

May 2023

PARENT NEWSLETTER

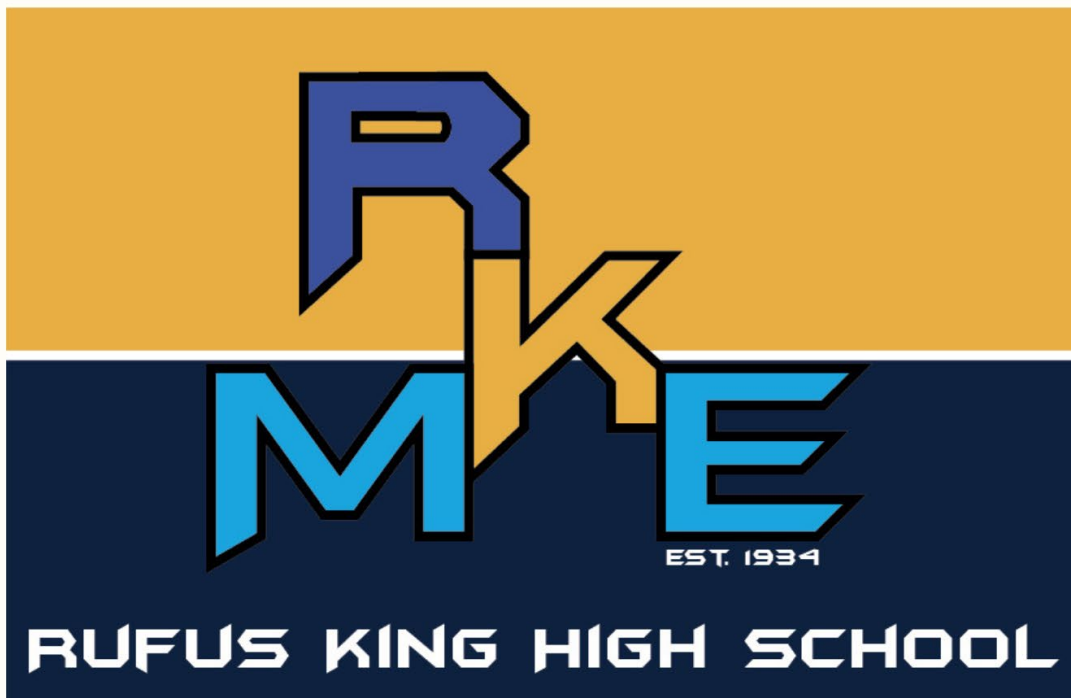
RUFUS KING INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IB Diploma News

Athletic News

Class of 2023 News

HOME OF THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST STUDENTS!





TIME TO CELEBRATE!

GRADUATION DAY CLASS OF 2023

When: Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: UWM, Panther Arena

This is a ticketed event.

RUFUS KING INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES

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Graduation Information & Deadlines **Senior Class of 2023**

Graduation this year will be on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023** at the UWM Panther Arena, 400 W. Kilbourn Ave. **at 7:00pm**. The following includes important information for graduating seniors and their parents.

1. There is a Graduation Fee for all graduating seniors.
 - The fee is \$95.00 if paid before March 1, 2022. On March 1, 2022, the fee increases \$10.00 to
 - \$105.00 on March 1, 2022
 - No personal Checks accepted after April 1, 2022
 - Increases another \$15.00 on May 1, 2022.
 - 50% of your Total Fees owed need to be paid one week before Prom Tickets go on sale to be eligible to buy a Prom ticket. Prom is Friday, April 28, 2023

The Senior fee includes:

- Yearbook (\$30.00 value).
- Senior Class Yard Sign (\$10.00).
- Senior Class Celebration/Picnic (\$20.00)
- Rental of the UWM Panther Arena for graduation (\$15.00)
- Graduation tickets & Graduation Program (\$10.00)
- Diploma covers and printing costs (\$10.00)

NOTE: NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER April 1st, 2023. All graduating seniors are responsible for their graduation fees. Fees are to be paid in the Main office. Checks and money orders should be made out to Rufus King High School.

