



# Wolf Den News

*"Blazing Trails to New Horizons"*

## Upcoming Calendar

May 26 End Quarter 4/Semester 2  
May 26 Last Day of School

April 16, 2021

River Trail Middle School

### Help Us Celebrate Staff Appreciation Week

Next week, April 19-23, the administration at River Trail Middle School would like to invite students, their families, and our community to celebrate Staff Appreciation Week 2021! Our faculty and staff do amazing work with our students, whether in school or virtual. They have gone above and beyond teaching in-person and digital lessons simultaneously, checking in with students and families, and being available to assist whenever possible. Like no other time before, families are getting to see the importance of the school, teachers and staff.

The PTO has a full week of food, treats, and giveaways. In addition, we thought we would help students and families who wish to participate virtually. The below list includes some simple ways families can express their thanks during Staff Appreciation Week.

- Say **Thank You** to your teachers and staff via email. All of the teacher and staff email addresses can be found at <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/3335>
- **Share a Smile** - Send a video message or picture that expresses your thanks for what the person did for you.
- Send a video link or a video of you **Singing Their Praises**.
- Give a teacher or staff member a shout out on social media. **Spread the Love** on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, or others. Use the hashtag **#RTMSSTAFFROCKS!**

If you need help getting started, answering these questions might help:

- What is one way a teacher or a staff member has helped or inspired you?
- What are you now able to do thanks to a teacher or staff member's help or inspiration?

We hope you are able to participate in this week of celebration for the best faculty and staff! Remember **#RTMSSTAFFROCKS!**

**Georgia Milestones Testing Dates:** All testing takes place in the school building.  
EOC

Date	Subject	Time
April 30	Algebra I	8:55-11:30 AM
May 3	Physical Science	8:55-11:30 AM

### EOG

Date	Who?	Subject	Time
May 3	Grade 8	Science	8:55-10:30
May 4	Grade 8	Social Studies	8:55-10:30
May 6	Grade 6, 7, 8	Math Section 1	8:55-10:30
May 7	Grade 6, 7, 8	Math Section 2	8:55-10:30
May 11	Grade 6, 7, 8	ELA Section 1	8:55-10:50
May 12	Grade 6, 7, 8	ELA Section 2	8:55-10:40
May 13	Grade 6, 7, 8	ELA Section 3	8:55-10:40

### Important Info:

- ❖ On Testing dates, **REMOTE** students may ride the bus to school for morning arrival, but *must* be picked up by carpool when testing is completed each day.
- ❖ Students must bring their fully-charged laptop, charger, and a pencil.
- ❖ Students must have the DRC Insight app on their school issued device prior to testing. If not, call (470) 254-2300 for assistance.
- ❖ Personal devices *cannot* be used for testing.

Please direct all questions to Ms. Lori Lahmann-Scullion, Testing Coordinator, at [Lahmannl@fultonschools.org](mailto:Lahmannl@fultonschools.org)

## **8th Grade Final Exam Schedule-Revised Schedule:**

The 8th grade will have semester 2 finals on the following days. These finals will take place in the regular class period.

Wed 5/19 WL/Reading

Thur 5/20 ELA

Fri 5/21 SS, Alg 2 day 1

Mon 5/24 Science, Math, Alg 2 day 2

## **Spring Testing Calendar**

Please see the attached spring testing calendar for important testing dates.

## **Congratulations!**

**Kaylee Doo**, 7<sup>th</sup> grader has won the National Competition for her artwork in the contest named, "2021 Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest" Her work was selected from 40 semi-finalists out of 800 at a national competition.

[Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest - Endangered Species Coalition](#)  
[2021 6-8 Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest | Flickr](#)

## **Summit Counseling**

“Good day parents! Summit Counseling Center will be offering a parent seminar on May the 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm titled “Technology on the Brain.” This presentation is designed to help inform and support parents who may have questions and concerns about their child’s use of technology and how it may affect them. This will be a no-charge, virtual only presentation. Please contact Summit OnSite counselor Max Merritt at [mmerritt@summitcounseling.org](mailto:mmerritt@summitcounseling.org) for more information or to register for the workshop.

