

It's hard to believe we are in the last month of 2022! Wishing our RMS families, a healthy, safe, and joyous holiday season.

Kudos Corner!

- Thank you to our elves, Mrs. Camp and Mrs. Penney for making our school shine bright as we head into the holidays.
- Thank you, Mrs. Hanscomb and Mrs. Muise, for their work behind the scenes to continue the annual tradition of providing our Best Buddies Boutique shopping experience. Thank you to our staff for your contributions. Without your donations, this initiative wouldn't be possible.
- Thank you, Mr. Pomeroy for facilitating the Student Wellness survey.
- Thank you to Mr. Tower and Mrs. Chappelle for coordinating Unified Basketball at RMS.

Countdown to the Holidays!

A December calendar full of theme days, special events, and festive activities will be sent home on or before December 1. There is something fun for everyone – please encourage your child/ren to get involved.

RMS Scholastic Bookfair

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! Students will be scheduled to visit, browse, and shop at our book fair from December 5-9. If you can't join us at RMS, you can shop online <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5184375>. Thank you for participating in our Scholastic Book Fair!

Unified Basketball

RMS is very excited to announce that we have started a Unified Basketball Program. Unified Basketball integrates individuals with and without intellectual disabilities on teams for sport training and competition to promote social engagement and development. Every Friday at lunch, we invite all students that want to be a part of this program down to the cafeteria to eat lunch together and then to the gym to work on basketball skills and drills. Eventually, we get to game play and work toward a year end tournament with other schools. If you have any questions, please email Jonathan.tower@nbed.nb.ca

Intramurals

In RMS intramurals, dodgeball has come to an end with the Dodgefathers winning the finals in thrilling fashion. Our next sport for intramurals is basketball. The teams are made, and basketball intramurals have begun. Students have been doing a great job following the expectations, which is making intramurals run very smoothly.

Sports News

In Tigers sports news, our basketball teams are now solidified, and our season is underway. Our families are reminded to be respectful spectators and we hope everyone has an enjoyable basketball season! Good luck to our players and coaches – go Tigers!

Dressing for Winter Weather

Just a friendly reminder about dressing for the weather. We will continue to go outside in cold weather. There are multiple morning and lunch options and clubs for students to participate in, however, on the days they are not involved in a club or intramurals the expectation is that they go outside. Students will only be permitted to be inside when the weather falls below -20 degrees Celsius. Please remind your child of the importance of dressing for the weather. We want to ensure that our students stay warm and healthy during the winter months.

Gift Card Blitz – November 28-December 16

Just a friendly reminder that we are looking for gift card/monetary donations to support RMS families in need over the holidays. This initiative has been successful in the past because of your generosity and willingness to help others. Thank you in advance for considering donating.

Best Buddies Boutique

Our 3rd annual Best Buddies Boutique will be taking place on Tuesday, December 13th at lunch hour! Best Buddies Boutique is an opportunity for students to shop and purchase gifts for people in their lives. Items are in new condition and priced between \$2.00-\$5.00. Proceeds are divided between our Best Buddies program, which is dedicated to creating inclusive opportunities for all students. As well, our RMS Gift Card Blitz provides support to families throughout the holiday season. Keep an eye out for the Home Shopping Network preview and get ready to SHOP!

Staff of the Month – November

Our Staff of the Month recipient for November is Mrs. Aitken. Mrs. Aitken is new to the Resource role. She is being recognized for constantly going above and beyond to support staff and students. She ensures students and her peers have what they need to be successful. Mrs. Aitken invests time to develop strong connections with students and her colleagues. She is known for her sense of humor, her infectious laugh, her ability to think outside the box, being a team player and her tell it straight attitude. She embodies all of the qualities of a strong instructional leader that we continue to learn from. Although it has been a steep learning curve in her new role, Mrs. Aitken rises to the challenge every single day. She is a strong advocate for kids and builds positive relationships to support families. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Aitken on our team.

Amanda Piron
Principal

Angela Thomson
Vice-Principal



Upcoming Events:

***Please refer to the Countdown to the Holidays December Calendar for upcoming theme days, special events, and festive fun!**

Report Cards/PLP Progress Reports Sent Home

- December 1

Professional Learning Day for Teachers – No School for Students

- December 2

RMS Scholastic Bookfair

- December 5-9

Parent Teacher Meetings

- December 8 – 4-7pm
- December 9 – 8-12noon/PL (pm) – No School for Students

Last Day before the holidays (early dismissal)

- December 23