

Roadrunner Express

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QUARTER 2 REPORT CARDS ARRIVE BY LUONG PHAM

JRMS progress reports and report cards are now available for students and parents alike as of this week on Synergy.

Mrs. Nyborg, JRMS Data Processor stated that "there will be no email or notification sent out regarding progress reports and report cards." If any student would like to check their grades or if a parent would like to check their kid's current grades for the quarter, then they'll have to check it on Synergy manually.

To find the report cards on Synergy, first login.

Then, search for a button that has the label Report Card. Progress reports and report cards for the quarter will pop up once you've clicked on it.

As of November 13th, students have been able to view their progress reports on StudentVUE two days earlier than their parents. Parents have been able to view their kid's progress report on ParentVUE as of November 15th.

But, for the parents who want a paper copy instead of viewing it digitally, they can request to have a paper copy mailed to their

home, said Mr. Johnson. Parents can request a paper copy by contacting anyone in the office, either by emailing, calling, or going to the office.

Mrs. Carstens said, "Students who are worried about their grades can have an academic conference with their counselor." Mrs. Carstens also said that parents who are unhappy with their child's grades can call their counselor or go to the JRMS office and have a meeting with them.

Final report cards for Quarter 2 will be available to view on January 8th for both students and parents.

JRMS STUDENTS CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK BY LYLAH XIONG

JRMS celebrated Red Ribbon week with a variety of activities.

Red Ribbon Week was hosted by the Leadership class and Club Live. Ms. Potter's students participated in two dress-up days: pajama vs. formal day and preschool vs. dream job day. On Friday, students pledged to be drug free and had a scavenger hunt

at lunch.

Why does Rutter celebrate Red Ribbon week? Mr. Maples said Red Ribbon Week is for Kiki Camerena who died in October in 1989 when he was a police officer. Mr. Maples said, "Red Ribbon Week celebrates being drug free and alcohol free."

Why does Ms. Potter love Red Ribbon Week? Ms.

Potter said that she loves that people are drug free and "living better lives."



NEW VP HELPS STUDENTS AT RUTTER

BY CLAUDIA LOPEZ

JRMS got a new vice principal in November.

Mr. Calderon, the new VP, is a well-known teacher and helper to many teachers and students.

He said that "it feels nice to have the other

VPs working with me and to help students and teachers." Mr. Harrison another VP, said that Mr. C was a really good fit for the school and for everyone.

Haltziri Martinez, an 8th grader, said that he's

a great teacher but he would be better as a vice principal. She also said that having him as VP would make some big changes in the school because he can prevent fights from happening.



FUTURE QUEST LEADS THE QUEST

BY ALLEN VANG



Future Quest is a college and career elective class at Rutter.

Future Quest is about learning culinary arts, aviation, drone technology, computer science, robotics, and personal finance. Mr. Shrader said he teaches his class in modules

where every student learns the same material.

Mr. Shrader hopes that his class helps students look into a career field and he enjoys teaching future quest.

Arielle Williams, a student in the class, said you can learn things that you can

use in the future and find your passion. She also said that they learn things they usually learn in normal classes.

If you would like to join Future Quest next year you can use this article and see that Future Quest is really fun.

FIGHTS HAPPEN, AVOIDING IS POSSIBLE

BY YOANNA HERNANDEZ

Fights happen at James Rutter, but there are some ways students can avoid them.

Counselor Ms. Mehl said that if you run into a problem where you or another person want to fight you should go to the nearest adult.

Ms. Mehl also said, "We avoid fights because there are always other ways to solve problems." Ms. Harmon, counselor intern, also said, "We avoid fights so we build a positive school climate and have better ways to resolve a problem by hav-

ing communication so school is safe and welcoming to anyone."

Mrs. Harmon also said you can avoid fights by "improving our communication and learning the steps of conflict resolution and how to stop and breathe." Students can also improve on taking time to calm down, think about the resolutions, avoid and not pay attention to rumors, go straight to the source, and seek assistance with any grown-up to get help."

Ms. Mehl said that if you don't want to meet with

the person you have conflict with, you can speak with her or any other counselor and they will help you create your action plan to stay safe and make good choices. If the student is not willing to talk it out or create a safety action plan, the student's parents are going to be involved.

The consequences if you get into a fight are you will get suspended, you will be on the no activity list, and detention. The same consequences will be given to the students that fight at the park.

Ms. Harmon also said, "If you or another student has a

video of a fight, you get a no-phone contract suspension, the same consequence as the ones who are fighting. You need to respect the rules when an adult is telling you to stop and make sure to follow the rules. You should listen to the adult so that you and the school community can stay safe."