## **Teen Drug Misuse and Overdose**

**90% of teen drug misuse and overdose comes from the home medicine cabinet.** One way to prevent this trend is to cut off the access through the home. DEA prescription drug take back day provides a safe disposal place for those old and/or unused medications. There are 4 translated versions (pl. see attachments) – English, Spanish, Korean and Chinese and below are links to 2 PSAs in English and Spanish.

English

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OFdhtfaxZc>

Spanish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZUUCDmGOSw&t=6s>

## **Reminder: April is National Deaf History Month!**

Here is an amazing Ted Talk video with world-famous and profoundly deaf percussionist Evelyn Glennie as she illustrates how listening to music involves much more than simply letting sound waves hit your eardrums:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=383kxC\\_NCKw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=383kxC_NCKw)

And here is her brief performance at the Olympic Games 2012: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULjRfinS39g>

## **Northview Athletic Information for School Year 2021-2022**

Hello 8<sup>th</sup> Graders,

For all students who are interested in participating in athletics next year at Northview including the new eSports team, you need to complete the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqkAhXnYiEpmhXhnmoXRYddT7mm09BY4KxCiA0nEL-cKzhnA/viewform>

Eighth Graders continue to do your best, so you can finish this year strong!

Enjoy your Spring Break!



## **Free Online Tutoring for RTMS Students**

River Trail Middle School has partnered with Ingenify in order to provide FREE online tutoring for our students. Many of the tutors are Northview High School students receiving community service hours, but parents can choose any tutor from the site. Parents can even filter by availability and subject. All **tutors** have at minimum a **3.7 GPA**, and tutoring in **all K-12 classes** are offered. Additionally, all video conferencing is facilitated on the site through Zoom integration. Currently, over 300 hours of tutoring have occurred through Ingenify and over 150 students have received assistance. **We request that a parent or guardian be present during tutoring sessions.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Roberson, RTMS Graduation Coach, or Erica Waters, Northview Faculty Sponsor.

If interested, please click on this link for information on how to register:

[Tutorial for Students Signing Up on Ingenify](#)

## **Media Center**

- **Celebrate School Library Month this April!** Complete some activities **HERE** to celebrate, even while the media center is closed for renovations!
- **Did you know we are getting a new look?**  **Check out the new plan **HERE!**** 
- **No more physical book check outs this year!** Because of our upcoming renovations, we will soon be closing the media center. **All books are due Friday, April 23, 2021.**
  - How can you still check out books? Continue using Sora and if you would still like to get your hands on physical books, another Sora library, and Hoopla, sign up for a public library card **HERE** (students under 13 must have a parent permission form turned in from the Sway).
- **How do I turn in books to avoid a fine?**
  - Face to face students should bring their books to the media center to turn in by April 23, 2021.
  - Virtual students should drop their books off in the rotunda (front door of the school) by April 23, 2021. Please ring the doorbell and drop the book in the bin.

## **Technology Information**

If you are a virtual student, or if we are remote learning as a school, the **IT Hotline** is open 7:30-3:30 to help you with technical complications with your device. You must call the number to get assistance at **470-254-2300**. Translators are available.

Please continue to **update your device**, minimum once a week. You can check your updates in your device settings. Along with the regular Microsoft updates, make sure that your Teams is up to date!

- Follow these steps: Settings > Update & Security > Check for updates > Let all updates run and restart as needed (this sometimes can take about an hour to complete) > After these are completed, choose the blue "check online for updates from Microsoft Update" > Follow directions to run these updates.
- Updates are important to keep your device running smoothly for class!
- If you get kicked off the domain after updating your device, you can come to the RTMS parking lot to sign back in. Simply sign in with the following credentials **fcboestu\YOURSTUDENTNUMBER** (i.e. fcboestu\123456789) and your **password**.

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