

JAMES S. RICKARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rocket Trails

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Team Rickards...On "A" Mission to be Outstanding!

Thank You for your years of service to Education!

A TEACHER
OPENS MINDS
AND TOUCHES
HEARTS



This last month Rickards Middle School had the unveiling and dedication of the World Map located in Student Services. This map was donated by Mrs. Terri Aucella upon her retirement after 14 years at Rickards Middle School.

6th Grade

Ms. Dias—Assistant Principal

754-322-4416

Ms. Alexis—Guidance

754-322-4431

7th Grade

Dr. Drake—Assistant Principal

754-322-4414

Ms. Clarke—Guidance

754-322-4411

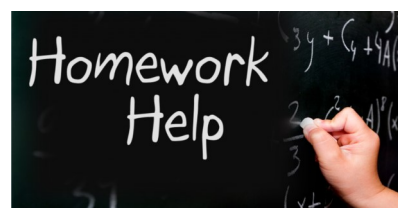
8th Grade

Ms. Sheffield—Assistant Principal

754-322-4419

Mr. Bascome—Guidance

754-322-4433



Homework Help is every Monday through Thursday after school from 4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Media Center.



Science Department

Mr. Esquiagola's 8th grade Environmental Science class and Ms. De Leon's 7th grade Life Science class joined together outside, in the front of the school, to draw with chalk. These drawings were not just of any image, but scientific images of cells and scientific processes. Students gathered into groups of four to five kids to draw their assigned picture. These pictures included plant cells, animal cells, the scientific method, mitosis, and more. This special activity was done in honor of World Science Day!

(Story contributed by RMS Yearbook Staff:
Naliah Nettles)



"I am thankful for every moment."

-Al Green

Debate

In Debate, students are practicing Public Forum. Public Forum is a unique type of debate because it is a team event and students have the chance to back up their arguments through questioning or cross-fire. In this photo, Chris and Elijah (Pro) are debating against Ms. LaPlant and Sandra (Con) on the topic of price control and the pharmaceutical industry.

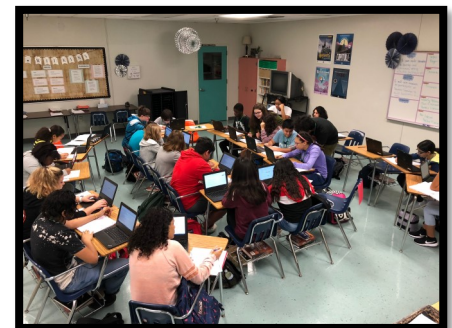


Literacy Department

Language Arts students wrapped up their unit on informative writing. In this unit, students learned to clearly communicate what they know in writing that elaborates on and organizes their ideas. Students in Ms. Wilkins' 8th grade Language Arts class participated in a Socratic Seminar on Immigration to help with their informative writing prompt. Students created and led their own discussion on difficulties immigrants face when moving to a new country.



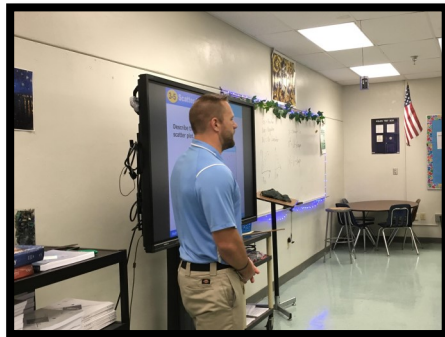
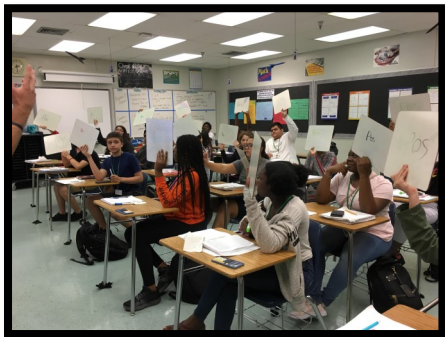
All 8th grade Language Arts students also completed Personal Narrative writing, which is a true account of an experience or event that is personally significant to the writer. Students used elements of suspense, vivid description, and expressive dialogue to bring their narratives to life.