An 8th grade student, Zoe, said, "I avoid getting into a fight because it wasn't worth getting suspended." Zoe talked to Ms. Mehl about her problem

JRMS WRESTLING WORKS HARD EVERYDAY

BY JESSE TABAREZ

JRMS has a wrestling team.

Mr. Tsutsui, wrestling coach, said, "There are eight wrestling students." A wrestling student, Annelise, says they practice every weekday after school. and they train in A-17.

Mr. Tsutsui also said, "They will have their first duel on November 28th in the Rut-

ter gym."

Annelise also said the teams they're going against are Harris, Kerr, Pinkerton, and Smedberg.

Another wrestling student in the 8th grade, Angelo, said "he felt good when he won both of his wrestling matches."

Angelo said, "Mr.

Tsutsui watches us to know what we need more practice on so we can work on it." He also said the students join to learn moves.

Angelo says he likes wrestling and likes to do takedowns in wrestling.

Mr. Tsutui wants students to join wrestling. He quotes Dan Gable:

"Once you have wrestled everything else in life is easy."



JRMS HOSTS THE 1ST HALLOWEEN DANCE IN 5 YEARS!!

BY JULIANA ACEVEDO



James Rutter Middle School had its first Halloween dance in five years according to Ms. Potter. At this dance students could dress up and have fun for \$5!

The dance started

at 3:30 pm and ended at 5:00 pm. Ms Potter said that the whole Leadership team decorated the dance. Ms. Potter stated, "After this year we won't have Halloween dances. We might have winter dances instead because of how many people left early to go trick or treating with family and friends."

Ms. Potter said that the whole leadership team decorated the dance.

A 7th grader at

James Rutter Middle School, Gaby Contreras Quiroz, went to the dance dressed up as a clown. This was the first dance she went to because she didn't go to the first dance. "I liked the music best."

Another 7th grader at James Rutter Middle School, Joselin Nicoll Aguilar Rodriguez, went to the dance dressed up as Lana Del Rey . This was her 2nd dance. She stated, "I really

liked this dance because of the decorations, and I would really like to go to more dances."

She went to this dance because she was bored and wanted to hangout with her friends.

Since they might not have the Halloween dances anymore, students next year will experience the Winter Formal!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, THEATER!

BY ALYSSA GOODE

JRMS students can join the theater club.

The club meets every Monday for an hour after school in Ms. Maguire's room (D11). It worked with the schedules of both the students and teacher advisors, Analeigh explained.

The student advisor, Analeigh Hernandez,

explains, "In theater, we are currently practicing acting and bringing everyone together so they are comfortable with their scenes."

The teacher advocate for the club, Ms. Maguire, reports, "We will be doing small skits for the multi-cultural show." These skits will be based on folktales from the Afghani, African American, Hispanic, and

Asian cultures.

When asked what she hopes to achieve with this club, Analeigh stated improving "people's self reflection, self confidence, and making people feel proud of themselves."

"I made the theater club because I have always been interested in theater and bringing in students who want to act

and show off their abilities," Analeigh shares.

Aviana Nunn, a student in the theater club, says the theater class is fun. She joined it because she thought she would enjoy it and her friends joined it as well.

New students can still join the theater club if they want to.

ART CLASS GETS CRAFTY

BY KARISSA LOZA

JRMS students take a go at art with Mrs. Creger, the art teacher at Rutter!

Ms. Creger is the art teacher at JRMS. She has enjoyed all the amazing moments she created with her students along with the projects she has assigned! She loves teaching the students art and says, she "loves seeing the students find their artsy side."

Ms. Creger has

taught her art students many tips and tricks to art, too! She has taught them water color paint, sculpting, shading, and more!

7th grader Maddison enjoys art because, "its a fun elective." The main project she enjoyed doing was "the painting and sculpting." Maddison has also expressed her love of assignments that Ms. Creger has assigned.

Student Ariella says she "enjoys art because it's fun and she loves art and colors." The art techniques have been helping her learn more about art and explore the art topic!

Ms. Creger has not only been planning more projects for her class, but planned a project so everyone could see their art side to them and do an art project in Advisory!



SOCCER TEAM KICKS INTO SEASON

BY HAFEZ AHMADI

The school soccer season started at the beginning of the school year.

The season lasted from the beginning of the school year until November.

Everyone is welcome to join the soccer team! All girls and boys. To join the soccer team, you

have to be in the after school program.

The coach is a man named Hector. Practice is on the grass inside of the track.

Two games were played. Both were against Jackman. We lost both un-

fortunately.

