

# RW 6/7 Campus News

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The mission of Rolland Warner Middle School is to develop critical thinkers who have the necessary skills for future success.



## Mark Your Calendar

### April 2

- Traditional Students Have School (Snow Day Makeup)

### April 2-April 6

- Year-Round Intersession

### April 9

- Impact Testing  
4-5 pm @ RW

### April 12

- PAC Meeting 9:30am

### April 19

- NJHS Ceremony  
@ RW 6pm

### April 30 - May 3

- M-STEP Testing  
(see schedule at end of newsletter)

### May 4

- Snow Day Make-Up for Year-Round Calendar Students

### May 18-19

- Band/Choir Mackinac Trip

### May 25

- Traditional Calendar Snow Day Makeup

## Athletics Update

Spring Season athletics include track (6th-8th grade), baseball (7th & 8th) and softball (7th & 8th). Visit [lapeerlightning.com](http://lapeerlightning.com) for schedules so you can support the athletes!



## M-STEP

The M-STEP testing is right around the corner and the window for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders opens up on April 30<sup>th</sup>. At RW we have a special schedule that will run from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate the testing window. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will test in ELA on April 30<sup>th</sup> and Math on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will test in ELA on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Math on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each test takes approximately 2 hours to complete. Because we want students to be able to complete the test without being interrupted, we will extend our first hour classes on these days to go until 12:15. There is a TON of specific information for families about the M-STEP at [www.michigan.gov/mstep](http://www.michigan.gov/mstep) (toward the bottom under "Parent/Student Information"). In general, some tips for parents on how they can help ensure students perform their best include:

- Make every attempt to ensure students are in attendance on April 30-May 3. Try to schedule doctor/dentist appointments on different days if possible.
- Remind students to eat a good breakfast on their testing days.
- Allow students to use their own headphones for the test. There is listening portions and we encourage students to use their own headphones. This helps us distribute available headphones to students who don't have their own, but also students are generally more comfortable using their own ear buds during the test.
- Have a conversation with students about the importance of the M-STEP. It is a great indicator of where their current learning levels are at and their scores influence class placement for the following year. The best thing students can do is give 100% effort for the 3-4 hours they are testing.

Please see the [last page of the newsletter for a specific M-STEP schedule](#).

## M-STEP Rewards Day

While some students have test anxiety, I find in my experience we have far more students who breeze through the test without giving their best effort. We will be encouraging students to give their best effort and will be offering rewards for students who improve their M-STEP scores from last year. Students received a 4,3,2, or 1 last year in each content area (4 being the best). Any student who improves at least one level in each content area will receive a pretty generous reward. This process will be discussed with students next week during their iConnect classes. Students will be reminded of what their scores were last year at that time on individual cards. These rewards will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> and are as follows.

**Student raises at least 1 level in ELA** – Students will receive 2 hours of "fun time". While the final list of activities is still in the works, we will be renting inflatables to put outside as well as opening the gym for students to take part in several activities. Students will also be given snacks and refreshments.

**Student raises at least 1 level in MATH** – Students will receive a pizza party in the cafeteria. This party will be accompanied by a full-length movie on the big screen. Students may bring in pillows, games, electronics and other quiet activities to play while they gorge on pizza and ice cream.

**Students who go up at least 1 level in Math AND ELA?** – These students will receive BOTH rewards!

Please note that any student who had a 4 (highest level) last year will earn the reward simply by staying at a level 4. You can't get higher than that!

## LEADERFund – Leading to Excellence

We strongly encourage you to think about supporting the events sponsored by the LeaderFund as this money directly impacts the students of Lapeer, through mini-grants, grants, and scholarships! Start rounding up your team for the Par Three Shootout Golf Tournament to be held on June 2!!! You can find information on their events on Facebook @leaderfund or [www.leaderfundlapeer.com](http://www.leaderfundlapeer.com)!





## PAC Meetings

The building has monthly PAC meetings which is an opportunity for parents to meet with the principal and talk about various things including curriculum, building vision, and the overall direction of RW moving forward.

Please mark the following PAC dates on your calendar if you wish to attend. All meetings are scheduled to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month and begin at 9:30am to coincide with the start of the school day. Just two PAC meetings left this year!

