

April 2019

Dear Ridgely Middle School Students and Families,

As spring briefly arrived this past weekend, I am sure everyone is excited for the warmer temperatures and sunshine. I look forward to seeing students and families outside in the community. The month of April is busy for our students and staff. Students will begin the PARCC assessment at the end of this month in math and reading. We will send out a PARCC letter with specific dates and schedule changes. Students are strongly encouraged to be prepared by getting a good night's sleep, eating breakfast each morning, and arriving to school on time.

Our students will be leaving RMS on three exciting field trips by grade level that we hope will enhance and enrich their academic learning. The sixth grade will be going on a field trip to Philadelphia, PA on April 10th. Our seventh graders are scheduled to go to Washington, D.C. on April 29th and the eighth graders will be heading to Gettysburg, PA on April 17th.

We will host fifth grade students from our elementary feeder schools beginning this week. Eighth grade student ambassadors will act as tour guides for the fifth graders. This is a great opportunity to help fifth graders with their upcoming transition to middle school.

I am excited to share that Ridgely Middle School will be receiving all new classroom doors this month. The doors will be fire rated and will have a safety and security feature which includes a latched lock that will automatically lock the door when closed. Additionally, all of our stairwells will have magnetic strips installed to keep the doors open until an alarm sounds which will close the doors. Keeping the stairwell doors open is a safety and security feature.

I have attached the results from the lead in drinking water survey that was taken on January 26, 2019. There were 30 water samples collected from Ridgely Middle School. Of these water samples, NONE (0) had levels of lead exceeding the action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seth Barish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" and "B".

Seth Barish