2. All graduating seniors must wear a cap and gown to graduation. Caps and gowns **are not** included in the senior graduation fee and will add approximately \$33.00 (payable to Jostens) to the cost of graduation.
 - Order caps and gowns online at <<http://www.jostens.com>> or contact the Jostens Sales Representative at: Taylor.Crandall@jostens.com
 - **Orders for Caps & Gowns should already be placed, if your Senior has not done so, please take care of this ASAP**
3. Dates for distribution of items are as follows:
 - Thursday, April 20th during lunch periods, Jostens will distribute caps, gowns, invitations and thank you cards (if ordered).
 - Graduation Practice May 19th After Exams (12:30ish) at School Auditorium
 - Senior Picnic/Celebration, Friday, May 19th starting after Graduation Practice, on the Athletic Field - College Announcement Day (Yearbooks, Yard Signs, Honor Cords distributed)
4. Other important Dates
 - Prom will be on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75.00/person.
 - Location is The Pritzlaff, 333 N. Plankinton Avenue. Theme: *Some Enchanted Evening*. Dress code is formal. Students need to be in a sports coat or a formal dress/gown. In order to purchase a ticket, you must have at least half of your outstanding student fees paid. You can not have any unexcused absences and no suspensions during the 2nd semester.
 - Awards Program is Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation of certain scholarships and departmental awards to some seniors.
 - Final Proficiency (Exams) are Friday, May 19th; Monday, May 22nd; and Tuesday, May 23rd. Seniors can drop off textbooks and chrome book to the Library (11:00–3:30 p.m.)

RKHS MAY 2023 SAVE THE DATES EARLY START CALENDAR

- **MAY 23RD LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - STUDENTS**
- **MAY 24TH RECORD DAY | STAFF**
- **AUGUST 14TH | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - STUDENTS**
- **SEPTEMBER 1ST | SEPTEMBER BREAK**
- **SEPTEMBER 4TH | LABOR DAY**
- **SEPTEMBER 29TH | NO SCHOOL - STUDENTS | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-STAFF**



EXAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

FINALS: Final Opportunity Procedures for Spring 2023:

Students who have demonstrated proficiency in all standards prior to the final days of the semester shall be given the opportunity to produce evidence of advance work in the course content/skills, which shall be factored into the final grade. Some students may be eligible to qualify for *exemptions in accordance with district procedures developed by the Superintendent (Policy & Procedure 7.34). Final evidence of proficiency shall be:

- Included in the final course grade in the same manner as is the body of proficiency evidence recorded during the duration of the semester.
- Written, oral, comprehensive, and/or performable in nature, as is to be determined by the teacher with the approval of the principal following involvement of the departmental chairperson. Three weeks prior to the end of the current semester, teachers shall file with the principal a copy of the final evidence-of-proficiency plan. More information forth coming.
- Given in all courses

Dates and Times:

Friday, May 19, 2023

Period 1 - 8:00 AM – 9:25 AM

Period 2 - 9:30 AM – 10:55 AM

Period 3 - 11:00 AM – 12:25 PM

Monday, May 22, 2023

Period 4 - 8:00 AM – 9:25 AM

Period 5 - 9:30 AM – 10:55 AM

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Period 6 - 8:00 AM – 9:25 AM

Period 7 - 9:30 AM – 10:55 AM

Attendance for Finals Week:

Students who are excusably absent during this time, if unable to take advantage of the final opportunity to prove proficiency before the close of the current semester, shall have the opportunity extended until no later than the fourth week following that semester. Students who are inexcusably absent during this time shall have no additional evidence toward proficiency in course standards factored into the final grade.

*Exemptions:

Students are eligible to exercise exemptions under the following conditions:

1. a course-evidence average of 85 percent or greater;
2. no unexcused absences; **AND**
3. 95% or better attendance in that course



Join Us!

We are looking for a few great leaders to become a part of the School Engagement Council.

Nominate a parent, staff, student, or community leader to serve as the president and/or co-chair of the School Engagement Council, beginning September 2023-2024!

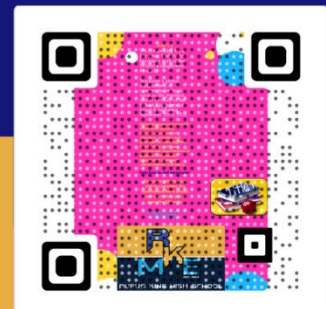
School Engagement Council: A forum for parents, teachers, community members, scholars, and principals to work together in providing continued analysis and improvement of public school policies, educational goals, and overall student well being.

Feel free to self nominate!

For more information and to complete the nomination form please click the below link or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/rZGmLCRrh77wddss6>

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2023/24 Dates:

Sept 15 & 16

Oct 13 & 14

Nov 10 & 11

Jan 5 & 6

Feb 2 & 3

Sessions run 5:30 pm
on Fri to 3:30 pm Sat.

Must be able to
attend all 5 sessions.

