



THE TIGER TALE

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Welcome Back to School!

A very special welcome back this year! We've missed our students since we all had to say a very quick goodbye in March. Whether your student is in school or remote, we look forward to spending the school year with them! Many changes and mandates have happened, and you may have questions. Please call, text, or e-mail us with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year.

Some of This Year's Changes

Because of the CDC Guidelines regarding the Covid virus, we've had to make many changes to things. Here's a list of some things that will change:

- Students may not be dropped off at school until 7:30 AM at the earliest. We cannot have a common waiting area for students so they will need to go directly to their rooms. Teachers will not be available until 7:30 AM.
- Parents may not enter the school this year. If you need to sign out your child, you may enter the school through the first door and go to the window between the two sets of doors. We ask that after you sign your child out, you go back outside to prevent congestion in that area.
- All students and staff must wear masks. We will have masks available for any student who does not have one. There will be several mask breaks throughout the day for students.
- School supplies will be provided to every student. This is to help prevent things from coming in from home.
- Students will not be able to use lockers or cubbies. A milk crate will be given to each child for them to keep their belongings in.
- Because of the need to social distance on our buses, no bus passes will be allowed this year. Please make arrangements to pick students up after school, or have someone meet them at their regular bus stop.
- School will be dismissed at 2:00 PM to allow our buses to make the extra runs they will have. If you are picking up your child, please be prompt. Again, we have no common area for students to wait.
- All fall sports for students in grades 6-8 have been cancelled.

A complete list of changes was sent home to each parent.

September, 2020



The first Wednesday of each month —RVCS Cafeteria—
7:00 PM

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News From The Nurse

Welcome back to Ridge View! It seems like such a long time since we have been able to enjoy these students! We are so glad to welcome them back into our building. The beginning of this year will certainly be unlike any other, but please know that we are all working very hard to keep your children safe during in-person learning. Our district website has lots of information related to Covid 19 as we return to school. If you haven't already checked it out, please do. One very basic but important thing to remember is that during this pandemic, please do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well. The list of Covid 19 symptoms is long, and any staff or student exhibiting any symptoms will need to go home. Once a student or staff member is sent home with symptoms, new procedures (outlined on the website) will be followed for return to school. We will not be doing testing at the school.



Another change in the nurse's office is that I no longer have an endless supply of clothing for students. Much of my clothing has been removed from my office. I recommend that parents provide a change of clothing for their children in case of emergency. If your child has a toileting accident, you will be contacted to bring a change of clothing to school. If there is a lunch spill or their clothing gets wet at recess, they may have to stay in those clothes if they do not have a spare set. Donations will not be accepted this year.

Medications will still be administered according to our medication policy. Our policy states that medications shall be given only when the student's health requires that the medication must be given during school hours. If your child needs medication during the school day, please contact me to set up a time to complete the necessary paperwork and drop off medication. To reduce the risk of illness, visitors are not permitted inside the school. The use of nebulizers is highly discouraged during the Covid 19 pandemic.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Crystal Greaves, School Nurse

Student Government News

The PARKING LOT that has been used for middle school recess is being updated to an actual PLAY GROUND. Some great 8th grade Student Government volunteers began the process with State of Maine murals for the bicentennial. Plans are in the works to add 4-square courts and a basketball hoop, but we'd love to get more equipment for the kids.



Need to contact us? Text us with your phone, and it comes to our e-mail. Instead of a number, simply put in:

rvcsoffice@aos94.org



Type in your message and hit send—it comes directly to our e-mail. Use this for transportation changes, absent notes, any type of information you need us to know!

Like us on Facebook

Ridge View Community School has a facebook page, and we'd like you to "like" us! Lots of important information is posted there regarding sports, activities at school, and other things related to Ridge View. Check us out and keep track of school activities through Facebook.



Cafeteria News



Did you know that you can apply for free or reduced meals any time during the year? We sent out applications at the beginning of the school year, but you can apply or re-apply anytime during the school year.

If you would like an application, you can pick one up at the school, you can print one from the AOS 94 website under Nutrition, or you can call 207-924-6000, opt. 5, and the Food Services Director will make arrangements to get one to you.

Builders Club News

Because of the covid virus, Builders Club will be unable to meet at this time. We look forward to when it's safe to meet again.



Contact Your Child's Teacher

If you need to contact your child's teacher, all staff e-mail addresses are posted on our website at:

aos94.org

Dexter Rec. Sign Ups



All parents who wish to have their children play Fall Rec. Sports can stop at the Town Hall this week to sign them up. Sign Ups will be held at the Town Hall between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM or call Mike Martin, Rec. Director, at 270-0194. You may also message him through the Dexter Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page. The sign up fee is \$15.00 per child. For now, Field Hockey and Soccer are being offered for students in grades PK—6. Practices will be two nights a week, but there will be NO games played - no leagues have been formed because of the Covid virus. Practices will be geared toward instruction and fundamentals with guidelines put in place to keep everyone safe. Football, should we have it, will be just flag football, and sign ups will be announced at a later date.



Free Meals for All Students

The USDA has announced that schools can feed students through the Summer Feeding Program until December 31, 2020.

