wonderful years, and I truly love being here. Your children are my top priority, and I'm committed to supporting their growth, learning, and well-being every day.

I also believe that parent involvement makes a big difference, and I'm thrilled to invite you to be a part of what we're building this year. Whether it's volunteering in the classroom, helping out at events, or just staying connected, your support is always welcome and appreciated.

Here are a few ways to stay connected:

- Follow RKIMS on social media to stay updated on events and news:

Website: <https://mps.school/rkims/>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/rufus\\_king\\_international\\_ms/](https://www.instagram.com/rufus_king_international_ms/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RKIMSMPS/>

- Attend conferences and other parent events to stay engaged and learn more about what's happening in our school
- Keep your contact information updated, so you never miss important info
- Subscribe to messages by texting Y or Yes to 67587 to get all updates.

I love organizing events that show appreciation for our amazing families and students, and I hope you'll join us for some of the fun throughout the year!

To help me learn more about you and how you'd like to be involved, please take a moment to fill out this brief survey.

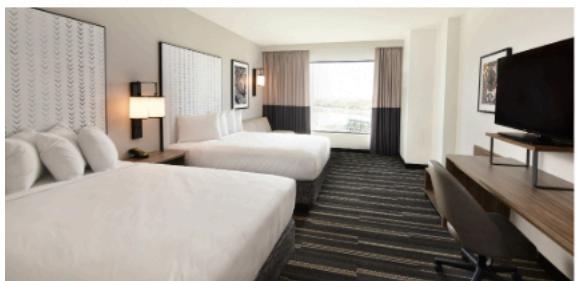
Survey: <https://forms.gle/x1vaVDiNFhGwv2HP8>

If you ever have any questions or want to connect, feel free to reach out. Email is the best way to reach me at [hullumsc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:hullumsc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or call 414-616-5226.

Looking forward to a great year together!

Warmly,

Ms. Sophia  
RKIMS Parent Coordinator



# FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT

**Sun Oct, 19 2025**

Schools out! Get away without going too far from home to America's largest indoor waterpark & enjoy a special rate for families and friends!

A portion from EACH room booked will benefit your school!

**\$139**

**2 QUEEN BEDS  
WATERPARK PASSES  
WAIVED RESORT FEE**



**BOOK NOW!**  
Offer ends 09/19/25  
or until sold out.  
Limited Availability.

Limited number of rooms available. Rate before taxes. The room sleeps 1-4 people with water park passes. Up to 2 guests can be added for \$50 each.

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51017751/owner/57143/landing>

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# **TWILIGHT CENTERS**

# **FAMILY SKATE NIGHTS**



## **Bay View HS**

2751 S. Lenox St. (door 4)

Sept. 20, Oct. 11, & Dec. 13  
5:30-8:30 p.m.

## **Andrew Douglas MS**

3620 N. 18th St. (door 1)

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, & Nov. 14  
5-8 p.m.

Milwaukee Recreation's Twilight Family Skate Nights are open to ages 10-14.  
Ages under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants are welcome to bring their own skates. Milwaukee Recreation also  
has skate rentals available for free.

Visit [mkerec.net/twilight](http://mkerec.net/twilight) to learn more about  
Milwaukee Recreation's Twilight Centers, open seasonally for young people.

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