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email at familiesmatter4@gmail.com

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- Make their own decisions.
- Get involved in their school and community.
- Speak up for themselves.
- Meet other youth.

YIPPE helps parents to

- Plan for life after high school.
- Learn about valuable resources and adult services.
- Build a network with other parents.

Registration, food, overnight stay and resources are paid
for by Milwaukee Public Schools.





MR. GATEWOOD

NEWS FROM THE IB COORDINATOR

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CONGRATULATIONS IB FULL DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2023

Full diploma seniors have completed their core requirements for the IB Diploma program. They completed their Creativity, Activity and Service hours, their Extended Essay, and their Theory of Knowledge course. These students have gone above and beyond MPS requirements in pursuit of the IB Diploma. Students who completed all of the Internal Assessments for their courses, as well as these core requirements were recognized at the Rufus King Silver Platter Ceremony where they received their IB stoles to wear at graduation. Please note that students graduate as full diploma candidates, and will only receive their Diploma if they meet the points requirements set by the IB. Exam results will be released on July 6.

MAY IB EXAMS

In May, Rufus King will be holding IB examinations. 167 students will be taking IB exams this year. Students may receive college/university credit based on their performance on these exams as well as their internally assessed course components.

SENIORS MUST COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM FROM GUIDANCE INDICATING WHERE THEY ARE ATTENDING COLLEGE

The Rufus King Guidance Department will be asking all seniors to complete a Google Form which identifies the college/university they will be attending in Fall. The IB Coordinator will use the information in this survey to determine where the IB should send IB exam results. Failure to complete the survey will result in the student being responsible for contacting the IB to request their exam results

be sent to their college/university. Please contact the IB DP Coordinator, Mr. Gatewood with any questions at gatewodr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

THE EXTENDED ESSAY FOR FULL DIPLOMA CLASS OF 2024 – THE EE AT A GLANCE

The EE is the centerpiece of the IB Diploma Programme. It is an integral and valuable learning experience for all Diploma Programme students.

The aims of the EE are for students to:

- engage in independent research with intellectual initiative and rigour
- develop research, thinking, self-management and communication skills
- reflect on what has been learned throughout the research and writing process.

Choice of topic

The EE is an in-depth study of a focused topic. Students choose their topic from the list of available Diploma Programme subjects for the session in question. For those taking the IB diploma, this is normally one of the student's six chosen subjects. It may also be a subject that a course candidate has a background in.

The EE gives students the opportunity to research a topic of their own choice, under the guidance of a [supervisor](#). Students then undertake a major piece of formally presented, structured writing. They communicate their ideas and findings in a reasoned and coherent manner, appropriate to the subject chosen.

All students are required to undertake three reflection sessions with their supervisor. The third is a short, concluding interview, or *viva voce*, following the completion of the essay.

Key features of the EE

The EE is compulsory for all students taking the Diploma. A student must achieve a D grade or higher to be awarded the Diploma. The EE is externally assessed. Together with the grade for theory of knowledge, it contributes up to three points to the total score for the diploma.

The EE process helps prepare students for university and other pathways beyond the Diploma Programme.

Students must choose a subject for their essay from the list of Diploma Programme subjects for the session in question.

It is presented as a formal piece of sustained academic writing (4,000 words maximum) accompanied by a reflection form (500 words maximum).

At this time, Full Diploma students should have selected an adviser and be in the process of narrowing their subject and topic. The rough draft of the essay with bibliography is due **September 1, 2023**. Students can access the full Extended Essay timeline on their ManageBac account at rufusking.managebac.com



Ms. Lewandowski (Ms. Lew), librarian

Phone: 267-0736 Email: stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

LIBRARY INFORMATION: Join the Library Resources Classroom! (code: 4pfsifx)

LIBRARY BOOKS, TEXTBOOKS, CHROMEBOOKS & HOTSPOTS: DUE MAY 23, 2023

Scholars can see what items are on their account by logging into the library catalog. Directions can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/itemscheckedout> ; this is also explained in the Library Resources Classroom—Classwork tab—Books!

SUMMER READING: Every year Milwaukee Public Library offers summer reading and other programming for all ages (adults, too!) Check out their website for details:

<https://mpl.org/summerreading/>

The **Sora Sweet Reads** program offers a collection of Juvenile and Young Adult titles that will be prominently displayed in Sora for quick and easy unlimited access. You can explore the title offerings and learn more about the program here: <https://resources.overdrive.com/sora-sweet-reads/>.



How does it work?