Apr 11      May 9

## Student Council Leadership Trip - LOC

Student council members will be going to the Sleeping Bear Dunes at the Leelanau Outdoor Center for leadership and teambuilding activities for four days May 21-24. Final payment and paperwork are due May 4. Please encourage these students to share the things they learn while up there!

## Substitute Teachers Needed

Attention Parents! Are you or anyone you know looking for a flexible day job? Consider being a Substitute Teacher. Minimum educational requirement is 90 Credit Hours towards a Bachelor's Degree. Select the district and school building in which you want to work. Choose the days you are available. Pay Ranges from about \$65-\$85 per day.

Interested? Go to [www.subpass.com](http://www.subpass.com) and complete the online application and the free online training modules at [www.gcctraining.com](http://www.gcctraining.com). Check out our web site.

Questions? 866-782-7277.

## Student Handbook Notes

Each month a couple areas of the student handbook will be highlighted. Don't forget the full student handbook can be found under the "Parents & Students" tab on our website at <http://rw.lapeerschools.org/>

This month's focus is on a common issue at the middle school level...horseplay. Yes there is actually a section in the handbook specifically related to this. It reads:

### ROUGH HOUSING/HORSEPLAY

*Students engaging in rough or inappropriate physical play or contact which is disruptive to the school environment. Suspension up to 10 days.*

Students at this age, particularly the boys, are very "hands-on" with each other. We see a lot of grabbing, pulling, pushing, poking, etc. Most often, it's usually friends involved. The problem is, this type of behavior can take a turn for the worst quickly. A very common beginning to disciplinary meetings with students start out with the student saying "Okay...so we were goofing around and...". For all of these reasons, roughhousing with buddies is simply not allowed. A good general rule of thumb is, keep your hands to yourself and it won't lead to other problems like somebody accidentally getting hurt.

## Parent/Teacher/Student Compact

These should have come home with students before Spring Break. The reason the school does a compact is twofold. First, it is a requirement to receive 31A State funding, which is given to school districts for students who meet certain "at-risk" criteria (mainly test scores below proficiency standards). The compact goes home to ALL students however, and not just specifically ones who have met at-risk criteria. Second, the compact is just a reminder of basic responsibilities of the students, parents, and teachers. We understand that most of what is listed in their as "responsibilities" goes without saying, but a simple review of what they are can always be useful. We try to get as many back as possible but it is not a requirement to sign and return.

## Counselor's Corner

The middle school counseling office provides a safe and welcoming environment where students are able to come in and discuss a variety of concerns, whether school related or personal. Academic planning, scheduling questions, personal issues, problem solving and organizational strategies are some of the areas in which counselors most frequently work with students. Counselors are also available to assist families with concerns they may have regarding their children's middle school experience. When students and their families have questions and are unsure who to turn to, the middle school counseling team is an excellent resource.

Students A-K Counselor – Mrs. Price, [cprice@lapeerschools.org](mailto:cprice@lapeerschools.org)

Students L-Z Counselor – Mrs. Tibbitt, [mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org](mailto:mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org)

## Washington DC Trip

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser is going out April 10 and are due on April 26 during lunches. Please ensure the order forms are totaled prior to sending in or your child will be totaling during lunches before turning it in. The crew entering orders only looks the totals!

Delivery of the product will occur on May 8 from 3-5 ONLY! Please be prompt as that time of the year the temperatures rising and your product will thaw rapidly!

A waitlist has been formed for the DC trip with four buses being filled! If your child is on the waitlist be prepared to pay up to the current amount if they are moved from the waitlist to going, as individuals move or drop. If you are waitlisted and have fundraised that amount will be applied to the next payment, not initial.

We also have a mandatory DC Parent Chaperone meeting for those that have applied and been accepted on Thursday, April 12, at 5:30pm in room C103 at Rolland-Warner.



