

JAMES S. RICKARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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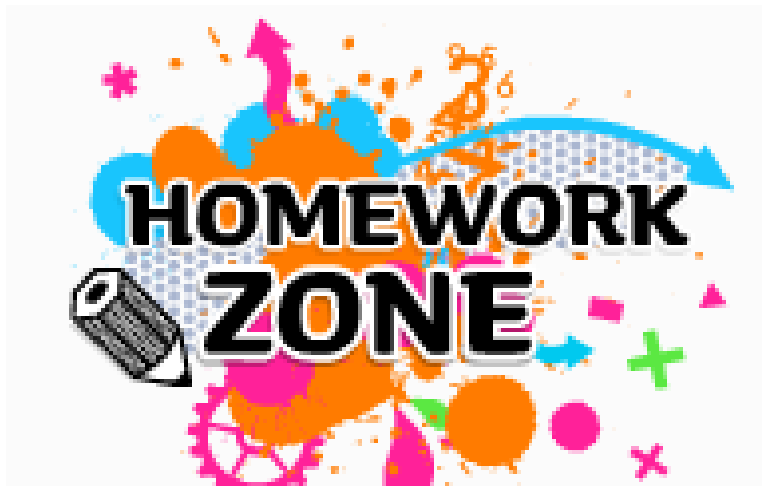
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Team Rickards...Launching into Excellence!

Homework Help

Homework is an important step to achieving academic success as it encourages students to take initiative and responsibility for completing a task, work independently, and develop self-discipline. Homework prepares the students for lessons or provides the opportunity to review and reflect on learning. We offer free tutoring and Homework Help is **Monday-Thursday, from 3:45-4:45pm in the Media Center.**



6th Grade

Ms. Dias—Assistant Principal

754-322-4419

Ms. Clarke—Guidance

754-322-4431

7th Grade

Dr. Drake—Assistant Principal

754-322-4414

Mr. Bascome—Guidance

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8th Grade

Ms. Sheffield—Assistant Principal

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Ms. Patterson—Guidance

754-322-4433



Literacy Week 2018

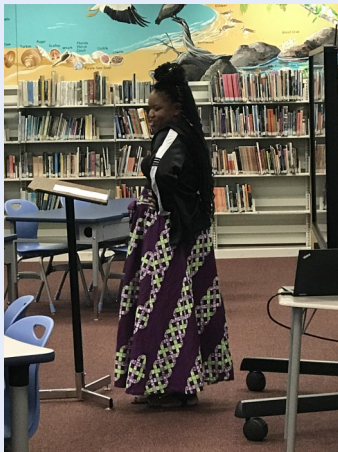


Crazy Hair Day!

We are...
Crazy for Reading!!

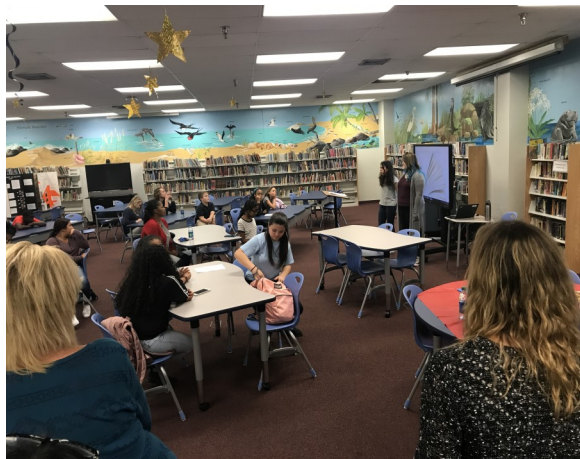
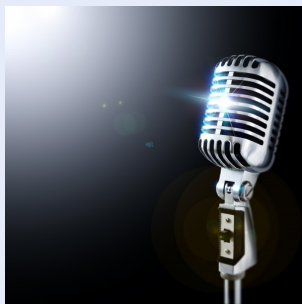


"Find Yourself In A Book"



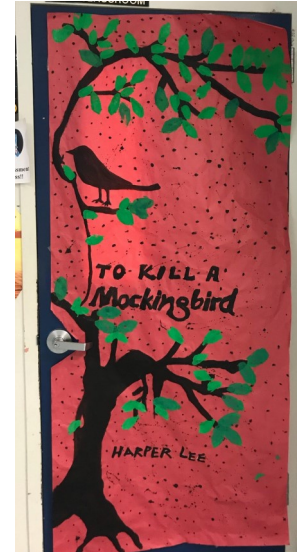
Literacy Open Mic Night

Students and teachers took the mic for a Poetry Slam or Spoken Word Performance. Many read selections of famous poetry, but a select few poets shared personal pieces. It was a night filled with talent and fun!



