RWMS Newsletter

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No School for YEAR-ROUND students: 10/4
- MEAP Testing: 10/8, 10/9, 10/10, 10/15, 10/16
- YA CAFÉ: 10/18 8:15 AM Media Center
- PTC Meetings: 4:00pm (10/17, 11/21, 12/19)
- Parent Teacher Conferences- Traditional Students: 10/28 4:30-7:00 & 10/30 4:30-6:30
- Intercession for YEAR-ROUND students: 10/28-10/31
- No school for all students: 11/1
- Washington D.C. Trip: 11/3-11/8
- Fall 2014 Washington D.C. meeting: 11/12

School Messenger & Communication

* Text the word YES to the number 68453 to receive text messages from us.
* Please call before 3pm to get a message to your child before they leave school.
* Please call the absence line to report your child out ill for the day. 810-538-2334, #2 for attendance
* All homework requests need to be requested by 11 am in order to have work ready in the office by end of day. Please request work for absences that extend beyond 1 school day.

MEAP

MEAP testing will begin on October 8, 2013 and the last day for MEAP Make-Ups is October 25, 2013.

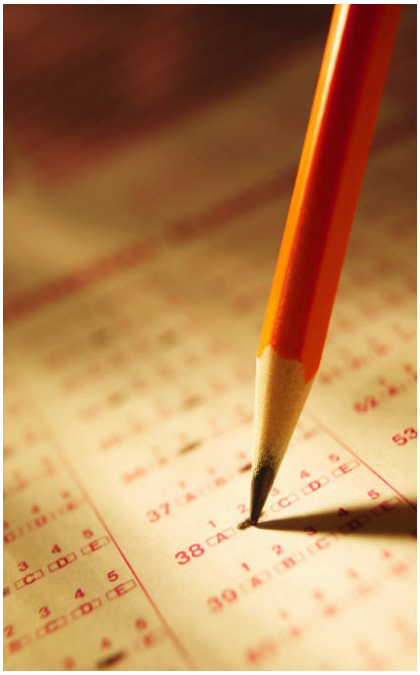
The MEAP test is very important! We request that parents try to schedule any appointments around these pre-assigned dates. Please try to ensure that your student is rested and ready to test. Also, please encourage your student to be on time and do their very best. If you know that you will be absent, during the MEAP testing window, please be sure to let the main office know.

Remember: free breakfast is available in the cafeteria every morning.

8th Grade
- October 8, Reading Day 1
- October 9, Reading Day 2
- October 15, Math
- October 16, Science

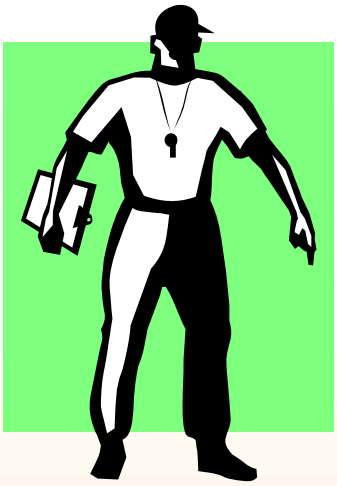
7th Grade
- October 8, Reading Day 1
- October 9, Reading Day 2
- October 10, Writing Day 1
- October 15, Math
- October 16, Writing Day 2

6th Grade
- October 8, Reading Day 1
- October 9, Reading Day 2
- October 15,Math
- October 16, Social Studies



RtI/I-connect/Drop Everything and Read

At 3:27 each day, students attend I-Connect on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, they either spend time reading individual books or receive intervention in reading or math. On I-Connect days, they meet with a group of about 28 students and a staff member to talk about the behavior expectations for our school and other character education related topics. On MWF, they meet in these same groups to spend 23 minutes reading independently. Some students are invited to attend small group sessions for reading or math intervention during the time on MWF as well. Research shows that the more students read, the better they become at it, and most of our students are receiving an extra 69 minutes of reading each week!



OCTOBER HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

7th & 8th Grade Football

- 10/2/2013 against Brandon @ Lapeer West HS
- 10/9/2013 against Linden @ Lapeer West HS

4:45pm Start, 8th grade to follow

7th & 8th Grade Co-op (LCS) Cross Country

- 10/1/2013 against Swartz Creek, Kearsley, GB West @ Rolland-Warner
- 10/8/2013 against Flushing @ Rolland-Warner

4:15 start

7th & 8th Girls' Basketball

- 10/2/2013 against Brandon @ Rolland-Warner
- 10/9/2013 against Clio @ Rolland-Warner
- 10/16/2013 against Swartz Creek @ Rolland Warner

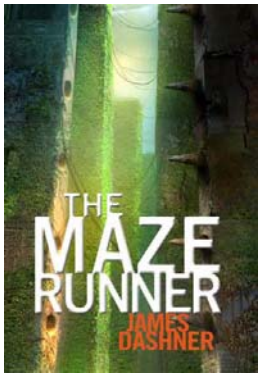
4:15 start. 8th grade to follow

MAPS Testing

At the beginning of the school year, Rolland-Warner students took the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test. It is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program that provides educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused, data-driven decisions.

Students are tested three times per year in math, reading, and language usage. Educators use the growth and achievement data from the MAP test to develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvement. Students will be receiving input on their pretests from this year and setting some goals for improvement over the course of this school year.