## 2018 RW M-Step Schedule

	Monday 4/30	Tuesday 5/1	Wednesday 5/2	Thursday 5/3	Friday 5/4
9:45-12:15	6 <sup>th</sup> ELA (w/1 <sup>st</sup> hour) 1 <sup>st</sup> hour 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Math (w/1 <sup>st</sup> hour) 1 <sup>st</sup> hour 7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> ELA (w/1 <sup>st</sup> hour) 1 <sup>st</sup> hour 6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Math (W/1 <sup>st</sup> hour) 1 <sup>st</sup> hour 6 <sup>th</sup>	Make Up Testing
12:15-1:00	Lunches	Lunches	Lunches	Lunches	
1:00-1:15	Bus returns	Bus Returns	Bus returns	Bus returns	
1:20-2:10	4 <sup>th</sup> hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> hour (1:20-2:40)	4 <sup>th</sup> hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> hour (1:20-2:40)	
2:15-3:05	5 <sup>th</sup> hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour (2:50-4:05)	5 <sup>th</sup> hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> hour (2:50-4:05)	
3:10-4:05	6 <sup>th</sup> hour		6 <sup>th</sup> hour		

Students will eat lunch at CFI if they are testing at CFI. They can bring lunches with them or lunch is served at CFI.

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Monday 4/30 ELA 9:45 to 12:15 Lunch Until 1:00 Bus back at 1:00 (if at CFI)	Tuesday 5/1 Math 9:45 to 12:15 Lunch Until 1:00 Bus Back at 1:00 (if at CFI)	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Wednesday 5/2 ELA 9:45 to 12:15 Lunch Until 1:00 Bus back at 1:00	Thursday 5/3 Math 9:45 to 12:15 Lunch Until 1:00 Bus Back at 1:00
Bean (28)	CFI 119	CFI 119	Becker (25)	CFI 120	CFI 120
Eaton (21)	CFI 120	CFI 120	Brook (29)	CB B	CB B
Heath (18)	CB E (share)	CB E (share)	Castillo (29)	CB C	CB C
Hoggard (32)	CB A	CB A	Fisher (32)	Lab 138	Lab 138
K. Johnson (23)	CB C	CB C	Gannon (31)	CB D	CB D
R. Johnson (33)	Lab 138	Lab 138	Jackowski (28)	Lab 136	Lab 136
Thomas (30)	CB 4	CB 4	Lothrop (29)	CFI 119	CFI 119
Ward (36)	CFI 112	CFI 112	McCaffery (26)	Lab 129	Lab 129
Ward II (Burris) (31)	CFI 117	CFI 117	A. Prill (35)	CB A	CB A
Brusie (24)	Lab 136	Lab 136	C. Prill (29)	CB E	CB E
Bjork (32)	CB B	CB B	Ratliff I (35)	CFI 112	CFI 112
Monroe (30)	Lab 129	Lab 129	Ratliff II (34)	CFI 117	CFI 117
Miller (19)	CB E (share)	CB E (share)	CFI Room 118 will be overflow on all four days		

## RW M-Step Lunch Schedule

April 30-May 1					May 2-3				
			@ CFI	@ CFI				@ CFI	@ CFI
11:15-11:45	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:15	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:00	11:15-11:45	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:15	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:00
Brook-29 Castillo-29 Fisher-32 Gannon-31 Gould-15 Total 136	Jackowski-29 McCaffery-26 A.Prill-35 C.Prill-29 Becker-25 Total 144	Heath-18 Hoggard-32 K.Johnson-23 R.Johnson-33 Thomas-30 Brusie-24 Bjork-32 Monroe-30 Miller-19 Total 241	Ratliff-35 Ratliff-34 Lothrop-29 Total 98	Bean-28 Eaton-21 Ward I-36 Ward II-31 Total 116	Heath-18 Hoggard-32 K.Johnson-23 R.Johnson-33 Bean-28 Eaton-21 Total 155	Thomas-30 Brusie-24 Bjork-32 Monroe-30 Miller-19 Ward I-36 Total 171	Jackowski-29 McCaffery-26 A.Prill-35 C.Prill-29 Brook-29 Castillo-29 Fisher-32 Gannon-31 Total 240		Becker-25 Ratliff-35 Ratliff-34 Lothrop-29 Ward II-31 Total 154

\*Teachers and students testing at CFI will eat at the buildings they are testing at from 12:15-1:00.