

Dear Rundlett Middle School Families,

Thank you for all of your support as we completed our first week of school. As you know, we had some bumps along the way that included some Zoom issues. Our technology staff have worked hard to resolve all of these issues.

Here is your weekly update for the week of September 19, 2020

Annual Update

The Powerschool Parent Portal is now open. Please complete the annual update as soon as possible. We rely on the annual update for current contact information (phone, email, emergency contacts), changes in health concerns and OTC permission as well as many other important permissions and information. It is extremely important that parents complete this as soon as possible. If you need assistance, please contact Jill Proulx at jjproulx@sau8.org. She is the administrative assistant who is assisting families with the annual updates. A HUGE thank you to those who have already completed this form.

Zoom Tips for Families

Remote learning is still a new learning environment and we are all figuring out how to navigate it! Here are some suggestions to help ensure that your child and other in the class have a good experience:

- Have your child sit in a quiet area of your home. We know this can be difficult, but the fewer the distractions the better.
- Remember that when your child is speaking, the microphone will pick up any other person talking in the background. We had a few situations this week where grownups in the home could be heard speaking, and the language wasn't always "school appropriate". Thanks for your help!
- Our teachers are doing their absolute best to teach in this new world. We ask for your patience as we all learn and improve our skills with technology. When adults post disparaging comments on social media and use a staff member's name, our students are learning that behavior of that kind is acceptable. It's not. If a student does that, we would have to discipline them. Please work with us. If there is a concern let us know. We want to partner with you. We are aware of our imperfections and doing our very best.

Summer Reading Bingo Due Monday!

We have loved seeing the summer reading forms come in! This was an optional summer activity. If your student participated, please email their summer reading bingo form by Monday, 9/14 to cobrien@sau8.org, bmulkerron@sau8.org or ebemis@sau8.org. The form

and additional information can be found on the [RMS Media Center website](#). Students will receive an awesome prize for participating. Happy reading!

Student Materials

We believe that families have all picked up or received materials for their children. This includes student chromebooks and any class materials. If you have not picked up your child's materials, please contact us ASAP. We don't want your child to fall behind in their classes. Please call us if you need further help (603-225-0862).

RMS PTO

Our first PTO meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, September 16th at 6:00PM. This meeting will take place virtually. An invitation will be sent out early this week. Please join us to hear all about the RMS PTO and how you may join in the fun!

Check out the RMS PTO Spirit Wear Website to order some RMS gear, including facemasks! [RMS Spirit Wear Website](#)

Hybrid Model

As you may have heard, our school board has voted for our schools to pivot to a hybrid model that will start in October. Students in grade 6 will start the hybrid schedule on October 5th. Students in grades 7 and 8 will start the hybrid schedule on October 13th. We have a draft plan already developed that we will share with families over the coming weeks. Here is a sneak peek at our [hybrid schedule](#).

Our tasks for the next week include grouping students to determine who will attend on an A day and who will attend on a B day. We are collaborating with Concord High School and our elementary schools to make sure that siblings are attending the same days. Some of you have already reached out with requests for certain days or for children from different families to be placed together. Please understand that while we would like to accommodate everyone's requests, we will simply be unable to do so. We plan to let families know their child's assigned days by September 25th.

W.I.N. Class

W.I.N. classes will start this week only for Grade 7 students who have world language.

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

We are so excited to be back in touch with our Blue Duke Nation students and families. We are in this together - school and families. We know that if we support each other, we can do what's best for our kids.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paulette