



STUDENT RAMBLAST

WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 5, 2010

THE GOOD NEWS IS . . .

The FCPS School Board and the US House of Representatives passed a resolution to honor the important role school counselors play in our school lives by declaring this week as “National School Counseling Week”. Take some time to say **thank you** to Ms. White, Ms. Miley, Ms. Filmeyer, Ms. Malloy and Ms. Yasuda.



CALENDAR DATES/ ACTIVITY LOCATION

Student Holiday/Teacher Workday



*Week #1 lunchtime prize drawing winners!
Keep logging your healthy eating and exercise habits on your paper tracker, available on*

Student Winners	PE Teacher	Grade	Student Winners	PE Teacher	Grade
Ellen B.	Ryan	7	Ghandi A.	Pearson	8
Lauren B.	Brodin	7	Simran B.	Pearson	8
Shane H.	Brodin	7	Nathaniel E.	Pearson	8
Bailey H.	Brodin	7	Courtney O.	Laczynski	8
Dillon L.	Laczynski	7	Hope O.	Hazard	8
Ela M.	Brodin	7	Christy P.	Pearson	8
Gonzalo P.	Brodin	7	Andrew R.	Pearson	8
Jon R.	Brodin	7	Jake T.	Pearson	8

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 1**



**Opens Friday, 2/12!
Tickets Now On Sale
Details on Page 3**

**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 2
BLUE DAY**

PARENT PICK-UP ONLY

- Animation & Comic Book Club, Blue Cafeteria *Pick-up 4:30*
- Annie Rehearsal, Russell Theatre (Check schedule for pick-up time)
- Ram Zone, Blue Cafeteria *Pick-up 4:15*
- Weight Training Program, HS Weight Room *Pick-up 4:15*

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 3
GOLD DAY**

LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

**Rising 9th Grade
Parent Night
7pm in Russell Theatre
Snow date 2/11**

- Annie Rehearsal, Russell Theatre
- Dance Team Practice, Meet in the gym
- Drama Club, D106
- Homework Club, A100
- Indoor Soccer, *Sign-up at Lunch/Change into your PE Uniform*
- Jazz Band, 403
- Media Center Monitoring, Must Have Pass From a Teacher
- Science Olympiad, E101
- Sewing Club, Blue Cafeteria
- Weight Training Program, HS Weight Room
- Yearbook Club, A223 (*By Invitation Only*)
- Zumba Aerobics, *Main Hallway by the Middle School/Change into PE Uniform*

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 4
BLUE DAY**

LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

- Annie Rehearsal, Russell Theatre
- Basketball Intramurals, *Change into PE Uniform and meet in the gym*
- Fitness Games, Fitness Room *Sign-up at Lunch/Change into PE Uniform*
- Media Center Monitoring, Must Have Pass From a Teacher
- National Jr. Art Honor Society, E203
- Passport Cinema Club, A119 Showing *Cool Runnings*
- Peer Helpers Group, A102
- Technology (TSA) Club, E101
- Weight Training Program, HS Weight Room

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 5
GOLD DAY**

- Annie Rehearsal, Russell Theatre
- Weight Training Program, HS Weight Room *Pick-up 4:15*
- **Dance Team Performance During Halftime of JV Basketball Game/Dancers arrive 5pm**

Report Cards Mailed Home



WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

FEBRUARY

- 2/1: **Student Holiday, Teacher workday**
- 2/1-2/5: **SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK**
- 2/3: **Rising 9th grade parent night, 7pm, Russell**
- 2/4-2/6: **District Band, select students, Woodson HS**
- 2/5: **Report cards mailed**
- 2/11: **Jazz Band Sweets n Swing 7p.m., Gold MS Parent Coffee, 7p.m. Davala Hall**
- 2/12-2/14: **ANNIE! MS musical**
- 2/15: **HOLIDAY: President's Day**
- 2/18-2/20: **District Chorus for select students Students @ Woodson**
- 2/19: **Student early dismissal, 11 a.m. ,**

MARCH:

- 3/1: **Spring RAM Rally 5-7pm**
- 3/2: **Band Pre-Festival Concert, 7pm, Russell**
- 3/3: **WRITING SOL**
- 3/5: **3rd quarter interims mailed**
- 3/6: **MS Band Festival @ Lake Braddock**
- 3/13: **MS Chorus Festival @ Lanier**
- 3/16: **MS/HS Orchestra Prefestival Concert 7pm**
- 3/18: **MS/HS Chorus Festival Concert, 7pm**
- 3/18-3/20: **MS/HS Orchestra Festival @ West Springfield**
- 3/29-4/2: **SPRING BREAK!**



RAM TRIVIA

QUESTION

Who do we honor this week?

