



February 2013

Yes, It Really Is the Second Semester!

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and successful first semester at the Teitelman School. Contained in this newsletter are several resources for students and their parents to continue to make the middle school experience terrific! As spring approaches, I want to alert you to a few dates that have changed since the school calendar was printed.

First, March 8th initially was a full day teacher in-service. Due to the days we missed with Hurricane Sandy, the district has decided to make *March 8th a half-day for students*. By having school on March 8th, closing exercises and graduation can occur on the originally scheduled date of June 14th, 2013.

The band's dessert recital was on the calendar for March 1st; due to a conflict with other activities, the dessert recital will occur on April 19th, 2013.

During the first three days of the NJASK, April 29th, 30th and May 1st, students will have half days. Finally, the 8th grade awards night date has changed from May 23rd to May 22nd.

Power School

By now everyone should be familiar with our online grading program called PowerSchool. There are multiple links for PowerSchool on the district web pages or you can access it directly at the following address:

<http://lcmrschool.org/lcm/parent/powerschool.html>

There you will find the PowerSchool link as well a video and a Power Point presentation tutorial. By logging on you can see your students' grades, assignment data, and links to e-mail your child's teachers. Teachers make every effort to update their grades weekly. Your child has been provided a log-on and password that will get you into the program. Please note that if you reverse the student's log-on and password that is the parent log-on and password and provides you with a place to sign up for e-mail updates from PowerSchool. Please also note that the PowerSchool bulletin is updated with plenty of current school information such as athletic information, clubs, places to go for help, important dates and other information. Because we use PowerSchool we do not send home progress reports. It is imperative that you enter your e-mail into PowerSchool so that you receive all future newsletters and other correspondence. Please contact me if you need assistance. In the event you do not have access to a computer you can contact your child's guidance counselor and request a progress report and other school correspondence.

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PowerSchool

Keys for Success at RMT

1. Students need 8-9 hours of sleep on school nights.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast each day. Teitelman has a free breakfast program for all students.
3. Discuss school with your child daily. Be sure to ask them about what they learned in class that day and what they have for homework. Ask them about their homework as they do it and check it when they complete it. If your child knows their homework is important to you, it will become more important to them.
4. Try to schedule a homework time and place. A quiet place at a scheduled time will help your child remain organized and focused.
5. Contact your child's teacher(s) if questions arise. Your child's guidance counselor can also be a wealth of information.
6. Take advantage of the plethora of afterschool activities RMT has to offer. Spring sports are starting soon. Fishing club, surf club, guitar club, and art club are offered as well as afterschool homework club and math help. Programs such as Family Fitness Night and family math and language arts nights are programs designed for students and their parents.
7. Show your support by attending as many school functions as you can. Stress to your child the importance of school and the hard work put forth by all school personnel. Students should make daily attendance a priority.
8. Middle school is a time for students to explore and become more independent. Students need support and guidance on their quest for independence.

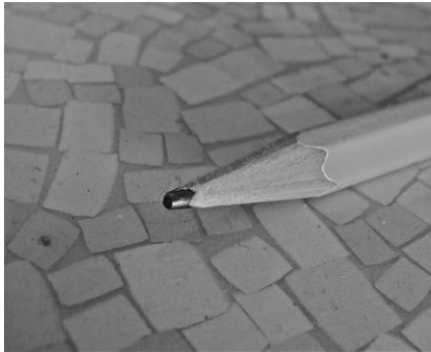
HELP

1. If you want to know, or if your child forgets what they have for homework, you can call the homework hotline by calling 884-3475; press 2 then press 1 and finally select your child's team. Many teams also have team websites that list your child's homework.
2. If your child forgot something at school, the doors are usually unlocked until 6pm. Between 6pm and 10pm, you can ring the doorbell and a custodian will let you in.
3. RMT has a homework club for any students wanting a quiet place to do homework until 4pm Monday through Thursday. A late bus is available.
4. Math help is available Monday through Thursday after school until 4.
5. Mrs. Manello, our 7th grade guidance counselor, is out on maternity leave until June; Mr. Atwell is filling in for her. Mr. Atwell has had over twenty years of experience as a guidance counselor. Mrs. Samaniego is our 8th grade guidance counselor. Both counselors are a wealth of knowledge about your child's classes as well as a host of other things.
6. The RMT Media Center web page is loaded with valuable information. Your child's teachers may ask them to access this page from time to time so it is a good idea to bookmark it on your home computer. It can be accessed at <http://lcmrschool.org/lcmr/rmtmedia/index.htm>
7. The assistant principal, Mr. Simonsen, can be reached at 884-3475 x226 or simonsene@lcmrschools.com He deals with student discipline, bullying and several other things at RMT.
8. I can be reached at 884-3475 x214 or lasherg@lcmrschools.com



