

June 2019

Dear Ridgely Middle School Students and Families,

As the school year is almost over, I would like to highlight some of our successes at Ridgely Middle School. I have been very impressed with the students' commitment and focus on learning. Additionally, our teachers have provided a strong instructional program while building positive relationships with their students. Our students demonstrated academic achievement in mathematics with 77% scoring above the 50th percentile and in reading 70% scoring above the 50th percentile on the MAP assessments. Scoring above the 50th percentile is a predictor for meeting or exceeding expectations on the PARCC assessment. For this school year, our attendance rate was 96%, which is fantastic. Furthermore, our students demonstrated academic success as 63% of our students earned honor roll for the school year and 17% of our students earned straight A's. We are very proud of our students who earned Student of the Month based on the monthly character education trait. Four students from each grade level were recognized by staff every month and received a certificate for this prestigious accomplishment. Students who demonstrated outstanding behavior were recognized with quarterly incentives. Each marking period students were recognized with perfect attendance. Our chess team won the middle school championship in BCPS and our robotics team participated in the World's competition. RMS was recertified as a Maryland Green School. We have identified and selected 25 students who will be enrolled in our first AVID elective program for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Gagne-Stacy, eighth grade school counselor, has been selected by Baltimore County Association of Counseling and Development (BCAD) Middle School Counselor of the Year for 2019. This is a well-deserved honor for Ms. Stacy and we are excited to celebrate her accomplishment.

Eighth Grade Farewell Day is scheduled on Wednesday, June 12. A flyer with detailed information was sent home with students. If you need an additional copy, please contact the main office. Lastly, our annual Capturing Kids Hearts field day will take place on Friday, June 14, which is a half day for students. The rain date for this event is Monday, June 17. I would like to remind everyone that the end of the school year calendar will conclude with half days of school for Friday, June 14 and Monday, June 17.

It has been an honor and privilege to get to work with the wonderful students, excellent teaching staff, and highly supportive families. I want to thank our eighth graders for being leaders in our building and wish them continued success in high school, college, and their careers.

Please encourage your child to read over the summer break. Summer is a great opportunity for children to read a book or magazine to reinforce reading skills. For our rising seventh graders and eighth graders, please sign up to participate in our Summer Reading Book Club.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing, and safe summer break!

Seth Barish
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