"Our team lost the matches but they will win in the springtime" said Shekib, a member of the soccer program.

Mahdi is also a part of the soccer program, and he said, "The team is very good

but we need to pass more and not hog the ball."

Mr. Harrison said, "I felt that it was important to have a soccer team in the school." He also said that it is one of the most important sports and students should get a chance to play it.

FALL CELEBRATED IN JRMS FUN

BY MAKIYAH BURNS

James Rutter Middle School celebrated fall and October festivities on Friday the 13th.

7th and 8th graders were able to attend after school along with their families. To play each game you needed to purchase tickets. They cost 1\$ for 5 tickets.

Ms. Potter said the Leadership class decided to host the Fall Festival "because last year there were little to no activities in the fall

which led to more bad behavior. In hopes of preventing that type of behavior, they did the Fall Festival."

One of the Leadership students, Analeigh Hernandez, said, "The game I was most excited for was the pie eating contest, because I wanted to see people shove their face into pies!" She also said one of the stations that was easy to work at was the popcorn machine because she has

more experience with that machine.

7th grade student Elijah said his favorite game at the festival was the ball and stick game. 8th grader Mikela said her favorite game at the festival was the sack race. She also said, "An activity that I participated in was face painting."

This event was very family friendly, according to Elijah.

For now on, there will be a Fall Festival every year, Ms. Potter explained. The boredom of fall will fall after this year, and will continue to live in Rutter's legacy forever!



JRMS INVITES PARENTS TO LUNCH

BY GABY CONTRERAS QUIROZ

JRMS invites parents to have lunch with their students.

This year at JRMS, students get to bring their parents to lunch and eat with them.

Ms. Potter, the student activities director, said that she plans these types of activities to just have some "fun" and so that "parents can get to know the

school and their student's friends." Ms. Potter also said that she doesn't do them on a regular schedule.

Alejandra, a 7th grader at JRMS said, "My parent did come to have lunch with me." She also said, "I did enjoy having lunch with my dad." She said that her dad got to meet her friends and she also got to show him around the school. She said

she would like to do this again with her parents because it was fun.

Mr. Paull said that his son was already here at school so Mr. Paull just bought them Panda Express to share. He also said he would eat lunch with his son at school again because he enjoyed it.

Next year JRMS students will also get to invite

their parent to lunch and enjoy the activities that Ms. Potter has planned for them.



PIE EATING CONTEST!

BY ANDY GARCIA

This year at JRMS, a pie eating contest was held at the Harvest Festival.

The Student Activities Director Ms. Potter said

the pie flavors were apple, peach, and cherry. The contestants competed on the stage that's outside of the lunch room.

Ms. Potter said, "First place won a \$25 gift card and a certificate." By winning the contest you had to be the first one to finish eating the pie.

Felipe said, "I was only able to eat 1 pie." He also said that he had fun at the Harvest Festival.

Ms. Wells said, "Dutch apple was my favorite flavor."

Ms. Wells stated that the pies were full sized. She also stated that she wasn't the only teacher competing in the contest.

Ms. Leshner said that she had the peach flavored pie but she also said, "I had a stuffy nose with peaches inside of my nose." She doesn't like fruit flavored pie.



JRMS STUDENTS RIDE COASTERS

BY JULIAN ORRANTIA

JRMS Six Flags field trip in October. Rutter students went for fun and for the students to experience Six Flags without a parent.

Ms. Potter, the Student Activity Director, said, "We do this field trip for fun and it's interesting for teachers outside of school to see how you manage yourself and to see your maturity."

She said the field

trip was cheaper than last year because she booked the field trip sooner. The original cost was \$12,450 for bus, entrance, and food. She also said that "it takes one day to plan this because she has planned field trips six times so it's easy for her."

Jimena, a 7th grade student at James Rutter, said that it was a fun experience because she didn't have to be

supervised by an adult.

She wanted to go because she wanted to go on the rides. She stated that her favorite ride was the River Rapids because it goes in circles and it can fit a lot of people.

Izzy, a student at James Rutter, said that she went to the Six Flags field trip because she has nothing else to do.

Izzy also stated that it was a fun experience and she wishes they went more often. She also said she was in a group with Elijah, Alex, and Santi and we all went on the Medusa a lot of times and I had to pay for all their stuff.

She said the best part had to be the Fright Fest because she made friends with the people that worked there.

JRMS CELEBRATES SUCCESS WITH HONOR ROLL LUNCH

BY DANIEL GONZALEZ

JRMS has quarterly honor roll lunches.

Ms. Potter, Student Activities Director, stated, the minimum GPA for honor roll is 2.0, and students can't have any F's or D's.

