Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a great week. To say that I was feeling a bit down on Monday after that very disappointing loss on Sunday would be a true understatement. As always however, our students & staff helped to turn my frown, upside down. On Wednesday, February 7, 2018 Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School High Seniors Corey Sullivan & James Hanafin both signed their letters of commitment to play football for two incredible colleges. Corey will be attending Bentley University and James will be attending Saint Anselm College in the fall. Mr. Powers and I were fortunate enough to have attended this very special event. Congratulations go out to Corey, James and their parents. They have brought great pride & honor to their families and our District.

Other uplifting events this week were our elementary schools’ celebrations of the 100th day of school. Mr. Powers and I had a blast visiting our elementary schools on Thursday & Friday this week and observing all the festivities. Students and staff were encouraged to dress up depicting what they think they will look like when they turn 100 years old. They then participated in numerous outstanding 100th Day celebration activities. Thank you to all our students & staff in helping Mr. Powers and I get over our Patriots blues this week :)

FY-19 Preliminary Budget:

On Wednesday, January 24, 2018, I presented my FY-19 Preliminary Budget to the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee. The remaining budgetary timeline is posted below, as well as hyperlinks that will lead you to my full FY-19 Preliminary Budget presentation and the Wednesday, January 24, 2018 B-R School Committee Meeting.

**FY-19 Budget Timeline**

- **Wednesday, March 7, 2018:** Public hearing and School Committee review of Budget – Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 28, 2018:** School Committee Adoption of FY18 Budget - Raynham Middle School at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 26, 2018:** Certification of FY-19 total amount by BRRSD’s District Treasurer – Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 8, 2018:** Town of Bridgewater Final Vote – Academy Building at 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, May 21, 2018:** Raynham Town Meeting - Raynham Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

**FY-19 Preliminary Budget Link**


**Wednesday, January 24, 2018 B-R School Committee Meeting Link**

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**Coffee & Conversations:**

Our next "Coffee & Conversations" meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School. We will meet with high school parents/guardians at 7:30 a.m. and BMS parents at 8:30 a.m. in the BRRHS Cafeteria. If you are unable to attend the scheduled meeting at your child’s school, please feel free to attend another "Coffee & Conversations" event planned at an alternative site. The remaining “Coffee & Conversation” schedule is posted below:

- **March 5, 2018:** Raynham Middle School at 8:30 a.m.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns at 508-279-2140 ext. 113 or via email at dswenson@bridge-rayn.org. Thank you everyone and enjoy your much deserved weekend with family & friends.

Respectfully,

Derek

“WE ARE B-R, ONE TEAM, ONE FAMILY”
Mr. Powers, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Hello Everyone,
Hope you had a great week. Post below is information regarding 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration. Have a great weekend. Ryan

2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration:
Kindergarten registration for the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District for September 2018 is now open! Please follow the link to the District's website to start the registration. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to please contact Mrs. Susan Villemaire in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District’s Central Registration Office at 508-279-2140 ext. 139.


Sincerely,
Ryan

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact me at 508-279-2140 ext. 113 or via email at rpowers@bridge-rayn.org

“One Team, One Family”

Pay to Ride enrollment is open until February 28, 2018.

If you received a letter indicating that you live within the non-eligible boundary and choose to have your student ride the bus for the 2018-2019 school year, please complete the Registration for Regular Education Student Transportation for Non-Eligible Riders 2018-2019 form. All enrollment forms are available on the District's website www.bridge-rayn.org under the Parents & Students tab. Enrollment will be open until February 28th, 2018. If you have any questions, please call or email Ellen George at 508-279-2140 x140 or egeorge@bridge-rayn.org.
A big Thank You to all the parents/guardians who were able to take the time to Meet and Greet Ms. Courtney Secher. It is always so exciting for our preschoolers to have their parents/guardians visit their classroom. We loved all the smiles!

**Kindergarten Registration:** If you have a child that will be kindergarten eligible for the 2018-2019 school year, you should have received a notice recently in their backpack. Kindly respond to the form and return it to your child’s teacher at the your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Dina Medeiros, program administrator, at (508) 279-2100 ext. 1508 if you have any questions regarding the kindergarten registration process.

**Preschool Screening:** A preschool screening day is scheduled for February 13th. Please contact the preschool secretary, Mrs. Tracy Taccini, at (508) 977-0504 ext. 100 to schedule your child for a screening if you have any concerns for your child’s development and/or wish to have your child considered for a typical student enrollment slot for our preschool program.

