



Welcome

Class of 2032!

August 27, 2025



Today

- Roll Call
- Introductions
- Periods 1-4 plus lunch
- Parent presentation and Q&A
- Children return close to 11



6TH GRADE KEY PEOPLE TO KNOW!



Lori O'Mara - Principal
Stacy Miller - Assistant Principal
Mark Burrowes - Dean
Johanna Cuello Gutierrez - Guidance
Counselor
Stephanie Purdy- Activities
Julie Prince - Parent Coordinator



****EMAIL ADDRESSES LINKED ON WEBSITE
AND IN OPENING DAY PACKETS****

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

- First Mondays
- First Meeting: 9/19, 7:00 PM @ RKA IN PERSON
- Fundraisers prompt Mini Grants for teachers
- Fun events
- Committees

+ Parents Association President:
Julia Kilpatrick

Mini Grants in Action



ACADEMICS



- ELA- Expeditionary Learning
- Literature/ Reading
- Math- Illustrative Mathematics/Desmos
- Social Studies- Passport
- Science- Amplify
- Math Through Technology*
- Physical Education*
- Health*
- Art*



INSTRUCTION

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- ★ Mix of tech and traditional methods
 - ★ Chromebooks available for classroom use
 - ★ Note Taking
 - ★ Collaboration
 - ★ Students talking
 - ★ Differentiation
 - ★ All courses have Google Classroom and Zoom links

*Class of 2032 GC code is 56coxt4o *



STUDENT GROUPINGS FOR 2025



All classes heterogeneously mixed
Students will have classes with different
students throughout the day
ELA Intervention and Honors Enrichment
through Literature class
Math Intervention Honors Enrichment
through MTT Class



IEP AND ELL SERVICES

All IEP services will be delivered in person as specified on IEP

- **ICT**
- **SETSS**
- **12:1:1**
- **Related services**

All ENL services will be provided in person according to NYSED guidance

****No need to provide us with a copy of IEP**

STAYING ORGANIZED!



- 8+ Teachers
- Nightly assignments
- Long term projects
- Testing Days
- Reading every night

Useful Tools:

- Personal Planner
- Calendar
- Google Classrooms



Daily Schedule

8:20 AM- 2:40 PM

- 4 Day Cycle
- Cycle Days Marked on Calendar
- Some classes meet every day and some every other day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Labor Day			First day of school/ Day 1	Day 2
Week 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Week 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4

Sample Student Program

Period	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1	UASM6/1 6th Grade Music Room 152 CASTINER	PPSM6/5 PHYSICAL EDUCAT Room GYM PE TBD	UASM6/1 6th Grade Music Room 152 CASTINER	PPSM6/5 PHYSICAL EDUCAT Room GYM PE TBD
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6	SSSM6/3 CORE SCIENCE 6 Room 108 YORDAN	SSSM6/3 CORE SCIENCE 6 Room 108 YORDAN	SSSM6/3 CORE SCIENCE 6 Room 108 YORDAN	SSSM6/3 CORE SCIENCE 6 Room 108 YORDAN
7	PHSM6/5 HEALTH GRADE 6 Room 121 ZULAUF	MMSM6QMT/6 MATH THROUGH TE Room 228 FRANKZCWEICZ	PHSM6/5 HEALTH GRADE 6 Room 121 ZULAUF	MMSM6QMT/6 MATH THROUGH TE Room 228 FRANKZCWEICZ
8	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN	HSSM6/5 CORE SOCIAL STU Room 122 NEVIN

Food Service

- ★ Breakfast available 7:50 AM- 8:15 AM in Cafeteria
- ★ Grab and Go Breakfast for late students
- ★ Hot and cold lunch available
- ★ Universal meals
- ★ 5 lunch periods; Separate lunches for grades
- ★ May bring own lunch
- ★ Composting program



Transportation

Arrival & Dismissal

- ★ Separate 6th grade entrance “Auditorium Entrance”
- ★ Choices: Yellow bus (Auditorium), OMNY card, bike, drop off or walk
- ★ Pre-designated bus route is listed in NYCSA
 - **Yellow bus routes on flyer- ONLY ROUTES AVAILABLE
 - If OK- DO NOTHING
 - IF NOT OK- fill out Transportation Form
- ★ May not select OMNY card AND Yellow Bus
- ★ Use NYCSA for bus information and the new monitoring app:
- ★ NYC School Bus app (available for download on both iPhone and Android devices)



Physical Ed.

- We “dress” for gym
- RKA t-shirt, sneakers, and athletic bottoms (shorts or pants)
- Place phone and “street” clothes in a locker- and LOCK IT!
- Participate in gym class
- Change back into “street” clothes at the end of class
- Can leave gym clothes in small gym locker (or take them home and wash them!)



Arts

(Visual, Instrumental, Vocal)

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- Class meets every other day
 - Assigned in Grade 6
 - Students may express a preference for next two years at the end of Grade 6
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Communication

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- ★ **NYCSA- Attendance, report cards, bussing, messages- SIGN UP NOW! (email jprince4@schools.nyc.gov with CHILD'S NAME)**
 - ★ Jupiter Ed Grades- Grades
 - ★ RKA Notes, Looking Ahead, and other major announcements from Parent Coordinator - JPrince4@schools.nyc.gov
 - ★ Marking Period Newsletters
 - ★ Weekly Bulletin for students/grade level GC
 - ★ School Website: www.RKA141.org
 - ★ Instagram @rkamshs141
 - ★ GC- "Invite Guardians"