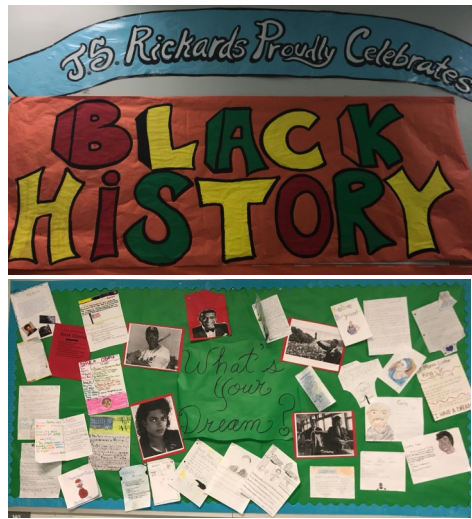
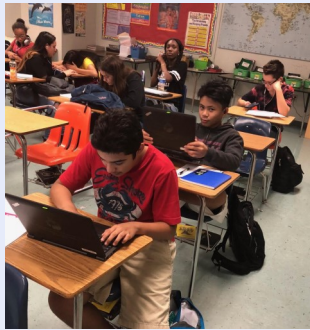
Door Decorating Contest

Classrooms were decorated to celebrate some of our favorite books. As we walk through Rickards, we get to venture through *Paper Towns*, meet Ponyboy in *The Outsiders*, and celebrate the true story behind the women who sent astronauts to space in *Hidden Figures*!



Poetry Circle

Ms. Aucella's 5th period Language Arts class created copy make poems about being a teenager (a subject they know well). These poems were modeled after one entitled "Hanging Fire" by Audre Lorde. This poem is from the voice of a 14-year-old girl who shares her thoughts, fears, and worries.



Rickards celebrates Black History Month by reflecting on the rich history and contributions of African-Americans.

We will have our annual Black History Month showcase featuring talented Rickards students and faculty members who have prepared pieces to represent what this month means to us.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

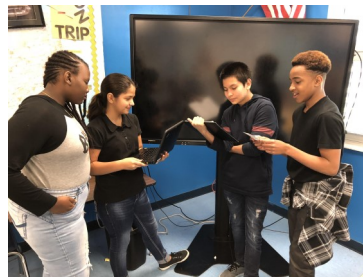
Rickards Speech & Debate

The Rickards Speech & Debate teams have been working hard and showing off their skills at our monthly district competitions. Students prepare speeches or debates in the below categories. This team has proven that talent and hard work are the perfect combination for success.

Social Studies Corner



Social Studies has hosted many unique and interesting field trips this school year. Most 6th-8th grade classes are currently working on projects that help bring history to life. 7th grade Civics classes are currently working on extremely important and relevant projects around "Civics in America" – researching groups, people, political ideologies, or events.



Speech Events:

- Declamation
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Duo Interpretation
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Humorous Interpretation
- Impromptu Speaking
- Oral Interpretation (Poetry & Prose)
- Original Oratory



Debate Events:

- Congressional Debate
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Policy Debate
- Public Forum



RMS Football Schedule

Date & Time	Site	Opponent
Tue, 1/30, 4pm	Wimberly	Franklin Pines
Mon, 2/5, 4pm	Wimberly	Renaissance Plantation
Tues, 2/13, 4pm	Wimberly	North Broward Academy
Thurs, 2/15, 4pm	Parkway	Parkway
Tues, 2/20, 4pm	Wimberly	William Dandy
Fri, 2/23, 4pm	Deerfield	Deerfield
Tues, 2/27, 4pm	Wimberly	Lyons
Thurs, 3/1, 4pm	Wimberly	Crystal Lake

FEBRUARY				
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26	27	28		



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Honor Roll Assembly	Feb 2 All Day
Take Your Child to Work—Broward	Feb 2 All Day
6th Grade Health Screening	Feb 5 & 6
Blaze Pizza Night-NJHS	Feb 6 4pm-8pm
RenFest Field Trip All Grades	Feb 12 All Day
Blaze Pizza Night—Debate	Feb 12 6pm-8pm
Sunshine Black History Luncheon	Feb 16
Black History Showcase	Feb 22



**OUT-OF-FIELD PARENT NOTIFICATION
for
RICKARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1/23/2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Our professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at RICKARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher(s) will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are:

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
BETHEL	CADIJAH TAI	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
ESQUIAGOLA	ANTHONY LINO	MID GR SCI GRADES 5-9 (MID	ESOL CATEGORY 2 Math-6th-12th Grade MATH-MIDDLE GRADES
GAY	MARK RUBINE	ENGLISH GRADES 5-9 (MID MG INTEGRATED CURR BUSINESS ED GRADES 6-12	ESOL CATEGORY 1
KILGORE	JESSICA LYNN	BIOLOGY GRADES 6-12	SCIENCE-MIDDLE GRADES

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
LAPLANT	MORGAN GENE	ENGLISH GRADES 6-12 ESOL ENDORSEMENT	READING
MORRIS	KRYSTAL ERICKA	ENGLISH GRADES 6-12	ESOL CATEGORY 1 Reading
PORTER	PATRICIA BLAKE	ENGLISH GRADES 5-9 (MID	ESOL CATEGORY 1
RIEGER	BARI JILL	ENGLISH GRADES 5-9 (MID ENGLISH GRADES 5-9 (MID	ESOL CATEGORY 1
RIOS	ANNABELLA	ENGLISH GRADES 6-12 SOCIAL SCI GRADES 6-12	ESOL CATEGORY 1 READING
WILKINS	KATE ALEXANDRA	ENGLISH GRADES 6-12	ESOL CATEGORY 1