

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



April 2024

Designed by RLS MS

April Highlights

- 1 No School (Easter Monday)
- 3 Chapel (8:40am)
- 5 Qtr 3 Report Cards Posted in Sycamore
- 6 Best Buddies Friendship Walk
- 10 Chapel (8:40am)
- 17 Chapel (8:40am)
- 24 Chapel (8:40am)

Upcoming important May events:

May 7th - STEM Night

May 21st - 8th Grade Drama Performance (6:30pm)

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

-- Isaiah 40:31

Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for some volunteer hours this summer? Use the information below to register as a VBS volunteer. Questions? Contact Mrs. Hulse at erikahulse@rlscary.org

Group

Resurrection Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28
9 am to noon
Ages 4 - 5th Grade

Scan here to register or to volunteer.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/2541ab>

RLS Middle School Instagram

Follow the RLS Middle School on Instagram!

[rls_middle_matters](https://www.instagram.com/rls_middle_matters)

Science

Jennifer McCuiston - jennifermccuiston@rlscary.org

WOW! I can't believe we are starting quarter 4. It has been such a wonderful year so far.

8th

These first 2 weeks of April we will continue working on our Ecosystems unit with Ch 18 focusing on different types of ecosystems, energy flow, as well as sources. We will investigate the water cycle, hydrogen cycle, and the O₂ CO₂ cycle. We will also investigate the human impact we have. Further into the month we will begin our unit on environmental implications in which we learn about, discuss and research the effects humans have on the environment from obtaining, using and maintaining different energy sources.

7th

This first week of April we are finishing our chapter on DNA and genetics. The class has been so engaged and we have had such wonderful discussions around DNA, transcription and other deep science concepts. Following our chapter on genetics we will begin investigating body systems.

6th Grade Science

Stephanie Lee - stephanielee@rlscary.org

Happy April!

I hope you all had a family-time filled, refreshing Easter Break. Please remember the Best Buddies Walk is tomorrow on April 06, 2024 at Rolesville High School. The walk begins at 10:00 AM and I would LOVE to have you join the fourth and fifth graders. You can walk for free or donate 50 dollars if your kiddo wants a shirt! If you would like to donate and not walk, I can grab your sixth grader's shirt! It is not too late to register!

We are currently the highest raising team in Raleigh! If you would like to be a part of this amazing opportunity for NJHS services hours or for a full heart, please register with our team with this link:

<https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/raleigh/supporting/#fourthgraderswithfaith>

April brings a focus on ecosystems and animal interactions. We will jump into this content right away and will also be making our own mini ecosystems in a bottle.

Math

Mrs. Farmer - amandafarmer@riscary.org

6th Grade Math:

This month we started our study of probability. We will work on experimental and theoretical probability. Then we will move to our study of operations positive and negative integers.

Compacted 7th & 8th Grade Math:

This month we will work through our study of geometry. In the first unit we will review geometry terms, angle relationships, polygons, congruence, and circle graphs. Then we will work on all the types of transformations on the coordinate plane.

8th Grade - Math 1:

This month we will wrap up our study of quadratic functions. Then we will finish up with our work on connecting our algebra and geometry skills.

Math

Mrs. Boyle - judyboyle@riscary.org

Hard to believe the 4th quarter is already here! Keep up the great work as we head toward June. Finish Strong!!

8th Grade: The 4th quarter will involve projects designed to refresh and reenforce learned skills as well as extensions into areas of trigonometry, arithmetic and geometric sequences, and polynomials.

7th Grade: We will be finishing our geometry unit with surface area and volume. Then on to exploring patterns, rules/functions, graphing and finishing up with data analysis. It will be a busy and exciting quarter.

6th Grade: We are completing our units on geometry with surface area and volume. Then on to exploring integers, graphing on the coordinate plane, solving inequalities and and introduction to basic probability.

Help is available before school from 7:40-8:15 and during lunch.

Pi Day fun in math classes!



Literature Studies

Ms. Valvano - jamievalvano@rlscary.org

April is National Poetry month, so we will be reading and writing poetry in addition to reading our novels.

6th Grade: Students are taking a step back in time as we experience the Yellow Fever epidemic in *Fever 1793*.

7th Grade: Students will complete *The Maze Runner* and create a group project in class.

8th Grade: Nonfiction will be our focus as we read *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*.

STARBOOKS CAFE WAS A SUCCESS!

We had so much fun enjoying a day of reading, treats, and games. Thank you for all the donations.