Math Department

In Mr. Vonder Linden's Algebra class, students participated in an activity about correlations. Mr. V put a statement on the board and students had to decide the board and students had to decide whether the statement described a negative correlation, a positive correlation, or if it had no correlation. Once the students decided, they had to write what they thought on the whiteboards at their desks.

(Story contributed by RMS Yearbook Staff: Sofia O'Connell-Zamakiss)



Social Studies Department

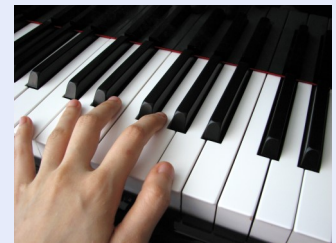
Many kids have the impression that museums are boring, however, Mr. Kalls' 8th grade students had a lot of fun on their field trip to the History Museum. This museum was very informative, and it was interesting to learn about the way some things came to be. For example, Palm Beach was named Palm Beach because a ship crashed on the beach and many coconuts fell onto the sand and grew into palm trees. They also learned about how Florida was the first place to branch out from normal designs and use more colorful materials to build hotels and other buildings. At the museum, they had a court room used to roleplay a fictional case. Another thing we learned was that the area that now occupies the space for the elevator used to be a holding cells for felons waiting to present their cases. All in all, the trip was very interesting and exciting for everyone!

(Story contributed by RMS Yearbook Staff: Naliah Nettles)



Music Corner

Band students are hard at work preparing for our Winter Concert on December 13th. Piano students will be participating in Broward Schools Winterfest at the Fort Lauderdale Airport. In December we will be having an evening piano recital. Please be on the lookout for the Band's Thanksgiving fundraiser in conjunction with our community partner, Pasteleria Rosa de Guadalupe.



Art Corner



The Art students worked with different media in the month of October. They studied proportion and ration with



paint values, space and volume, line shape form, space, color, and texture.

RMS Cross Country Team



NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Nova Southeastern Anti-Smoking Presentation	Nov 2
Miles for Smiles: Forever Team Kiana	Nov 3 8am-2pm
Rickards Salutes Dinner	Nov 8 6pm
SOAR Mentor Breakfast	Nov 9
No School	Nov 12
Q1 Report Cards Issued	Nov 14
PTSA/SAC Meeting	Nov 14 5:30pm
Honor Roll Assembly	Nov 15
Field Trip—Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society (7th grade) & JA World (8th grade)	Nov 19
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No School	Nov 21
No School	Nov 22
No School	Nov 23
Debate Competition (Glades MS)	Nov 29 4pm
Magnet Assembly (8th grade)	Nov 30

La Rosa De Guadalupe



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Thank you for participating in the Thanksgiving fundraiser for the Rickards Middle School Advanced Band! We are partnering with La Rosa De Guadalupe Bakery to raise money for our Spring Workshop and Performance trip to Walt Disney World! All profits made from this fundraiser go to each student's field trip account. Each item is \$5 profit for the student seller.

Items purchased may be picked up from Rickards Middle School on Tuesday, November 20 between 2:00 and 4:00 pm or from La Rosa De Guadalupe Bakery between 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 21.

8" Pumpkin Pie - \$13.00



8" Apple Pie - \$13.00

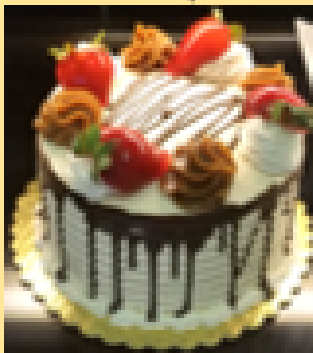


8" Flan - \$17.00



8" Vanilla Pound cake with choice of filling - \$17.00

(decoration will match filling)



- Guava
- Pineapple
- Vanilla Buttercream
- Chocolate Buttercream
- Dulce De Leche
- Oreo Cookies & Cream

8" Tres Leches, plain - \$23.00

8" Tres Leches with strawberry/peach - \$29.00