Rolland Warner YA Café



Friday, October 18th, the 8th grade Service Learning class, with the help of the ELA Department, will be hosting a Young Adult Café. A Young Adult Café is designed to help promote literacy to all. Mr. Short, one of Rolland Warner's school counselors, will be reviewing the book, The Maze Runner by James Dashner. It will be hosted in the Rolland-Warner Media Center.

Students will be able to get a ticket from their ELA teacher. There will be free donuts and chocolate milk, and we'll be having a drawing for a free copy of The Maze Runner. Hope to see you there!

Donating to a Good Cause

On LCS's first delayed start of the 2013-14 school year, a very spirited staff at Rolland Warner participated in an organized Spirit Day, celebrating the contributions of Doris Rolland and her student endowment fund. The purpose for the celebration was to raise money to add to the endowment and support Mrs. Rolland and her generous gift to RW students. Each staff member donated $5 to participate in a spirit contest, with the winner receiving a very creative and fun Spirit Award to display in his/her classroom. Ninety-nine percent of the staff participated and dressed in their RW finest, but Mrs. DuAnne Cook walked away with the award! A big thank you to those who organized this worthy cause!

Pep Club

Pep Club has many up-and-coming events planned for October. Spirit Week will be held October 18-25th. The dress-up day themes are yet to be determined. We will kick it off with a pep assembly on October 18th to celebrate our fall sport season. For our final football game against Zemmer on Oct. 23rd, club members will be selling face painting options during the game at East. Please come and support our efforts to raise money for a school mascot costume. During spirit week, Pep club will also be hosting a "haunted hallway" contest between iConnect groups in each hallway working together to create a winning design and layout for their hallway. Please contact Melissa Campbell (mcampbell@lapeerschools.org) or Sally Wolfer (swolfer@lapeerschools.org) with any questions or ideas for Pep Club.

Roller Skating!

Sixth grade students will be going to Lapeer Skate Center to attend a 6th grade skate on Thursday, October 31st. They will be leaving Rolland-Warner at 12:15 and returning at 3:15.

Skates are included in the entrance fee, or students are welcome to bring their own skates/ rollerblades from home if they prefer. Costumes are not allowed. See a core teacher for a permission slip.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Dates for this year (2nd Wednesday, 9:15-10:15 AM)

- October 9
- November 13
- February 12
- March 12
- May 14

Please join us to chat about upcoming events, curriculum, & various other topics involving Rolland-Warner Middle School at our monthly Coffee with the Principals meetings (Parent Advisory Council).

GRIEF GROUPS

The counseling department, in conjunction with Heartland Hospice, will be offering a grief group in November.

If you are interested, stop by the counseling office for information and a permission slip.

Fall 2013 D.C. Trip

We will be having our last MANDATORY chaperone meeting on Thursday, October 17th at 5:30 PM in room C-103 (Mrs. Wolfer's room). Our MANDATORY student/parent/chaperone meeting is also on October 17 from 6-7 PM in the gymnasium at RW. At that time, students will be receiving their packing lists, day of arrival information, and a list of prohibited items. Also, parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's chaperone and bus leaders.

On Sunday, November 3, 2013, the fall 2013 Washington, DC trip buses will depart the parking lot promptly at 8 PM (no late arrivals!). All chaperones must arrive at RW no later than 6:15 PM. All students will arrive at 7:00 PM. Arrival information and processes to be used will be explained on October 17 at our mandatory meeting.

All students and parent chaperones must have their ID's! No exceptions!

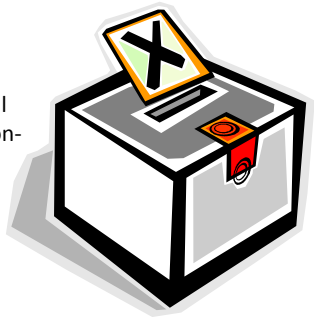
2014 D.C. Trip

Announcing the Fall 2014 8th grade Washington, DC trip!!

It will be launched on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. All current 7th graders who attend Lapeer Community Schools (both Rolland-Warner and Zemmer) are invited to attend. There will be two meetings held and parents from both schools may attend whichever meeting is most convenient. The first meeting will be on November 12 at Rolland-Warner from 5-6:30 PM in the cafertorium. The second meeting will also be on November 12 and will be held at Zemmer from 7-8:30 PM in the cafetorium.

At both meetings, parents will receive 2014 DC information, two fundraising opportunities that will begin that evening, as well as knowledge of future fundraisers to help pay your child's way! Please see Mrs. Wolfer if you have any questions-Thank you!

Non-homestead millage renewal goes to LCS voters Nov. 5



On November 5 voters within the boundaries of Lapeer Community Schools will be asked to vote on a proposal to renew the long-standing millage levied on non-homestead property (industrial, commercial, business, rental and second homes) for a time frame of five years, from 2014 until 2018.

This proposal does not affect the taxes of owner-occupied primary residences. For the average homeowner who does not own a business, rental property, summer home, etc., the millage renewal will come at no cost.

"Essentially, this ballot proposal is asking the constituency to vote on taxes that the business community is required to pay under state law," said Kevin Rose, LCS Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance. "It's part of the State Constitution and without the business' tax, the State of Michigan would reduce our funding by millions of dollars per school year."

In the coming weeks, Lapeer Community Schools will make every effort to inform voters on the consequences of approval and nonapproval of the proposed renewal.

For more information, including a FAQ document, visit *LapeerSchools.org.*