Language Arts

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7th Grade will focus on the essential elements of writing a 5 paragraph argumentative essay. Developing a strong hook, writing a thesis statement, creating cohesion with transition sentences, and identifying credible sources to find evidence will be some of the skills we will be working on.

8th Grade will focus on rhetorical analysis as we focus on nonfiction writing. We will be taking a close look at author's purpose, rhetorical appeals and devices, and reading strategies.

Vocabulary acquisition and spelling practice will be completed on a weekly basis. Students will continue to strengthen their grammar skills as they write summaries and essays.

Language Arts

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6th grade: I can't believe we are into quarter 4 already, it has been such a fun year so far. This last quarter we will work on narrative writing for our compositions. We will continue enriching our vocabulary with our SAT words, mastering spelling and definitions. In grammar we will continue working to apply the skills we have learned as well as focusing on the following: Direct and indirect objects, verb tense and agreement, and object pronouns.

Social Studies

Mr. Timm - tylertimm@rlscary.org

6th Grade:

This quarter, we're studying EUROPE! Starting with Western Europe, we'll be looking at the geography, history, and culture of European nations and people. Our 4th quarter project will focus on feudalism and the medieval lords and fiefdoms.

7th Grade:

4th quarter is all about Africa. Working North to South, we'll be learning about African geography, history, and culture, featuring a project on Africa's bright economic future. Please set aside any empty tissue boxes and students will need one for their project.

8th Grade:

We'll be working our way from the Great Depression through WW2 this month. We've finished our WWI presentations and are excited to start our quarter projects, where we will be making Monopoly games that feature a selected era of American history and its economic boons and challenges.

Spanish

Mrs. Vondette - susanvondette@rlscary.org

FELIZ PASCUA ~ HAPPY EASTER!

6th Grade: Upon our return from Spring break, students will learn about cultural Easter celebrations in Guatemala. Our next unit is 'weather', just in time to talk about the solar eclipse! We'll review vocabulary for numbers, days and months. At the end of this unit, students will have a project and speaking assessment – a weather forecast presentation from another country!

7th Grade: We will finish up our grammar unit on -AR verb conjugation, and students will have a quiz next week. Now that we know how to conjugate a regular verb, we'll try conjugation of an irregular one! Then, we will begin a new unit on 'Leisure Activities and Locations', and learn how to use interrogatives to ask questions!

8th Grade: First, we finish up our grammar topics and study of ER and IR verb conjugation, and expressions with 'gustar'. Students will have a grammar quiz the second week of April. Next, we will continue our unit on breakfast and lunch, and expressions of like and dislike. Students will have a speaking assessment in mid-April.

ALL students should be studying vocabulary and reviewing classwork & notes every day for 15 minutes!

Electives

Printmaking+Mixed Media (3 Day)- Mrs. Timm

For Q4, we will be learning about and experimenting with the process of printmaking with linoleum, as well as creating mixed media collages and 3D assemblages!

Digital Art (2 Day)- Mrs. Timm

For Q4, we will be learning about digital art and how it is used today: students will create their own logo, design a faux movie poster, and invent a video game character through the Procreate app from Google!

8th Grade Drama - Mr. Timm

Auditions are finished and rehearsals for the 8th grade play begin! We'll be performing "15 Reasons Not to Do a Play" on May 21st. Mark your calendars!

Game Theory - Mrs. Farmer

Each week in Game Theory we will spend time learning to play a new game then discuss strategies to win. We are going to keep track of total "wins" throughout the quarter and I'll have prize for the highest win total.

Coding/STEM - Mrs. Hulse/Mrs. Barnette

We had an amazing group of students in our elective during 3rd quarter. We are looking forward to our quarter 4 elective and cannot wait to see their progress and creativity with coding!

PE - Coach Elliott

We sure had fun honing volleyball and soccer skills over the past few months! The last quarter will be a exploration of kickball and baseball along with playing students' favorite games from the year behind us. Of course, we will have a little fitness testing with the mile run in May, but that is balanced out with a few more "free play" days as we wind down the school year.

Religion

Religion 6 - We'll be studying Joshua, Judges, and I and II Samuel this month.

Religion 7 - We are continuing our study of the events leading up to Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter, and how, in Jesus the Christ, God's plan of salvation for the world is realized.

Religion 8 - In Q4 we are looking at our identity and how God continues to form us. In forming us, He always guides us with His eternal presence.

National Junior Honors Society

Service Hours: You need a total of 4 service hours this quarter. They are due by May 24th. Be sure to turn in both the signature form and the google form posted in google classroom.

Important Meeting Dates: All meetings during lunch in room 242

All Members: April 11th

Executive Board: April 18th