Ms. Potter said, "This year's honor roll lunch was so different because the food was different and you got toppings based on your GPA."

She then stated,

"Because the honor lunches are divided by different grade levels each day was a grade level."

"There is an honor roll lunch because we want to celebrate students who are doing well academically that are on the right track for high school and college," Ms. Potter said

The Leadership students who helped at the honor roll lunch were Alayah

Ragsdale, Anthony Wu, Eva Camacho, Anneliese Khang, Rita Vang, and Alexandra Ledezma.

Anthony Wu, 8th grade JRMS student said, "Nope, I did not have any missing work. I did it in class and focused at home." Which is how he earned honor roll.

Anthony stated, "I enjoyed my sandwich. I put whipped cream, caramel, and

marshmallows on my sandwich."

Adrian Alvarez, 8th grade JRMS student, said, "I liked my sandwich. I put whipped cream, chocolate chips, and Oreos on my ice cream sandwich."

Anthony said, we had a lot less ice cream sandwiches than we needed. We only had 100 sandwiches prepared out of 300 students.

MUGGLE NEWS: DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY

BY NEVAEH RENO

Dumbledore's Army is a club at JRMS.

The Co-founder of the club, Ellie Fults, says that she finds it fun being able to spend time with her friends while also reading *Harry Potter*.

The founder of Dumbledore's Army, Alys-sa Goode, stated that she

started the club because, "I wanted to get outside my comfort zone, and make new friends."

The club will be quite busy because it was said that they will be trying to read all the *Harry Potter* books and watch all of the movies.

Ms. Leshner, the

teacher sponsoring the club shared, "The leader of the club is my Honors English student. She came to me asking to be the host after I said to the class that I am a Hufflepuff." Ms. Leshner accepted this proposition, and Dumbledore's Army is running smoothly on Thursdays at seventh

grade lunch. Ms. Leshner said, "I will gladly partake in the activities, but I would like to keep the club student-lead and student-centered."

The club hopes to plan more fun and exciting activities and get more members.

TIKTOK MAKE-UP TRENDS IN CLASS

BY JASMINE VANG

Have you ever done makeup in class?

Brisa, a former 8th grader from Rutter, explains that she does her makeup in class is because she loves doing it. She touches up her makeup for fun. Whenever she puts on makeup, she feels happiest.

A teacher at Rutter, Ms. Conway,

shared her opinions about her students doing their makeup in class. "I have so many feelings about it! I feel annoyed and sad because I think my students don't need to wear so much makeup to cover their beautiful faces." She respects students wearing makeup because she does herself, but Ms. Conway believes that it's distracting students. A quarter of her class tries

to put on makeup in class.

8th grade student at Rutter, Claudia, likes to wear makeup to look pretty. Her favorite makeup artist is herself. She estimates that she spends 30 minutes doing her makeup. Her favorite makeup brands are elf and Too Face.

Ms. Wimbush, a counselor at James Rutter, says applying makeup at school is against school rules. However, it also depends on

the teacher. She wants students to do it before class. Ms. Wimbush thinks girls and boys put on makeup as a self expression.



JRMS SHOWS OFF ASIAN CLUB

BY LESLIE THAO

Eighty Roadrunners attend the Asian Club the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Asian Club practices for the Multicultural Show are every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school.

Mrs. Lee, the club sponsor said, "Our main thing at Asian Club is the Multicultural Show, where groups of people in the club perform for people at our school and for parents."

Mrs. Lee also says that there are 6 groups of

people in the Multicultural Show right now such as: Lion dance, Fan dance, K-pop dance, Cambodian dance, Vietnamese dance, and last but not least, Hmong dance.

Asian Club also does fundraisers at school events; for example, at the Fall Festival, Asian club sold; chow mein, fried rice, and egg rolls. They use the money for Asian Club activities and for the Multicultural Show performance outfits. They will do more in the future.

The President and

Vice president are Rita Vang and Jasmine Dao.

Rita Vang, president says her goals for Asian Club, "I want the Asian club to be more fun and more popular so we have new members."

Rita also states why she wanted to be president of The Asian Club. She likes being president because she gets to control certain events and talk in front of people.

Vice president Jasmine Dao states, "I was

nominated to be vice president by one of the members. I am happy to help out and stand by our president, Rita."

Mrs. Lee says you don't have to be Asian to be in the Asian Club; the club is to share their culture with others.



JRMS LEADERSHIP HOSTS PBIS PARTIS

BY HALTZIRI MARTINEZ

James Rutter's Leadership students host PBIS parties once a month.

