

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.



2015-2016 School Year Off to Great Start!

2015-2016 is off to a great start at Rolland-Warner. We have harvested honey from our bee hives, taken a field trip to a low ropes course, participated in spirit week during Homecoming, and gotten through several sports seasons with winning records.

One upcoming event is our annual Fun Run which will take place on Thursday, October 22nd during the school day. This event requires participation, organization, and donations from our community to make it happen. You can find out about opportunities to volunteer or donate needed items to our school at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eaaa72ea13-rollandwarner>

Upcoming Dates

October 19

- PTC Meeting 4:10pm
RW media center

October 21

- 2016 Washington D.C. trip info distributed in social studies classes to all 7th graders

October 22

- RW Fun Run
during the school day

October 27

- 5-7pm-Parent Teacher Conferences-traditional classes

October 29

- 5-7:30pm-Parent Teacher Conferences-traditional classes

October 23-29

- No School for Balanced Calendar Students

October 30

- No School for All Students

November 10

- 6pm Info meeting for Fall 2016 Washington D.C. trip

November 20-27

- Balanced Calendar Students Thanksgiving Holiday- no school (Friday, & M-F)

November 25-27

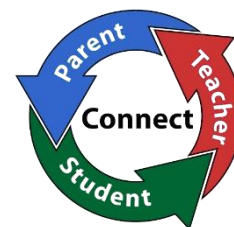
- No School for ALL students (Wed-Fri)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences for traditional calendar classes will be held on 10/27 and 10/29 at RW. Each conference is scheduled for 10 minutes.

Please use this link to sign up for conferences. <https://lapeer.mypptconference.com/>

If you cannot make it during this time, but wish to speak with the teacher, contact him/her by email or phone to set something up. If you do not have access to the internet, feel free to stop by to use a computer in our media center to sign up for your conferences.



Rtl/I-connect/Drop Everything and Read

For 30 minutes 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 around 30 students and a staff member to talk about character education related topics such as mindfulness and having skills for success. On MWF, they meet in these same groups to spend 30 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!

2016 Washington DC Trip Kickoff

Planning is already underway for the 2016 Washington DC trip. For 7th grade students and parents interested in fundraising for the trip, cheesecakes and Christmas wreaths go on sale Wednesday, October 21st.

The kickoff of the 2016 trip will be in early November. Please make sure you check your school messenger for updates. Each 7th grade student will be offered a complete sales packet in their social studies classroom on October 21. Additional packets will be available in the main office.

The packet will contain the following:

- ☒ Cheesecake and Christmas wreath fundraisers
- ☒ Date of each sale (same beginning and end sale dates)
- ☒ Delivery of each item (location, date and time)
- ☒ Information regarding the DC meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 6pm in the RW café.
- ☒ Sign up information--will be distributed on November 10th at the meeting.

RW 6/7 Parent Advisory Council

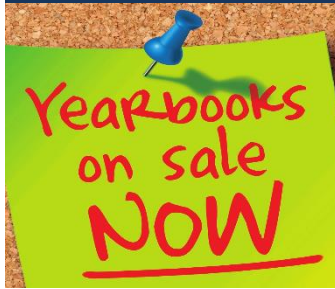
Dates for this year:

October 2, November 13, December 4, January 8, February 26, April 14, May 20

Time: 8:30-10am

Place: RW Media Center

Please join us to chat about upcoming events, curriculum, & various other topics involving Rolland-Warner at our monthly meetings.



Order your 2015 Yearbook!

We have an amazing year ahead of us at Rolland Warner. Our yearbook will capture all the big events. Don't let your student miss out on our yearbook designed by our students. Order today and save.

Yearbook Pricing 2015-2016

- 8-1 through 9-18 for \$25
- 9-19 through 10-30 for \$30
- 10-31 through 2-26 for \$35
- 2-27 through 5-20 for \$40

Paper order forms can be turned into our office. Orders can also be placed online at jostensyearbooks.com or by phone 1-866-282-1516.