This means that breakfast and lunch are free to all students. This includes second chance breakfast.

We still need families to fill out free/reduced applications. If you do not, in October your student/s will be changed to paid status and if the waiver for the Summer Program is not continued after December, parents/guardians will need to pay for meals. It is best to get applications completed now. It also benefits our school in other ways.



**MSAD #46 Remote Learning
School Breakfast and Lunch Sign up**

Parents/Guardians can sign their children up for breakfast and/or lunch meals to be provided during remote learning.

Students attending school in person Monday & Tuesday can take 3 breakfast and/or lunch meals home with them on Tuesday.
Students attending school in person on Thursday & Friday can take 3 breakfast and/or lunch meals home with them on Friday.

Fully remote students can pick up their meals at DRHS for all grades K-12. Please go to the loading dock at the back of the building on Tuesday and Friday from 12:45-1:45. You must sign up for meals to receive meals on these days. Tuesday they will receive 3 breakfast and/or lunch meals, Friday they will receive 2 breakfast and/or lunch meals.

Parents/Guardians will be expected to pay for meals delivered to children who have not been approved for Free/Reduced school meals. Applications are available online this year or you will receive one with the first day of school packet. You must complete a new application every school year.

Cost of meals –

DRHS student breakfast = \$1.25, DRHS student lunch = \$2.65

RVCS student breakfast = \$1.00, RVCS student lunch = \$2.15

Please complete this form if you would like your child to receive meals at home during remote learning. Return this form to:

MSAD#46
attn Gail Merrill, FSD
175 Fern Road, Suite 1
Dexter ME 04930
Or email to gmerrill@aos94.org

Student name _____ Fully Remote or
Student grade _____ M/T in school or TH/F in school

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Student grade _____ M/T in school or TH/F in school

Student name _____ Fully Remote or
Student grade _____ M/T in school or TH/F in school

I would like my student(s) to receive breakfast meals during remote learning

I would like my student(s) to receive lunch meals during remote learning

_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Print Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Please contact Gail Merrill at 207-924-6000 option 5 or gmerrill@aos94.org at any time to discontinue remote meals.

RVCS PTO

rvcs_pto@aos94.org

Parents and teachers working together to enhance the educational experience for RVCS students.



WELCOME BACK FAMILIES!

As the new school year begins, please know we are happy to have you back. It may be virtually, it may be in person, or it may be both, but we are glad you're with us.

Traditionally, the RVCS Parent Teacher Organization sends students on field trips throughout the year, and supports other great ways to celebrate as a school community. Sadly, this year, or at least for the next few months, we will not be able to go on field trips or host a Fall Festival. In light of the lack of activities, we've decided to hold off on our fundraising efforts as well.

We do hope to be involved somehow, and we invite you to discover how. Our first meeting of the year will be held in the **RVCS library on Wednesday, October 7th at 3:00 PM.**

Contact us at rvcs_pto@aos94.org to be added to our mailing list!

Find us on Facebook:

“Ridge View Community School Parent Teacher Organization”



Sending Notes to School

If at all possible, we are asking parents to e-mail us any notes that your child may need. Because of the Covid virus, we are trying to cut down on paperwork going from school to home and vice versa. When your child is tardy, needs to be dismissed, or is absent, you may e-mail or text us at any time using the rvcoffice@aos94.org address. When texting, just put this address into the space where you'd put the phone number, and it will come directly to our e-mail. Thank you for helping us to prevent the spread!



SCHOOL WIDE TITLE IA PROGRAM FOR RIDGE VIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

Ridge View Community School is committed to working in partnership with parents in a variety of ways.

One specific area of cooperation is the Title I program. Title I is a federal funding program that is given to schools based on their free/reduced hot lunch rates to support math, literacy and parent projects. We are now a School Wide Title I program, which is a continuous improvement model supporting all students.

Our School Wide Title I program has three instructional coaches: Kelly Gay (PK-2) Sharon Imbert, (3-5) and Holly Varnum (6-8). Instructional Interventionists in the Title IA School Wide program are Anne Jordan, Janeane Chase, Bryant Farrar, Cynthia Richard and Valerie Cote. Our coaches support classroom teachers with their effective teaching practices and analyzing student data, as well as working with students. Our interventionists work with students on any standard that they are not demonstrating proficiency in and require some extra support. For the 2020-21 School Year all Title IA School Wide staff will be utilized as classroom teachers to reduce class sizes in accordance with CDC and DOE guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Our coaches and interventionists spend time supporting students by pushing into the classroom during instructional time and pulling students out for one-on-one or small group targeted instruction. At any time this year, if your child is in need of additional instruction, based on current student assessments and data, they may receive support with one of the Title I staff for short term assistance or perhaps a longer intervention time. We want your child to achieve to their highest potential.

Ridge View Community School will also be having Extended Day Learning Programs for students needing additional assistance, More information on these programs will be sent home when they are ready to start later this fall.

In the back of the student handbook you will find a parent/school compact. On the district website, www.aos94.org, you will also find a link to our Title I programs and latest DOE school report cards.