Sora provides access to digital titles from MPS and the Milwaukee Public Library. Download the free Sora app for Android or iOS, or search for SORA in Clever. Directions for setting up your account are in the Library Resources Classroom--Classwork tab—under BOOKS! click “Set up your Sora account.”



Ms. Lewandowski (Ms. Lew), MYP
Coordinator

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Phone: 414-267-0736

9th grade MYP Resources Classroom code: 7eki5th

10th grade MYP Resources Classroom code:
zqw434m

SERVICE AS ACTION (service hours): DUE MAY 23, 2023

If your scholar completes the service hours requirement (including all required documentation) by **May 23, 2023** it will be marked completed on their transcript this year. If they have not yet completed it, or do not submit the documentation by the due date, the hours will carry over to next year. Detailed information can be found in the MYP Resources Google Classrooms for each grade.

9th grade: If your scholar has done any service hours this year, they should enter the information in ManageBac and upload verification of the hours and a reflection before the end of this year. These hours will carry over to 10th grade, but *only if the time has been verified by the activity supervisor.*

10th grade: This is their last year as an MYP scholar. If the high school graduation service requirement of 20 hours is not met by **May 23, 2023** (including all required documentation), they will complete it through the CAS requirement if they are full IB, or they will work with their guidance counselor.

Service hours and documentation are entered in ManageBac. Directions for logging in are in the MYP Resources Google Classroom for each grade; look for "ManageBac Help." The most common mistake made when trying to login is the email is entered incorrectly. Encourage scholars with questions to email Ms. Lew or come see me in the library.

10TH GRADE: PERSONAL PROJECT

Congratulations to everyone who submitted their Personal Project files to the IB! Those scholars received an email confirmation from Ms. Lewandowski and will get a certificate from IB with their score when they are released in August. Ms. Lewandowski will contact all scholars with their official score at that time, and any awards earned will be added to your transcript.

Total Points	0 - 3	4-6	7-10	11-13	14-17	18-20	21-24
Grade from IB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Note added to transcript	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MPS Grade Awarded (1/2 credit)	None	None	None	Pass	Pass	Pass	A

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Personal Project coordinators:

Ms. Schlipp (schlipda@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) and Ms. Lewandowski (stewarle@milwaukee.k12.wi.us)



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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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Counseling Caseloads

✦ Last Names A-C	Ms. Mikell - Mikellbr@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Last Names D-K	Ms. Little - littletn@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Last Names L-Q	Ms. Behling - behlings@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Last Names R-Z	Mr. Wilson - wilsons1@milwaukee.k12.wi.us
✦ Academic and/or Mental Health Support	Mr. Wolff- wolffm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us

All Grade Levels

Summer Academy Registration is now open

If your student needs to recover a class that he/she previously did not pass OR earned a "D" in, you can now register to the MPS Summer Academy credit recovery program. There are also credit acceleration options and specialty programs available. Registration can be found [here](#)

Tutoring Available!

The Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) Department will be offering Virtual Tutoring Opportunities to all MPS students for the 2022-2023 year. More information about this opportunity can be found [here](#).

Alverno Summer Camp (Free)

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a FREE Summer Camp for female high school students interested in science at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Participants will work directly with Alverno students and faculty to learn science techniques used in biology, chemistry, urban agriculture, and more while exploring science-related pathways and careers. There are 20 spots available; we ask that you share the attached flier and encourage students to apply for this great opportunity! Applications are now open [here](#)

UW Madison Summer Programs- See all available programs [here](#)

Grade 9

Academic and Career Planning Conferences

All of the ninth graders have been engaging in [Academic and Career Planning](#) activities through Xello and class meetings. As a culmination of their experiences, each student will create a presentation and lead an Academic and Career Planning Conference with their counselor. Parents and guardians are invited to attend the conferences. The directions for the presentation can be found in your student's Xello assignments.

[Life After High School: Taking Control of Your Future!](#) videos and [Life After High School Conversation Starters](#) are helpful resources to spark a conversation with your ninth grader about their academic and career plans prior to the conference.

Boys and Girls Club Graduation Plus Program

[The Graduation Plus College Access & Success Services at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee](#) is now accepting 9th grade applications.

Does your student:

- Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or above?
- Have 90% attendance or above?

9th grade applicants may apply now that they have their first semester grades. Apply [here](#)

Graduation Plus provides students with academic support services, tutoring, ACT Prep, college tours, college scholarships, career readiness & exploration training, academic advising, financial literacy training, assistance with college applications, leadership lessons and personal development.

Community Service

Students must complete one of the following three options: online learning, community service experience, or service-learning. 20 hours of community service is an option that you can complete during this summer. Contact your counselor for more information about community service and to get the form to log your hours.