BULLYING

Although we all wish it was not the case, as children become adolescents, the occurrences of bullying typically increase. Adolescents use social networking sites, such as My Space and Facebook, and text messaging more and more frequently. When used appropriately, these tools can be good communication devices; however, adolescents don't always realize who they are talking to online and that what they write and post about others is permanent and can have negative effects which can be termed cyber bullying. All of the teachers at RMT, the guidance counselors, and administrators are well educated and equipped to deal with bullying and take it very seriously. I encourage you to speak with your child and report, or have your child report, any incident of bullying to a teacher, a guidance counselor, or administrator. Mr. Simonson is our school's anti-bullying specialist. This district's bullying policy can be found in your student's planner and online at: <http://www.lcmrschooldistrict.com/faculty/policies/5512-policy.pdf>



NJASK is coming soon!

April 29th, 30th, May 1st and May 2nd are the dates scheduled for the NJASK. Make-up testing is May 6th – May 10th. Six family night sessions will be held to review concepts and strategies for taking the NJASK. Please review the attached calendar for specific dates. Each session begins with a scrumptious dinner, followed by instruction from two content area teachers. Please make plans to attend these family nights and make attendance a priority during the week of testing!



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Parent's Advisory

RMT will hold its second Parent's Advisory meeting at 6:00pm on April 11th, 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to keep parents informed and involved in what is going on at RMT. You could say it is a faculty meeting for parents. Over the past few years parental involvement and participation have been low and I desperately want to change this. I need your help! Please support your child and their school by attending the meeting. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

1. Frequently Asked Questions about middle school and the life of a "middle schooler"
2. Places to get help if it is needed
3. Changes at RMT this year
4. Your questions and comments



Cell Phones

Please remember students are not permitted to carry cell phones into classes with them. Cell phones must remain off and in a student's locker during the day. If a student needs to use a phone they can always use the phone in the guidance office. If you need to get in contact with your child please call the front office and we will be glad to get them a message for you.

Calendar of Events

March – June 2013

Mar 6 NJ Ask Math Night – 6:00
 8 Teacher In-Service – Early Dismissal
 13 NJ Ask LA Night – 6:00
 20 NJ Ask LA Night – 6:00
 22 School Play
 23 School Play
 26 BOE meeting – 7:00
 26 Inter District Choir Concert
 27 Gateway to Technology Field Trip
 28 Early dismissal – Spring Break
 29 Spring Break

Apr. 1-7 Spring Break
 8 School reopens
 9 End of 3rd Quarter
 11 Parent’s Advisory 6:00
 13 Band Ft Rowan University
 19 Band Recital & Dessert 7:00
 25 BOE meeting – 7:00
 29, 30 NJ ASK Testing - Early Dismissal

May 1 NJ ASK Testing – Early Dismissal
 2 NJ Ask Testing
 3 Early dismissal – teacher in-service
 6 Author Visit – Ty Drago
 6-10 NJ ASK Make-up Testing
 9 RMT Spring Concert – 7:00
 11 RMT Band Music in the Parks Trip
 13 Talent Show
 15 Choir FT Phillies Game
 20 7th Grade Awards- 6:30
 22 8th Grade Awards- 6:30
 23 BOE meeting – 7:00
 27 No School – Memorial Day
 28-31 Book Fair BOGO

June 1 Wildwood Elks Parade –Band
 4 Band/Music Picnic
 14 End 4th Quarter
 14 Last day of school
 27 BOE meeting –5:3