**Preschool Parents’ Group:** The Preschool Parents’ Group has a Facebook page. You can follow them on Facebook through this link: bit.ly/brpk2018. It is a closed group for the safety of the students, so you will be asked for a request to join. The group will also be sending out a monthly eBlast to all preschool families who shared their contact information with the group. This email will go out the Sunday/Monday following the Preschool Parents’ Group monthly meeting. If you have not yet shared your contact information with the group and wish to do so, please contact Mrs. Katie Porro at: kathrynporro@yahoo.com. The Preschool Parents’ Group meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. The next Preschool Parents’ Group meeting will be on March 1st.

**BOX TOPS:** Preschoolers are taking part in the BOX TOPS for education fundraiser. Please strongly consider clipping your box tops to support enriching opportunities for our students. Please send them in to your child’s teacher. This fundraiser is supported through our Preschool Parents Sub-committee and RMSPO.
*All students in grades 9-11 received their Course Selection Sheets on Friday in school. These important documents should be reviewed by parents and then signed and returned no later than Friday, February 16th. We will begin scheduling for next year after February vacation. Level recommendations are based on grading requirements as well as teacher recommendations and should not be changed. If you have any questions about what courses your child has been recommended for, please contact his/her teacher directly.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held next Thursday, February 15th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Your child received the sign up sheet for conferences on Wednesday of this week and they have until February 14th to sign up for time slots.

*Please help our parent group make this year’s Senior Lock-In the BEST it has been by donating raffle items! Gift baskets, gift cards, etc. are all greatly appreciated! If you are interested in donating or know someone who is, please contact Karin Robertson via email at robertsonsgals@yahoo.com.

The Winter Olympics opening ceremony is Friday Feb 9th. BRRHS would like to celebrate this by having an Olympics/Team USA spirit week for the students & staff!! Staring Friday Feb 9th thru next Friday Feb 16th show your support to Team USA by wearing Red, White, and Blue!!

The Debate Team is looking for students to do community service as they host the Debate League Finals on 2/14. Up to 7 hours may be earned between 2pm and 9pm on Wednesday, 2/14. Any student wishing to help out should speak with Ms Jewett before Wednesday, the 14th.

FOBRA is looking for volunteers to help out with concessions during the Special Olympics on Saturday. Help is needed from 8:30am - 4:00pm, and can be in two hour intervals. They are in need of about 6 volunteers, so help out and get community service hours!

Attention: All BASEBALL CANDIDATES
There will be a very important sign-up meeting for all levels of baseball on Thursday February 15th in Coach Blake's room (A164) immediately after school from 2:10 to 2:45pm ... please see Coach Kearney if you cannot attend.

FEBRUARY is RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS MONTH and the BRRHS School Climate Group is sponsoring KINDNESS BINGO
Play “KINDNESS” BINGO and be entered to win a prize valued at $25.
Pick up your BINGO sheet in Rm. G210, G203, in the main office, or from any club member.
The fun begins Thursday, Feb. 1st.
Five prizes will be awards (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Staff)
JOIN THE FUN!

Attention Seniors:
The yearbook club is looking for group photos from grades 9-11. Please upload them to the google classroom page for 2018.

The NHS is excited to be sponsoring a school supplies drive for the children of Peru. School starts for them in March and many underprivileged children are unable to attend school due to their inability to pay or provide the necessary supplies. YOU CAN HELP! Please consider donating school supplies such as markers, crayons, pencils, pens and more. A complete list is outside of room F303 and can be found on flyers posted around the building. Donations can be brought to the main office or to Mrs. Kelliher in Room F303. The drive ends Friday February 17th! Thank you!!

All students interested in participating in the Citizens’ Scholarship Door to door drive should pick up a permission slip outside of F305. They are due Friday March 9, no exceptions.

♦ Mandatory Online Signups are OPEN for high school Spring sports and will CLOSE at Midnight on Monday March 12th. Per the Student Handbook section regarding mandatory online registration: “Once the deadline is reached, Family-ID will be closed for the season. Students will not be permitted to participate for that season if they fail to sign up during the registration window.” You can find all of the information on the high school’s website under the “ATHLETICS” section. Please click the athletics’ menu titled “High School Sports Registration.”
The members of the Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s “It Starts with Hello” campaign. The purpose of the week was to promote kindness and inclusiveness of all students. Each day this week was a different ‘day’ with activities geared toward increasing inclusiveness. Many students participated and helped generate feelings of goodwill among peers and in our school community at large. We hope that all students will continue to be kind, welcoming and inclusive of each other here at RMS!

The Raynham Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball Teams are sponsoring a student/faculty Basketball game on February 13th. It will be held in the RMS gymnasium from 3:00 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. Tickets cost $5, and students must have a signed permission slip to purchase them. Any students interested in attending should see Mr. Glaser.