Thanks for being part of our yearbook tradition!

School Messenger & Communication

Text the word YES to the number 68453 to receive text messages from us.

If you know in advance that your child will be leaving early, please send a note with him/her in the morning which will avoid having to make a phone call to the office.

If you need to get a message to your child for the end of the day, please call before 3pm to ensure that we are able to get the message to your child.

Please call the absence line to report your child out ill for the day. 810-538-2334, #2 for attendance.

All homework requests will be completed by the following school day unless received before 9am for same day pick-up. Please only request work for absences that extend beyond 1 school day.

Who to Contact

In order to simplify things for parents, please see below for contacting appropriate staff member or administrator to help you with your question or concern:

Nature of Concern	Who to Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about classroom behavior • Concerns about academics in a specific class 	Classroom Teachers Email address: usually first initial and last name@lapeerschools.org
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student discipline concerns • Bus-related concerns 	Karen Hoyt, Dean of Students khoyt@lapeerschools.org
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic-related concerns • Student discipline concerns • Academic concerns • Facility/building related concerns • Concerns about staff 	Joe Shoopman, Associate Principal jshoopman@lapeerschools.org
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall academic program questions/concerns • Other academic concerns • Concerns about staff 	Jen Taylor, Principal jtaylor@lapeerschools.org

Assessment Practices

At Rolland-Warner, we believe that grades should measure students' ability/skill level in a certain content area accurately.

- **What is or isn't included in the grade?**
 - Teachers will not penalize students' grades for undesirable *behaviors* that are unrelated to demonstrating learning. What does not meeting a deadline have to do with math skills?
 - Teachers will not inflate grades for desirable behaviors. What does being kind, helpful, and compliant, etc. have to do with Algebra, science, ELA...?
 - Teachers will not inflate grades with extra credit for bringing in tissues and other helpful behaviors.
 - Teachers will comment upon or evaluate soft skills by utilizing the Citizenship grade which aligns to our PBIS system.
- **What other supports are provided for students to be successful?**
 - Teachers will be re-teaching concepts/material that students have not mastered.
 - Re-teaching may happen during class, outside of class, in a small group, in a large group, etc.
 - Students will be re-assessed on concepts/material, but it may not always include retaking an entire test or assessment.
 - Students will be required to take certain steps before they re-test. This may include coming in for study sessions, completing additional practice, etc (this will vary by class/teacher).
 - Students who score below **70%** must retest. All others must have option.
 - Students will earn the new grade/score once they've learned the material & demonstrated knowledge on the re-test.



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 at the beginning and end of each school year in math and reading. Educators use the growth and achievement data from the MAP test to develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvement. Eventually this fall, students will be receiving input on their pretests from this year and setting some goals for improvement over the course of this school year.

Guidance Counselors

We have two guidance counselors at Rolland-Warner.

Mrs. Abbie Stegman-Stys joined our staff this year. She has a background as an art teacher and experience during her internship with students in grades 7-12.

Mrs. Jeannine Marthen is the other part of our team. Mrs. Marthen has a background in early childhood, social work, and law enforcement, as well as counseling at the middle and high school level in an urban setting.

Mrs. Stegman-Stys -all balanced calendar students and 7th grade traditional calendar students

Mrs. Marthen -all 6th grade traditional calendar students and Power Surge students

Late Fall Sports

Wrestling and Volleyball, begin on Monday, Oct. 26th.

Practices for the Week of Oct. 26-30:

- Wrestling will be held from 4:15-5:45 PM in the gym
- Volleyball tryouts will be held from 6-7:45 PM (volleyball will keep approximately 32 players on two teams—16 each) in the gym

Also, we are looking for Volleyball Coaches! Zemmer and Rolland-Warner have two positions available. Please contact the school's office if you are interested.

Checks may be made payable to Rolland-Warner Middle School