

Panther Tales

Thursday, September 7

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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER from RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Message

We had another solid week of school this past week. The students overall have been well behaved and have been showing their Panther Pride. I have visited a number of classrooms over the past week and the teachers have been developing creative lessons, and the students have been highly engaged. Mrs. Archer, one of our 8th grade literature teachers, had students create inspirational posters that are filled with positive and inspirational quotes. It was uplifting to see the positive statements in her class. All in all, I have to say I have felt some positive energy as the school year continues. Keep it up RCMS!

Principal Garrett

Assistant Principals' Message

Dress Code: We are allowing students to wear black bottoms (shorts and khakis). Students are not permitted to wear black jeans, black athletic shorts, or black sweatpants. Please see [the school's website](#) for more guidance.

Progress Reports: Students' 4.5-week progress reports will be posted in the Infinite Campus portal on

Wednesday, Sept. 13. Please reach out to the teacher(s) if you have any questions or concerns about the grades.

Counselors' Corner

Welcome back, Panther Families!

We hope that you all enjoyed having a few extra days in your weekend and hope you are energized and ready to get back.

As a reminder, September is Suicide Prevention Month. Classroom lessons for students will kick off on Monday, Sept. 11 to align with Suicide Prevention Week. Our staff received their training on the Signs of Suicide during our staff workday, and we wanted to provide our families with resources as well.

Below you will see a handout that gives a few pointers on how to support your student's mental health. The most important things to remember as we move through this month are:

1. Create space for you and your family to discuss mental health in a positive way.
2. Listen without judgement.
3. Take your student's concerns seriously – sometimes things might seem small to us because we're adults, but those things are **big** for our students.
4. Connect your student with resources when needed.

We know that this can be a difficult topic to think about and discuss, but it is important that we provide as much support for our students as possible. Suicide is a serious concern, but it is also preventable! We all want to do our part to help ensure our kiddos' health and safety. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your School Counselor!

-Mr. Hulett – 6th Grade Teams C and D; 8th Grade

-Ms. Harp – 6th Grade Teams A and B; 7th Grade

School Pictures Will Be Taken Sept. 19!

School pictures will be taken Tuesday, Sept. 19. Students should wear uniforms but as a note, hoodies do not look best. This year we are using Lifetouch Photos and a packet containing purchase information was given to your student. You can complete purchase information and return it on Sept. 19 or purchase online only after Picture Day.

212 Award September Teacher Awards



The 212 Awards recognize teachers each month. The premise of the 212 Award is that water is hot at 211 degrees, but that one degree more causes water to boil. Thus, the 212 Award recognizes those who go that extra degree to make a difference in their job with students and co-workers. Please join us in congratulating these very deserving RCMS Teachers!

- Mr. Bosarge: IB Risk Taker and Thinking Trait
- Ms. Archer: IB IB Principled and Balanced Trait
- Mr. Tindall: IB Open Minded and Reflective Trait
- Ms. Parham: IB Inquiry and Knowledge Trait
- Ms. Tapia: IB Caring and Communicator Trait

Our Overall Employee of the Month is none other than Celeste Archer!

Pictured above are Ms. Archer, Mr. Tindall and Ms. Parham

Calendar of Events

Sept. 12: School Governance Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 13: Foundation Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

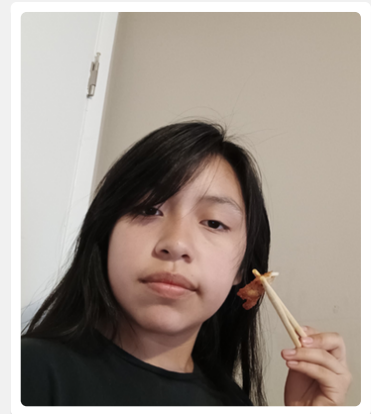
Sept. 13: Spirit Night at MOD Pizza

Sept. 19: School Picture Day

Sept. 29: Kona Ice/Fun Friday

Japanese Connection Class ☺

After students learned manners and etiquette of おはし, chopsticks, they practiced how to use them at home! They sure can use おはし well!



Employee Spotlight: Megan Kalany

7th Grade Language Arts Teacher



I was born and raised here in Atlanta and a proud graduate of The University of Georgia. I have spent the last 6 years teaching, here, in Sandy Springs at Lake Forest Elementary and this year I have had the privilege of "growing up" slightly with those kids in 7th Grade ELA. Teaching is my heart's work. It brings me purpose, joy and love every day. I am truly honored to spend my day with students as they never fail to show me the truly meaningful parts of life.

In my free time, I enjoy hosting dinner parties with my husband, paddleboarding on the Chattahoochee and annoying my siblings. I hope to grow up and travel as much as my mom and dad.

Media Center News

Mr. Bosarge would appreciate help in the Media Center. Stop by between 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to help shelve books or other assistance Mr. Bosarge may need. [Please sign up here to help!](#)

Athletics Physicals

Students participating in boys volleyball, tennis, tumbling, and basketball must have their physicals completed and on file with Coach Dixon by Sept. 11. There will not be any exceptions to this policy.

Want to be Social?

Besides Panther Tales, Ridgeview Charter Middle School has several ways you can stay up-to-date on news and happenings. Follow us on our main [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for a peek into the daily life of RCMS, plus read success stories about some of our RCMS alumni! The Ridgeview PTA also has

[Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for PTA-sponsored happenings, spirit wear updates and volunteer opportunities.

Consider Joining PTA and Foundation

- **Parent Teacher Association:** Consider joining PTA with a range of donation levels to suit all families. These donations fund teacher grants, classroom supplies, staff gifts and recognitions, and student treats and incentives throughout the year. Please join at www.ptarcms.org.
- **RCMS Foundation:** Our amazing Foundation provides funding to our music and athletics programs. If your student participates in these hallmark programs, we need your support. Community partners are needed, too. Donate at www.rcmsfoundation.org.

RCMS Foundation

The RCMS Foundation supports BOTH the Music and Sports programs at the school. We would like to thank our community sponsors for believing in the mission the Foundation is supporting and helping to fund all of these programs for the students. Our Foundation sponsors include Shep Lawrence of Allstate Insurance Co. and Jennifer Barnes of Barnes Young Realty Team.

Joining the Foundation helps ensure that the school can continue to support these wonderful programs, and becoming a Corporate Partner is a great way to promote your business and support the students. **Find out more about our Corporate Partnership Program** [here](#) and look below to see and support our generous sponsors.

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Join me in supporting the Ridgeview Panthers.



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