

R. B. STEWART MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Bulldog Bark!

2016 Summer Edition - Volume One

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Dear Bulldog Parents and Students,

I would like to welcome you to the 2016 - 2017 school year. The teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to prepare for our school opening and are excited about meeting their new students.

Please join me in welcoming our two new Assistant Principals to my administrative team. **Mr. Terry O'Brien** previously was the Assistant Principal at TEWMS. He has a strong foundation in science and he is a seasoned middle school teacher and administrator.

In addition, **Mrs. Andrea Altman** will be joining our team. She has a strong curriculum background and has previously served as the Learning Design Coach at Veteran's Elementary.

Both of these administrators are excited about joining the Bulldog Family and they look forward to meeting our students and parents.

This year we would like to establish a Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) that will work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all children and families. There will be an information table set up at on our registration day so please sign up if you are interested in participating.

Shae Davis
RBSMS Principal

DISTRICT-WIDE SECONDARY REGISTRATION DAY Tuesday, August 9 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration will be in our cafetorium. At that time, you will be able to pick up your child's class schedule, pay school fees, complete emergency card information, complete free and reduced meal price forms and have your questions answered.



OPEN HOUSE

RBSMS will hold its Open House on **Thursday, August 25**. Parents should report to the gymnasium for a welcome from the administration at **6:00 p.m.**

The format for the Open House will be an abbreviated bell schedule where you will follow your child's class schedule. Teachers will briefly explain the content of each course and share their requirements and expectations of students. You will be free to ask questions at the end of each period. The program will be over by 7:45 pm.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES CLIPART



RBSMS SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- a supply of #2 pencils
- 3 ring plastic pencil case
- highlighters
- blue or black ink pens
- supply of pencil top erasers
- notebook paper
- ruler (metric/standard)
- highlighters
- 3" ring binder
- 6 notebook dividers
- supply of pocket folders
- minimum of 4 composition books
- supply of plastic sheet protectors

7th/8th Graders:

TI-30xa Calculator (no 2 line style)

Notebooks:

Individual Teachers will give students specific notebook requirements on the first day of class.

****ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES MAY BE REQUIRED BY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS. SPECIFIC INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.**

The Raymond B. Stewart Middle School Advisory Council (SAC) is an important group of parents, students, school staff and other community members who meet on the second Thursday of most months at 3:15 p.m. in the Media Center.

There are currently **THREE** Parent Vacancies on the SAC and you are encouraged to nominate yourself or others for membership. Please consider filling out and turning in a nomination form during the Registration Day on August 9th.

If you are not able to come to Registration Day, SAC nomination forms will also be available in the front office beginning August 15 - August 19. Forms must be returned to the front office by Monday, August 22nd to be eligible for voting.

SAC Voting will take place during the Open House, on **Thursday, August 25.**

2016 - 2017 SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Reduced (all grades)	\$.30	\$.40
Elementary	\$1.35	\$2.15
Secondary	\$1.50	\$2.60

TITLE ONE MEETING

There will be a Title One Meeting at 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 25 at 5:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose classroom (located in the gym) prior to Open House. Parents can learn about Title One and the Title One budget during this brief presentation.

DRESS CODE

Students must arrive at school appropriately dressed, and remain so throughout the day. The district Dress Code for secondary students is strictly enforced at RBSMS. Listed below are a few guidelines to help you plan your school wardrobe.

-bikini, tank tops, pajamas, muscle shirts and spandex clothing are not permitted.

-pants shall be worn securely at the waist. No abdomen skin or underwear is to be exposed.

-tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line.

-hats and head coverings shall be removed when students enter a building.

-shorts and skirt bottoms must be no higher than 4" above the knee.

-blouses, shirts, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit and must have sleeves.

-clothing that advertises tobacco, alcohol, drugs, gangs, or anti-social groups are not permitted.

-jewelry shall be worn in a way that does not permit a safety of health hazard or cause a disruption to the educational process.

-wallet chains and dog collars are not permitted.

A STUDENT IN VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHANGE INTO APPROPRIATE CLOTHING BEFORE RETURNING TO CLASS.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

- 1st Violation: Conference with student**
- 2nd Violation : Notify Parent**
- 3rd Violation: 1 day of Morning Detention**
- 4th Violation: 1 day of Lunch Detention**
- 5th Violation : Referral**



PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

There have been some major changes from the Department of Education in regards to promotion from middle school that you should be aware of. According to the State of Florida rules, middle school students must successfully complete Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies each year (**6th - 8th**) to be promoted to high school. Successful completion of these courses require the earning of a grade of "D" or higher. Students who do not pass their core courses will be scheduled into a Course Recovery elective class during the school year.