You will be notified in writing or by phone call if your child will receive additional help on a consistent basis from one of the math or literacy coaches/interventionists. You might also be invited to a Student Assistance Team meeting, by Melissa Spizuoco, our SAT Coordinator.

Should you have any questions about our Title IA School Wide Program feel free to contact Jerry Kiesman or Jessica Dyer, 924-6000 or your child's classroom teacher. Anne Jordan is the School Wide Program Coordinator, 924-6000. We hope to help you and your children have a great year!

Staying PAWSITIVE during the Pandemic

RVCS Positive Behavioral Expectations – TIGER PAWS

Welcome to our 10th Anniversary School Year at RVCS! At home you have spent the past 6 months or so keeping your children and family safe and trying to stay as positive as possible during this world-wide pandemic. We are all in this together and here at RVCS we will continue that! We will do our best District-Wide to keep your child (and our staff) as safe as we possibly can. We want Ridge View Community School to continue to be a place where all feel welcome, respected, and safe.

For those of you who are new to our school community, our school rules specifically address bullying behaviors, provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. Research shows that children who are in a positive environment where Positive Behavior is acknowledged and valued are more ready and able to learn and academics improve. As parents and guardians you are our partners in creating this consistent language at home, at school, and in the community. There are subtle (and some not so subtle) reminders throughout the school building to remind us all about our common values, including the Tiger Pledge that we recite as a school community every morning.

At Ridge View, we make every effort to recognize and acknowledge positive behavior (consistent with the three core values of Responsibility, Respect and Safety). You can ask your student, “What are the rules in your school?” “How do you follow those rules?” “What happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?” We explicitly teach those expectations to the students and acknowledge adherence to the rules and expectations frequently verbally and occasionally with “TIGER PAWS.” We have group incentives by grade level and classroom to build that sense of community.

We have individual incentives as well. In grades PreK thru 8th grade, when a student receives 10 Tiger Paws, a letter is sent home celebrating this achievement. When a student receives 20, 30, or 40 Tiger Paws he or she receives a special certificate. When a student earns 50 Tiger Paws they receive a Tiger Paw Medal. We hope that soon your refrigerator at home will be adorned with your student’s TIGER PAW(s) that he or she brought home. Last year students and staff at our school earned over 12,000 Tiger Paws and this again reflected in a positive change in our school climate. Lets all be respectful, responsible, safe, patient and empathetic as we start this unprecedented 10th Anniversary School Year TOGETHER! :-)

Staying PAWSITIVE during the Pandemic
RVCS Positive Behavioral Expectations – TIGER PAWS

Thank you for supporting this at home! If you would like more information about the link between school climate and behavioral and academic success, please check out the link at www.pbis.org. If you have questions or ideas about this, please contact Melissa Spizuoco (mspizuoco@aos94.org).

September 2020 RVCS Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		2 Snack Bun Raisin Juice Milk	3 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Applesauce Juice Milk	4 Blueberry Muffin Cereal Craisin Juice Milk
7 Holiday	8 Cereal Cracker Juice Milk	9 Snack Bun juice Milk	10 Blueberry Bagel Juice Milk	11 Chocolate Muffin Cereal Juice Milk
14 Chocolate Bread Juice Milk	15 Blueberry Muffin Cereal Juice Milk	16 Snack Bun Juice Milk	17 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Juice Milk	18 Banana Muffin Cereal Juice Milk Milk
21 Banana Bread Juice Milk	22 Chocolate Muffin Cereal Juice Milk	23 Snack Bun Juice Milk	24 Plain Bagel Wow butter Juice Milk	25 Blueberry Muffin Cereal Juice Milk Milk
28 Blueberry Bread Juice Milk	29 Banana Muffin Cereal Juice Milk	30 Snack Bun Juice Milk		

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September 2020 RVCS Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		2 Stuffed Bagel Yogurt Cheese Stick Carrots Pear Milk	3 Turkey Coins Cheese Slices Broccoli Canned Fruit Cheese its Milk	4 Chicken Salad Roll Vegetable Grapes Milk
Holiday	7 Tuna Salad Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Milk	8 Bagel Yogurt Cheese Stick Vegetable Fruit Milk	9 Egg salad sandwich Vegetable Fruit Milk	10 Wow Sandwich Cheese stick Vegetable Fruit Milk
Bologna Sandwich Vegetable Fruit Milk	14 Chicken Burger Vegetable Fruit Milk	15 Stuffed Bagel Yogurt Cheese stick Vegetable Fruit Milk	16 Chicken Salad Flatbread Vegetable Fruit Milk	17 Pizza Vegetable Fruit Milk
Tuna Roll Vegetable Fruit Milk	21 Hot Dog & Roll Vegetable Fruit Milk	22 Bagel Yogurt Cheese stick Vegetable Fruit Milk	23 Egg Salad Flat Bread Vegetable Fruit Milk	24 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit Milk
Turkey Coins Cheese Slices Vegetable Fruit Cheese its Milk	28 Chicken Burger Vegetable Fruit Milk	29 Wow Sandwich Cheese Stick Vegetable Fruit Milk	30	25

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