Communication

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- ★ Remind- RKA Class of 2030
 - Student Last Names A-F @8ge88dc
 - Student Last Names G-O @e6dd89
 - Student Last Names P-Z @8kbak8b
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Upcoming Events

Parent Engagement Events

- Back to School Night/Meet the Teacher in-person
- Conferences (Virtual)
- Coffee with the Principal- (Virtual & in person)
- Fireside Chats (virtual)
- Celebrations (in person)



School Events



- ★ Dances
- ★ Trips
- ★ PBIS Parties
- ★ Tiger Token Store
- ★ Spirit Days
- ★ Awards
- ★ Clubs



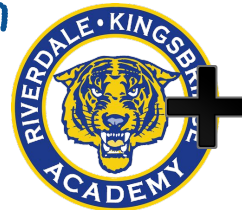
Afterschool

❖ Partnership with Riverdale Neighborhood House @ RKA

- Provides academic, social, and enrichment activities until 5:40 PM weekdays

→ <https://www.riverdaleonline.org/>

- Registration 9/9 (last names A-L) and 9/10 (last names M-Z)
- HW Help begins on 9/15 until 4 pm
- Full Program begins on 9/29



Clubs

- Variety of offerings beginning 9/30 2:40-3:40 PM
- Club Fair during Back to School Night-9/25
- RNH students may participate in clubs and rejoin the RNH program at 4:00
- Self dismissal
- Science Olympiad, Arts and Crafts, Jewelry Making, Pickleball, Morning Band, Model UN
- [Club Listing on Website](#)

MS Intramurals Athletics

- Run through RKA/CHAMPS, and Varsity Coaches
- Separate from the regular RNH after-school although students may attend both
- 4- 6 week intervals
- Soccer, flag football, basketball, handball, pickleball



Additional Supports



Counselors & Support Staff

- Additional guidance staff added to support and emotional needs
- Youth Development Counselors
- Counseling in Schools Partnership
- College for All Partnership -6-12 College Curriculum
- Teacher Teams meet with Counselors once a week

Restorative Practices

- Circles- Counselors and other support staff push into classes to work directly with students as a group
- Conflict Resolution- Trained staff and peers help other students work out conflicts



Restorative Practices help students develop empathy and self regulation



Electronics Policy

In order to promote intellectual engagement and maintain a wholesome and productive environment, the following will be implemented:

- Personal wi-fi devices – including laptops, headphones, watches, and cell phones are not permitted
- School chromebooks will be used in class only
- Students will not be allowed to take chromebooks home
- Cell phones, watches, earbuds are to be placed in a Yondr pouch upon entry.
- Pouches can be stored in backpack or locker until the end of the day

** Chromebook use will be managed by classroom teachers during class time.



NO WI-FI ENABLED DEVICES

NYS
LAW



**ONLY SCHOOL-ISSUED OR APPROVED DEVICES
PERMITTED IN SCHOOL BUILDING
ARRIVAL BELL TO DISMISSAL BELL**

✓
**TURN OFF
DEVICES/ITEMS**

✓
**SEAL IN POUCH WITH
ID WITH STAFF**

✓
**STORE IN OWN LOCKER OR BAG UNTIL
UNSEALED BY STAFF AT THE END OF
THE DAY**

CONFISCATION & CONSEQUENCES

**EARN 5
TIGER TOKENS
EVERY WEEK
FOR
FOLLOWING
THE RULE**

1. STUDENT/ADMIN CONFERENCE; ITEMS RTN'D END OF DAY
2. PHONE CALL HOME; ITEMS RTN'D END OF DAY
3. PARENT PICK UP OF DEVICE; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY
4. AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY AFTER CONSEQUENCE COMPLETE
5. LOSS OF PRIVILEGES; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY END OF DAY
6. CLASS REMOVAL SUSPENSION; ITEMS RTN'D TO PARENT ONLY AFTER CONSEQUENCE COMPLETE

Electronics Policy



As students enter
school, they place their
phone in their
assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and
secure their Pouch,
keeping it on them
throughout the day.



When leaving school,
students tap their
Pouch on a Base to
retrieve their phone.

Behavioral Standards

Non- Negotiables

- No fighting
- No bullying
- No offensive language
- No inappropriate internet behavior
- All wi-fi devices placed in pouches

Consequences

- Mediations/ Parent meetings
- Detention
- Suspension
- Refer to Wi-Fi protocols and Code of Conduct
- All according to NYCPS Discipline Code

** Any issues, contact Dean Burrowes

What's Next?

- Register for NYSCA
- Review your child's program
- Pick Up Supplies
- Plan transportation and back up plan
- Start practicing: waking up at your child's school wake- up time.
- Get a good night's sleep on 9/3!
- Get ready for a great first day -9/4- use Auditorium Entrance
- HW for 9/4, due 9/5 : Complete paperwork in Opening Day packet!!



Opening Day Packet

- Review and Sign off
 - ◆ Code of Conduct
 - ◆ Wi-Fi Protocols
 - ◆ Many more...
- Complete and Return
 - ◆ Blue Card
 - ◆ Lunch Form
- Keep for reference
 - ◆ Calendar
 - ◆ Staff email list



FOR FAMILY SIGN OFFS BEGIN HERE:

Contact
JPrince4@schools.nyc.gov
with questions

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Last Minute Reminders!

- ★ Enter through the Auditorium doors; parents say "good bye" at the doors
- ★ All classes and all names read aloud until all students are in their classes
- ★ Doors open at 8:00 AM for pouches
- ★ Pick up is at 2:40 PM
- ★ Have a backup transportation plan
- ★ Lunch will be available
- ★ Back up printed programs will be available





Thank You!