The Leadership students plan the parties, then host them. Ms. Potter said anyone can attend as

long as they have 5 Rutterbucks. To purchase the pass to go to the party, students have to buy it from the Student Store. The parties are usually hosted during 6th or 7th period. To go to the parties you have to

have a pass and show it to your teacher.

One PBIS party was on December 6th. It was to be a cookie decorating contest. Leadership student, Alayjah Ragsdale, said, "I'm really looking forward to this

party."

The PBIS planning committee takes about 20 minutes to set up the parties. 8th grader Claudia Lopez said she thinks they are a good reward for students.

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

BY CALVIN THOR

The James Rutter 8th grade basketball season started on October 19th.

To try out for the team, you need a 2.0 G.P.A or above and you need to complete a physical exam paper according to the James Rutter website. You can't have any U's on your report card. You need to complete an athletic clearance process online also.

The tryouts took

place between October 16-19th, the tryouts took place in the gym. Players did defensive, attacking, passing, finishing, and dribbling drills. They also ran. The tryout duration for the girls was 1 hour, and for the boys was 2 hours. The girls did tryouts first, then the boys. The boys basketball coach's name is Yahyl Rogers but he's known as Coach Y. "I looked for players that could com-

municate," says Coach Y.

The players that made the team are Isaiah Vang, Julian Camacho, Jake Saelee, Jake Su, Tristan Do, Daniel Gbotoe, Jelani Hunter, Za'marion Flenory, Sae'von Merchant, Joevon Saychann, Zhixin Zheng, and Calvin Thor.

The 8th grade girls basketball team includes Aeron Brown, Audrey Latu, Emily Yin, Alayjah Ragsdale,

Casey Torres Harrington, London Hayes, Zoe Solis, Raeanna Jordan, and Love-Lorraine Martin, says Aeron Brown. The girls' coach's name is Coach Murphy.

Joevon Saychann, someone on the basketball team says that the basketball players for both teams were chosen fair. He said tryouts were "fun" and that "I like where we did the drills with the basketballs."

PAINTING PUMPKINS TO VICTORY: JRMS PUMPKIN CONTEST

BY JIMENA RAMOS

JRMS students and teachers gathered together to paint a pumpkin for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Ms. Potter, Student Activities Director and Leadership host said the contest started at the Fall Festival and ended on Halloween. In total, there were 21 groups participating in the contest. In each group there is at least one staff sponsor. Ms. Conway said, "This was the third annual pumpkin contest at James Rutter Middle School.

Ms. Potter said, "I like all the creativity with all the pumpkins. One of the sponsoring teachers, Ms. Frankina, had eight people in her group. She said that she had fun with her students

participating in this contest.

One of the winners was Zaniyah. They made a poison caramel apple.

The school provided the pumpkins for the contest.



JRMS STUDENTS GROOVE IN DANCE CLUB

BY JOSELIN AGUILAR RODRIGUEZ

Dance Club was established by Semaj McChristian whose inspiration for creating this club was herself,

"When I dance I like to record myself or do it in front of a mirror to correct any mistakes," said Charlene Thao. The reason she joined was because she's been loving dancing since she was four years old and has been self taught since then.

"Dance Club is so fun but it can get overwhelming sometimes," said Evelyn Yang.

According to Semaj McChristian, a student representative, Dance Club is a place where a

member can have fun while dancing. For Charlene Thao, her favorite thing in Dance Club is communicating, helping, and dancing with her club members.

"To join Dance Club just come to any of our meetings on Monday and Friday in Ms. Well's room (N49) and Tuesdays in Mr. Hoang's room (G30)," Semaj McChristian states.



JRMS HOSTS STUDENT OF THE MONTH CELEBRATION IN JANUARY

BY IEENA P. MARTINEZ

This January, James Rutter Middle School will host a new Student of the Month celebration.

For the month of January they are celebrating the optimistic students with Crumbl cookies. Ms. Potter, our school's activity teacher, says "We like to celebrate our Students of the Month with sweets and anything out of the ordinary." Ms. Potter the host of the Student of the

Month says, "We want to highlight our students in a special way."

Ms. Potter says it's actually very hard to run for student of the month and there are a lot of challenges like getting teachers to pick new students each month. "So teachers please pick different students for the student of the month!"

A student of the month this month is Emily from Mr. Shrader's class. Mr. Shrader

says Emily is always on task and it wasn't a hard decision at all because she's the best student in school. What it takes to get Student of the Month in Mr. Shrader's class is integrity, honesty and hard work.

Emily says she doesn't think she deserves to be Student of the Month, but she did try by working hard and focusing.