Thank you to the RMSPO for sponsoring the 5th / 6th grade Social after school on Friday, and the 7th/8th grade Snowball dance Friday night!!
Messages from the Music Department

Thursday, March 15th: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Mr. K’s room
- Guest clinician George Murphy from the Foxboro Music Program will present a masterclass/workshop for 6th grade band students.

Tuesday, April 24th: 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the BR High School Gym
- This is a preparation rehearsal for the Band-O-Rama concert. Students should bring their instruments AND a music stand if they own one. (Please make sure students have their names on the music stand and their music books/folders)

Friday, April 27th: 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the BR High School Gym
- This is our first ever “Band-O-Rama”! In years past, we have had a “Music Showcase” and prior to that the “Art’s Festival” concert. This year, since our music program has grown so large, we have separated the bands and choruses. This night will feature our band students from around the BR School District. Student report time is 5:00 p.m., but if students are able to come earlier to help with setup, we appreciate any and all help (more details to follow).
- Open Mic audition sign-ups have filled more quickly than expected! Additional audition times were added and too have filled. Audition sign-ups are now closed.
- Auditions will take place this Wednesday, February 14th, at the WIS in one of two music rooms - N301 (Ms. LaPine's classroom) or N303 (Mr. Kirinsky's classroom). Please be sure to be on time and prepared.
- Audition results will be posted at both school audition sign-up locations by Friday, February 16th.
- Save the date of March 9th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for a fantastic Open Mic Night show in the WIS cafeteria!!

Friends of Williams:
- The next FOW meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the WIS library.

GRADE 5
- Save the Date! KIDS CHOICE AWARDS. We’re rolling out the red carpet for our 5th Graders for the event of the year! The kids will vote in school and the winners will be announced on stage!
  - When: Friday March 9, 2018 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
  - Where: Mitchell @ the Middle Auditorium
  - This is a drop off event. Pickup is at 9:00.
  - More details will be coming soon! Please reach out to Erin Camara or Stephanie Coleman with any questions!

WIS/BMS
- Save the date: Friday, March 23rd at Castaways at Olde Scotland Links; 7p-10p.m. ! Friends of Williams Parents Organization is hosting a Sip for Success to raise funds for our children and schools. Refreshments, raffles, and a good cause! Keep an eye out for more information! Must be 21 and over to attend!
- Our next Spirit Day is Friday, February 16th, students are encouraged to wear their Team T-shirts.
- Also on February 16th our grade 6 students will be taking part in the Brain Show. Hope they are up to the challenge. Thank you to the Friends of Williams for making these events possible.
- Monday, February 12th will be a Day B.
- Reminder that February break is the week of the 19th.
BMS UPDATE

Congratulations to the boys and girls Spartan’s basketball teams for their undefeated season, and for securing first place in the Massasoit League. We are very proud of your accomplishments!

Just a reminder to all 8th grade parents that “Coffee and Conversation” with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will take place on Monday, February 12th in the High School cafeteria. Please join us for this informal meeting!

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WAY TO GO!
Say Cheese!

Day 100!
A Look at LaLiberte Elementary

THIS WEEK AT LALIBERTE

On Tuesday, we kicked off this year’s Boosterthon Glow Run in the gymnasium which was a huge success! Students were pumped and collectively they have already raised over $28,000 from 26 states and 5 countries. A HUGE thank you to all family and friends of LaLiberte who have contributed thus far to this awesome fundraiser! This year, our goal is to raise over $35,000 dollars. If we raise enough money we hope to purchase two new chromebook carts for our school, as well as, materials for our classrooms. Keep up the great work!

This weekend is the Weekend Challenge where students have an opportunity to receive an additional prize when their families get pledges. Students of families that get NEW pledges of $3 per lap or a NEW $90-95 in flat donations over the weekend will earn their regular rewards and the BONUS prize - the Javelin Challenge Kit on Monday!

Yesterday was the 100th day of school! Students and teachers celebrated by dressing up as if they were 100 years old. Check out the pictures in the Brockton Enterprise! Everyone looked fantastic in their 100 year old get ups.

Congrats to our LaLiberte Lion word of the week winners for Teamwork. Way to go! Thank you for being role models in our school community!

*EXTRA EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! UP AND COMING NEWS....

• The Glow Run will take place in the gymnasium on Thursday, February 15th. Grade 2 will run at 9:30, Grade 3 at 10:30, and Grade 4 at 11:30. Parents are invited to come cheer on their child in the gymnasium. Please remember that space and parking will be limited.