<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/Community-Service.htm>

Grade 10

Community Service

Students must complete one of the following three options: online learning, community service experience, or service-learning. 20 hours of community service is an option that you can complete during this summer. Contact your counselor for more information about community service and to get the form to log your hours.

<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/Community-Service.htm>

- Green Tech Station Volunteer Day May 13th 10-12pm
 - <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NorthwestSideCommunityDevelopmentCorporation/2023GreenTechStationVolunteerDayRSVPForm>

Grade 11

2023/24 Common Application Essay Topics

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

College Planning- Ask College Experts YouTube Video Series offers small bites of information that is a helpful starting point as the college search process is navigated. There will also be a help session for seniors and parents next fall offered by the King counseling department. You can view the YouTube series [here](#)

ACT Prep - Students can practice ACT lessons and tests through Clever on a program called Chalktalk.

Questbridge

High school juniors: The application is now open for the QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program! Awards include full scholarships to college summer programs, essay feedback, \$1,000 awards, and more. Visit questbridge.org to learn more. [College Prep Scholars Program](#)

Grade 12

Graduation Date/time:

Class of 2023 graduation will be taking place on Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm in the UW Panther Arena downtown! **10 tickets will be given per student**

End of the year Senior To-Do list:

- Request Final Transcript be sent (on hold) to the college you are attending in the fall
- Update your Parchment Account to your personal email address

- Complete Senior Exit Survey:
https://mpsresearch.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bswi2EuQEZRbm4t
- Complete College acceptance/scholarship google form:
<https://forms.gle/WNQwsBSP8hWrtb1i8>
- Complete Xello lessons
- Turn in Community Service hours paperwork to your Counselor (if needed)
- Turn in completed PE Waiver paperwork to your Counselor (if needed)
- Pay all student fees. See Mr. Dupies in 103A before or after school for any questions/concerns about fees.

FAFSA opened October 1st

COMPLETING THE FAFSA IS NOW AN MPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR COUNSELOR IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE.

If you were not able to attend the Virtual FAFSA info session the recording from the meeting can be found in the Class of 2023 Google classroom.

All confirmations must be uploaded in Xello.

- [With the FAFSA® Complete, Get Ready for Your Next Financial Aid Steps](#): What comes next after completing the FAFSA? Share this article to help your families prepare for the next phase of the college financial aid process.
- [A Breakdown of the Student Aid Report](#): Share this simple, downloadable resource with your students and their parents to help them understand the SAR and know what information to review.

Available Scholarships

Our Scholarship Spreadsheet is updated daily with new available scholarships! To view the list, see [here](#)

College acceptances and Scholarships Awarded

We want to know about all of your college acceptances AND any scholarships you have received from colleges/institutions. Please take a moment to complete this google form [here](#) to let us know about all acceptances/scholarships you received, even if you do not plan on attending that particular college.

Wisconsin Tuition Promise Program

New information has recently been added to the Wisconsin Tuition Promise [website](#). Please refer to the website to learn more about this new initiative taking effect Fall 2023. New information will be added to this webpage as it becomes available.



RK National Honor Society 2022-2023 Highlights

This year the RK Chapter of the National Honor Society has been doing some pretty amazing things, and as we wrap up our year, we wanted to share.

1. In December members participated in a Bowl-A-Thon, competing and raising more than \$8,000. With this we were able to donate to the Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth AND establish the Steven Wagner Scholarship of Commitment and Excellence for current senior NHS members. The NHS Officer Corps reviewed member applications and awarded the \$1,000 scholarship to Andrea Anyanwu.
2. Members independently completed 4,788 hours of community service totaling an astounding 200 days!
3. This past Saturday The RK NHS Chapter inducted 40 new members and recognized 40 graduating seniors for their commitment. Members were inspired by our keynote speaker, Eric Olivier - King NHS alum c/o 2002, and current Deputy Commissioner of Community Health w/city of Milwaukee Health Dept.

Thank you for your support of RKNHS.

Curry and Schaefer



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PARENT COORDINATOR:
Ms. V. Ward

I would like to thank the Milwaukee Bucks and their fantastic staff for allowing Mr. Haslett, RKHS art teacher, and many of his students to design “Cheer Loud” BMO Harris signs! As the Milwaukee Bucks departed for game three of the Bucks VS. Heat playoff series, the “Cheer Loud” signs were used. Go Bucks, go! Below are a few of our staff and students supporting the Milwaukee Bucks!



