

Rib Lake Middle School

October 2017

Rick Cardey, Principal

Monitoring Your Child's Grades

Mid-term grade reports were mailed to your households on 10.05.2017. Please take the time to review them with your child and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding the information on the report. If you would like to see your child improve their grades, please keep in mind that the **end of Quarter 1 is 11.03.2017**. Final grades for the quarter are issued at that time.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017. This is a good time for you to meet your child's teachers and review with them your child's academic performance.



Dates to Remember

October 10	MS School Pictures
October 12	12:30 pm student dismissal MS/HS P/T Conferences (1-6 pm) School Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
October 13	NO SCHOOL
October 16	MS Boys' Basketball begins
November 3	End of Qtr. 1 12:30 pm student dismissal
November 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends

During the month of September, students in grades 6-8 took tests called *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)*. *MAP* tests are given to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of mathematics and reading. *Chromebooks* were used for testing, during scheduled class time. *MAP* tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student will have assessments that will give a better indicator of their learning level. *MAP* testing will be occurring 3 times per year with a focus on setting learning growth goals for each student. Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your child's growth. We are truly excited to see how on-going assessment of learning will help improve student learning. Please feel free to contact Mr. Cardey at 715.427.5446 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding *MAP* testing. Partnering to help all students learn, parents and teachers can have a profound positive effect on the lives of our children.

Community Learning Center (CLC)

Our mission is to provide a safe before and after school environment to enhance and accelerate student academic growth AND support youth and family development.

Program components: homework help, STEM (Science, technology, engineering and math activities), reading rewards, arts & crafts, music and drama, world cultures, sports and school yearbook.

Open Monday-Friday, 7:30-8 am + Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm. Transportation and snacks are provided.

"Primetime" Primetime meets two Wednesday mornings a month at 6:30 am in the RLHS gym/fitness center. It is a time for middle school and high school students and staff members to come together for a morning work-out followed by a healthy shake to drink and a motivational speaker on the topic of leadership. Please encourage your child to attend this valuable time of exercise and character building. Primetime will begin in the month of November.

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

You send your child to school each day to learn and become productive citizens. In addition, you send them entrusting their safety and well-being to our staff. This letter is to remind you of the importance the Rib Lake Schools places in this responsibility.

We want you to know the following:

- An adult is always in charge of and knows your child personally. These close relationships between students and adults are the foundation of our District.
- The school has a detailed safety plan designed to address possible risk events. All doors to the school remain locked throughout the day and all visitors must be granted access and check-in at the main office before moving to the rest of the building.
- Local law enforcement agencies are familiar with our District buildings and have held active intruder trainings in our schools.
- Staff is trained to recognize and intervene in bullying and student conflict incidents.
- Administration/Counselors are trained to identify students at-risk of endangering themselves, peers, or staff to prevent an incident from occurring.

Please understand, as a parent you are an essential part of our school safety plan. You learn a great deal during your daily interactions with your child and their friends. If you become aware of anything suspicious or dangerous, we need you to report the information to a building principal or the district administrator. We assure you, we will immediately investigate and take all precautions to prevent a problem. If you have questions about safety in general, please contact me or your child's principal at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Lori Manion, District Administrator