In addition, one semester course, which includes Career and Education Planning, must be completed by the end of the 8th grade year. This course includes using the online student planning and advising system known as ePep, which results in the completion of a personalized academic and career plan.

Every effort will be made to assist your child in achieving the level of performance required for promotion to high school.

RBSMS Who's Who

Ms. Shae Davis	Principal
Mr. Terry O'Brien	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Andrea Altman	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kathy Dew	Principal's Secretary
TBA	School Nurse
Mrs. Virginia Dorman	Food & Nutrition Manager
Mr. Leroy Christopher	Plant Manager
Mrs. Stephanie Holzum	8 th /Guidance Counselor
Ms. Courtney Northcutt	7 th /Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Amy Pinsky	6 th /Guidance Counselor



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
SEPTEMBER 29**

Each quarter, RBSMS hosts a Community Connection Night for families. During this event, you may schedule after hour parent conferences, participate in special informational workshops for parents, and engage in hands on educational activities with your child.

A light dinner is provided free of charge and students earn bonus points for attending. These events usually happen approximately two weeks after Progress Reports are distributed. Be on the lookout for more information that will be sent home with Qtr. 1 Progress Reports on Sept. 16.

**PROGRESS REPORTS AND
REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES**

Qtr. 1 Progress Reports	Sept. 16
Qtr. 1 Report Cards	Oct. 24
Qtr. 2 Progress Reports	Nov. 18
Qtr. 2 Report Cards	Jan. 17
Qtr. 3 Progress Reports	Feb. 10
Qtr. 3 Report Cards	April 3
Qtr. 4 Progress Reports	April 28
Qtr. 4 Report Cards	TBD



7th/8th GRADE ATHLETES

All athletes are required to have a completed and notarized parent permission form, physical examination form, and a copy of a birth certificate prior to participation in any athletic activity. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 with no more than one failing grade for the past semester to be eligible for athletic participation. Our Athletic Director, Deborah Stacey will be available to answer questions you may have. PE Uniforms will also be available for purchase for \$10.00.

Who's Who Pasco County

Mr. Kurt Browning	Superintendent
Mr. Ray Gadd	Dept. Superintendent
Mrs. Monica Isle	Asst. Superintendent of East Side Schools
Mr. Allen Altman	School Board Member
Ms. Joanne Hurley	School Board Member
Ms. Cynthia Armstrong	School Board Member
Ms. Alison Crumbley	School Board Member
Mr. Steve Luikart	School Board Member



VOLUNTEER CORNER

If you have free time and would like to volunteer at RBSMS in the Media Center, for a field trip, work in the concession stand, or any school function/activity, you must complete a Volunteer Application Form and be approved.

For more information, you may call the school office, 794-6500, and leave a message for our Volunteer Coordinator, Robyn Herndon.

Volunteer applications must be completed each year. You can go to the district website to complete the application online.

BREAKFAST

All students enrolled at RBSMS can start their day out with a breakfast at NO charge. Please encourage your student to stop by the cafeteria so that they can start their day out with a nutritious breakfast.

SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS

Requirements for Td (Tetanus Booster) and Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) for Entry and Attendance into the 7th Grade

If a Td (Tetanus Booster) has been given within the last 2 years this is acceptable. A temporary immunization form will then be written with an expiration date of 5 years from the administration date of the last Td.

If a Td has been given more than 2 years ago this is not acceptable and the student will be sent to get a Tdap before entering the 7th grade. If you should have any questions please contact the Pasco County Health Dept. in your area.

Students who do not have their shots current AND EVIDENCED ON FLORIDA FORM #680 ("The Blue Card") will not be able to receive a

schedule, bus pass, or even enroll in school until their immunizations are up-to date.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 8	Teachers Return
August 9	Secondary Registration Day
August 15	First Day of School for Students
August 25	Open House
Sept. 5	Labor Day - No School

SCHOOL HOURS

The student day begins at 8:30 am. and ends at 2:55 pm. Students who ride a bus will load and unload behind the front office. Car riders are to be dropped off and picked up in the driveway in front of the school. No student is permitted on campus before 8:10 a.m. in the morning and students must be off campus by 3:10 p.m. in the afternoon.



TARDY POLICY

It is important that our students be on time to school in the morning and they arrive at each class on time. Students who are tardy to class will be assigned progressive discipline.

1st Tardy:	Conference with student
2nd Tardy:	Notify Parent
3rd Tardy:	1 day of Morning Detention
4th Tardy:	1 day of Lunch Detention
5th Tardy:	Referral