ANSWER

This week we salute our school counselors! Say thank you to your counselor for ALL the many services they provide to each and everyone. Thank you Ms. White, Ms. Miley, Ms. Filmeyer, Ms. Malloy and Ms. Yasuda. SALUTE!



HELPFUL HINTS

STUDENTS


“ Middle school is an exciting yet challenging time for students, their parents and teachers. During this passage from childhood to adolescence, middle school students are characterized by a need to explore a variety of interests, connecting their learning in the classroom to its practical application in life and work; high levels of activity coupled with frequent fatigue due to rapid growth; a search for their own unique identify as they begin turning more frequently to peers rather

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than parents for ideas and affirmation; extreme sensitivity to the comments from others; and heavy reliance on friend s to provide comfort, understanding and approval. Middle school counselors are professional educators....who understand and respond to the challenges presented by today's diverse student population. Middle school counselors do not work in isolation; rather they are integral to the (team and) total educational program. They provide proactive leadership to help students achieve success in school. Professional school counselors align with the school's mission to support the academic achievement of all students as they prepare for the ever-changing world of the 21st century” — From the American School Counselor Association, www.schoolcounselor.org



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEIGHT TRAINING PROGRAM	Attention 8th grade students: In order to participate you must have parent and counselor permission. Please pick-up a permission form in the SS8 office. After your parent signs the form, you must see your counselor for approval to participate.
INDOOR SOCCER & BASKETBALL	Indoor soccer is offered on Wednesdays when gym space is available . Check the Ramblast for the schedule. Make sure to sign-up during lunch each Wednesday for this activity. Limited to 50/no cleats. No sign-up for basketball.
NJHS	The next meeting for the NJHS will be on Monday February 8th in the blue cafeteria. We are still waiting for supplies to be turned in, you can bring them to Mrs. Burford or Mrs. Anderson. Also all tutoring assignments are now posted on Blackboard. If you have an after-school assignment with Burford, please come and see Mrs. Burford in A228, with the day that you can stay after school.
DRAMA CLUB	The Drama Club will meet Wednesday, February 3 , from 2:15 to 3:45 pm. Location will be Room D106 unless we get bumped into D-pod again. Theme for the day is
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	Science Olympiad will meet in room E101 this Wednesday from 2:15 - 3:45.
PASSPORT CINEMA CLUB	Get ready for the Winter Olympics in Canada by traveling, via Jamaica, to Canada for the previous Olympics held there. We'll be watching "Cool Runnings" about the Jamaican bobsled team that competed in the Calgary Olympics in 1988. Come to A119 on Thursday, February 4 for a cool trip.
RAM ZONE	On Tuesdays , the RAM ZONE will be open for students interested in staying after. Meet in the blue cafeteria for a snack and some homework time. We'll then offer a variety of activities until 4:30 – games, arts and craft, and additional student planned activities. Please remember, that if you stay after on Tuesdays or Fridays, you need to arrange for parent pick-up because we have no late bus service on those days.
SCIENCE CLUB	Back by popular demand....remove and save your own DNA!! If you attended the first session and you were not successful in removing your DNA come on back and we will do it again! If you want to try it for the first time, come to A200 at 2:20 on Monday, February 22 , 2010. We are limiting this activity to 30 students so do not be late. Questions....see Ms. Hinman in A200
THEATRE SPORTS TEAM <i>CONGRATULATIONS!</i>	Congratulations to the FIRST EVER UNDEFEATED Theatre Sports Team , as they earned first place at last Friday's county-wide Theatre Sports Tournament! Charlie P., John S., Sarah M., Sammi M., Abby M., Jessica I., Stephen D., Anna R., Jamie G., and Hannah S. represented Robinson. Coming up: Theatre Sports Tournament at Robinson! More details soon, but you HAVE to come out and see this incredible improv comedy team!
 <i>TICKET INFORMATION</i>	"The sun'll come out...tomorrow!" Tickets for this year's Musical Production, ANNIE are on sale now! Don't wait to get your tickets as they are sure to sell out! Purchase tickets in advance by going on the website, www.robinsondrama.org, that's www.roginsondrama.org, to get them online. You can also buy tickets by picking up a RED ticket order form from the office and getting it to Ms. Hard in D106. Remember, reserved tickets will sell out, and presale ticket orders are only accepted BEFORE February 1 st ! The show is Valentine's weekend- Friday, February 12 at 7pm; Saturday, February 13 th at 2pm and 7pm; and Sunday, February 14 th at 2pm. Tickets are \$8 advanced presale, and \$10 online and at the door (if there are any left!). <i>Don't miss out– purchase your tickets to ANNIE today!</i>