

Dear Rundlett Middle School Families,

Our school reopening plans are very fluid, as you may have realized. As promised, we are trying to keep all of our families updated weekly. Here is your second edition of The Great Learning Challenge of 2020 - 2.0 Weekly Update.

As we shared with you last week, our students will be following a schedule that is more aligned with a traditional school day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Synchronous (live) teaching will take place for the first 30 minutes or so of each class period. We hope this will improve everyone's learning experience this year. Wednesdays will be different in that a school day schedule will not be followed. Students will have the opportunity to "meet" with teachers to receive extra help. Every day, however, will begin with Advisory at 8:30 for 30 minutes. Attendance will be taken during advisory (and each class period on M,T,Th & F). Here are our schedules by grade level:

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 8](#) - Please note that this schedule is subject to change. RMS shares staff with CHS, so we are working on a schedule that works for all of our students.

Here are some other updates for you:

**General Supplies** -Students will not be able to share any supplies when(hopefully) we return to school. Here is a list of some general supplies that each student will need, whether they are learning remotely or in person. We suggest that each student has a small pouch or pencil case to hold these supplies:

- Pencils
- Pens
- Small pair of scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers

Each cluster may have some additional requests. These will be posted on our website this week. If you need assistance getting these supplies, please contact your child's school counselor.

**RMS Media Center Offerings:** Our Media Center staff is planning to get books in students' hands this year through curbside pick up hours at RMS, library book home delivery and

access to ebooks and audiobooks. Stay tuned for additional library offerings such as book clubs, virtual lunch bunches, book talks, book giveaways and live themed monthly read alouds. Students will be given training on accessing these resources through their Language Arts classes.

**Summer Reading:** Remember those summer reading books that we distributed back in June? We hope all of our students have read them. I have read each one and I thought they were each amazing books! I couldn't put them down! Here's a [reminder](#) from Mrs. O'Brien, RMS Library & Media Specialist and Mrs. Bemis, RMS Reading and Writing Specialist. You will also find the Bingo card attached to this document.

### ***Important Dates***

**Student Materials** - We will be distributing student Chromebooks and other learning materials in the front of our school under the awning. All safety protocols will be in effect during the pick up times. This means that everyone must wear a mask and must be prepared to socially distance when they arrive. This will take place on the following days/dates:

- Wednesday, September 2 - 8:00 - 12:00 Grade 6
  - Wednesday, September 2 - 12:00 - 4:00 Grade 7
  - Thursday, September 3 - 8:00 - 12:00 Grade 8
  - Thursday, September 3 - 12:00 - 4:00 As needed
- In an effort to bring a sense of normalcy to our lives, we have scheduled with Lifetouch, our school photography company, to have school pictures taken when students arrive to pick up their materials. Photographers will be located in the cafeteria and multipurpose room. Again, social distancing will be required. Masks may be taken off so students may smile for the camera. You will be receiving information directly from Lifetouch in the next week or so.
  - We ask for your patience during this pick up and photograph time.
  - We will be sending out more details by the end of the week.

**First Day of School** - Our first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

### ***What's next?***

Over the next week, we will continue to send you updated information as well as resources.

We are sad that this year is not "school as usual". We are still working to provide your child with a robust and engaging educational experience. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Take care,

Paulette