

Dear Rundlett Middle School Families,

We are working hard to prepare for the opening of school. As promised, we are trying to keep all of our families updated weekly. Here is your weekly edition of *The Great Learning Challenge - 2.0 Weekly Update*.

Here are our updates for the week. *Some of these are repeats, but we are still getting questions about them.*

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.

RMS Athletics

We are planning on having sports this fall. Our athletic director and athletic coordinator have been working on our opening safety guidelines. In the meantime, please check out our school website and go to Athletics. Then, go to the *Family ID Registration Information* tab. There, you may register your child. We are hoping to start September 14th. Stay tuned for more information.

Meals During Remote Learning

Please check the attached document for important information about meal services during remote learning.

[Meals During Remote Learning](#)

Annual Update

The Powerschool Parent Portal is now open. Please complete the annual update as soon as possible - hopefully before you pick up your child's chromebook this week. If you need help, [check out this link](#) for more information.

Important Dates

Virtual Parent Information Night - We will be hosting a virtual parent information night on Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00PM. You will have the opportunity to meet our new administrative team, hear about our plans for remote learning and much more. We will send out a link to you Monday evening. We will record this meeting and put it on our website for those who can not “attend”.

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
 - Thursday, September 3 - 12:00 - 4:00 As needed
 - Thursday, September 3 - 8:00 - 12:00 Grade 8
 - Wednesday, September 2 - 12:00 - 4:00 Grade 7
- 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. Here's more important information about ordering your school pictures![Important Picture Day Information](#) Pictures must be ordered online.
- We ask for your patience during this pick up and photograph time.

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

You may find previous copies of our updates on our website under the Principal's Corner.

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