• February Break - There will be no school from 2/19/18-2/23/18

• School will resume after February Break on Monday, 2/26/18

• Read Across America Day, Thursday, March 1st

• Lifetouch Spring Photos, Friday, March 2nd

• Early Release Day, Wednesday, March 7th for Teacher Professional Development

Transportation - Pay to Ride enrollment is open until February 28th!
**100th Day of School**  
Mitchell School was abuzz with many 100th day of school celebrations this week. Students and teachers showed off many creative outfits to celebrate the special event. Classrooms participated in many projects and lessons to commemorate this unique day.

**Winter Olympics at GMES**  
The Mitchell School is celebrating the Winter Olympics this February with a replica torch being passed among all classrooms. Students will be participating in various events during gym class to celebrate the Winter Olympic games. Good luck to all our Mitchell students participating during gym class! Grade One also will be participating in the Academic Olympics with various academic events both in school and at home. Closing Ceremonies will occur on Friday, March 16th.

**Author Visit**  
Thank you to Jessica Reino who discussed the writing process with our Grade 3 classrooms. She shared many of her published works and focused on theme, story structure, and narrative voice during her program.

**Peter Swarce Drumming**  
Peter Swarce will bring his various percussion instruments to Mitchell for Grade 1 and Grade 3 students next week. Students will have an opportunity to discuss volume and pitch during this hands on exhibit.

**Lego Club**  
Kindergarten and Grade 1 Lego Club students are off to a creative start with their Lego structures! Students built many excellent designs this week and had an opportunity to share their work with other students. Grade 2 & 3 Lego Club will meet after school on Monday, February 12th.

**Dental Hygiene Presentation**  
Grade 2 students will have an opportunity to attend an informative program on dental hygiene on Thursday, February 15th. Students will learn about the importance of brushing teeth and flossing on a daily basis.
DAY 100!!

TEAM MITCHELL
The Hibernating House
A huge thank you to Sandy Leahy and Kathy Tarentino for spending this past week at Merrill School sharing their book, *The Hibernating House*. Also, thank you to Mrs. Jen Gazzara for transforming our library into a ferry ride to Martha’s Vineyard. Both students and adults enjoyed this event.

100 days of School
We celebrated our 100 days of school through a variety of creative and exciting events. Miss Lynch’s class dressed as if they were 100 years old. Several classrooms went on a scavenger hunt throughout the school and the students made hats to commemorate this symbolic day. Students from our kindergarten classrooms created 100 day projects and displayed their work in their museum.

African Dance and Drum Group from Senegal
On Wednesday, February 14th, students will enjoy a special performance from the African Dance and Drum Group from Senegal. Wearing handmade, traditional costumes the group will entertain our students and staff with drumming, dancing, acrobatics, history, and language. The show is incredibly high energy and is highlighted by interaction and instruction with students and staff.

Merrill School Spirit Day
Show your Merrill pride by wearing your Merrill School or attire or the color blue on Friday, February 16th.
it's the little moments that make life BIG.
The School Committee will meet on
February 28, 2018

THE DISTRICT’S WEBSITE IS BEING UPDATED AND WILL SOON INCLUDE LINKS TO THE VIDEO-TAPED SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR IMPORTANT NEWS AND INFORMATION!

NOTE: ALL MEETING POSTINGS MAY BE FOUND ON THE HOME PAGE UNDER UPCOMING EVENTS OR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TAB UNDER POSTINGS.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE IN FINDING DOCUMENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS CALL OUR SECRETARY JUDY MACDOUGALL AT 508-279-2140 X113.

Registration is now open!

Visit www.bridge-rayn.org or email svillemaire@bridge-rayn.org for more details.

Active Bystander Training

Hosted by BCCR in partnership with BSU Center for Middle East Studies and First Parish Bridgewater (U.S.) and presented by facilitators from Questbin Mediation

How would you react if you witnessed a public act of hatred or bigotry?

Join us for Training Active Bystanders (TAB) to learn more about how best to respond to these events.

Methodist Church Parish House
15 Cedar Street
Bridgewater, MA 02324
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Feb 28 & Mar 21, 2018

Register Online!
Feb 28: https://goo.gl/h6KvB
Mar 21: https://goo.gl/52Yu2X

Thanks in part to the popularity of our first Bystander Training, we are offering two more additional dates. Sign up for either time or feel free to join us online to hear more!
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESENTS:

The B. A. S. E. Program

Our mission is to provide quality care for students before and after school, while keeping the lines of communication open between the program and home.

PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT:

GRADES K-3, GEORGE H. MITCHELL AT THE MIDDLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRADES 4-6, M.G. WILLIAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Hours: BASE AM and PM Sessions 7:00-8:55 AM and 3:25-6:00 PM

Any other questions regarding the BASE program may be directed to the GHMES at 508-279-2123 or to the program director, Mr. David Bewley: dbewley@bridge-rayn.org or 508-631-1786.