

Ronald Thornton Middle School

Thunder Camp

July 25, 2025

Welcome Parents!

- Introductions:
 - Dr. Kargbo – Principal
 - Dr. Williams – Associate Principal
 - Ms. Martinez – Assistant Principal (A-C)
 - Ms. Skinner – Assistant Principal (D-KE)
 - Mr. Watson – Assistant Principal (KH-RE)
 - Mr. Cardenas – Assistant Principal (RI-Z)
 - Ms. Evans – Assistant Principal
- Topics:
 - Thunder PRIDE
 - A day at RTMS
 - Back to School Information
 - Behavior Expectations
 - Resources for Support
 - PTO Information & Dates



Thunder PRIDE



RONALD THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of Thundercat PRIDE

VISION

The RTMS community aims to inspire and empower all students to take pride and ownership in their academic, social and emotional learning.

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MISSION

RTMS will provide meaningful learning experiences in a safe, collaborative community where everyone grows through passion, practice and perseverance.

Core Beliefs & Commitments

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- People and relationships matter.

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- Respect in all we do.

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- Inclusion is a priority.

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- Diversity is our strength.

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- Effort fuels our growth.

Motto

Thunder PRIDE never dies!

A Day at RTMS!

- Arrival 8:20-8:40 am
- Tardy Bell at 8:50 am
- 7 period day – 5-minute passing
 - 6th separate from 7th & 8th
- Classes 45-55 minutes each
 - 1st, 4th & 7th Periods longer for announcements, lunch & dismissal
- 4 lunch periods – 30-minutes each
- Dismissal at 4:10 pm
 - Options: Car, Walk, Bike/Scooter, or Bus
 - Must leave campus after school unless scheduled tutorial, club, or detention



Bell Schedules

Advisory Bell Schedule – Tuesday/Wednesday					
6 th Grade			7 th & 8 th Grade		
1	8:50 – 9:40 (50)	9:40 – 9:45	8:50-9:45 (55)	9:45 – 9:50	
Passing Period	9:45 – 10:35 (50)	10:35 – 10:40	9:50 – 10:40 (50)	10:40-10:45	
2	A Lunch	B6 Lunch	B Lunch	Period 3	D Lunch
Passing Period	A Lunch (30) 10:40 – 11:10	Period 3 10:40 – 11:25 (45)	Period 3 10:45 – 11:30 (45)	Passing Period 11:30 – 11:35	
3	Period 3 11:10 – 11:55 (45)	B6 Lunch (30) 11:25 – 11:55	B Lunch (30) 11:30 – 12:00	Advisory (30) 11:35 – 12:05	
Advisory	Passing Period 11:55 – 12:00	Advisory (30) 12:00 – 12:30	Passing Period 12:00 – 12:05	Advisory (30) 12:05 – 12:35	Period 4 12:05 – 12:35
4	Passing Period 12:30 – 12:35	Period 4 12:35 – 1:20 (45)	Period 4 12:40 – 1:25 (45)	Period 4 12:10 – 12:55 (45)	D Lunch (30) 12:55-1:25
5	1:20 – 1:25	1:25-2:15 (50)	2:15 – 2:20	2:20 – 3:10 (50)	3:10 – 3:15
Passing Period	2:20 – 3:15	3:15 – 4:10 (55)			
6					
Passing Period					
7					

Monday/Thursday/Friday					
6 th Grade			7 th & 8 th Grade		
1	8:50 – 9:45 (55)	9:45 – 9:50	8:50 – 9:50 (60)	9:50 – 9:55	
Passing Period	9:50 – 10:40 (50)	10:40 – 10:45	9:55 – 10:45 (50)	10:45 – 10:50	
2	A Lunch	B6 Lunch	B Lunch	C Lunch	D Lunch
Passing Period	A Lunch (30) 10:45 – 11:15	Period 3 10:45 – 11:45 (60)	Period 3 10:50 – 11:45 (55)	Period 3 10:50 – 11:50	
3	Period 3 11:15 – 12:15 (60)	B6 Lunch (30) 11:45 – 12:15	B Lunch (30) 11:45 – 12:15	Period 4 11:50 – 12:20 (30)	Period 4 11:50 – 12:55 (65)
4	Passing Period 12:15 – 12:20	Period 4 12:20 – 1:20 (60)	Period 4 12:20 – 1:25 (65)	Period 4 12:20 – 12:50	Period 4 12:50 – 1:25 (35)
Passing Period	1:20 – 1:25	1:25 – 2:15 (50)	2:15 – 2:20	2:20 – 3:10 (50)	3:10 – 3:15
5	2:20 – 3:10 (50)	3:10 – 3:15	3:15 – 4:10 (55)		
Passing Period					
6					
Passing Period					
7					



THE AVID ELECTIVE CLASS

Prepare for your future now by learning skills for college and career readiness!

- Organization skills
- Time Management Skills
- Effective Communication & Collaboration
- Note taking & study skills
- College entrance exam prep (PSAT/SAT/ACT)
- Problem solving & stress management



What to Bring to School...




- YES – Bring...
 - Backpack
 - Lunch, Water Bottle & Snack (2:00 snack time)
 - PE/Kickstart clothes & shoes
 - School supplies
 - FBISD issued laptop
 - Lock for your bike/scooter
- NO – Do not bring...
 - Video game devices
 - Toys
 - Ear buds or headphones
 - Expensive personal items
 - Unnecessary cash
 - Prohibited items – vape/smoke items, weapons (including look-alike), inappropriate materials, etc.



Back to School Information



Core	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	General Supplies <input type="checkbox"/> 2-inch or 3-inch D-ring Binder for AVID & Multiple Subjects <input type="checkbox"/> Pens (blue & black ink) <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil Bag (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Colored Pencils (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Erase Markers <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters <input type="checkbox"/> Scotch Tape Rolls <input type="checkbox"/> Glue Sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Red Pens <input type="checkbox"/> Post-It Notes <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex boxes (2) – Give to 1 st period teacher. Note: General supplies should be taken to all classes and replenished as needed throughout the school year.	
	AVID-6	Robotics	Math Lab	Literacy		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-tab divider (AAC only)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-tab dividers <input type="checkbox"/> Loose Leaf Graph Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Composition Notebook	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Subject Notebooks (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-tab dividers		
Recommended: <input type="checkbox"/> Planner <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler	<input type="checkbox"/> General Supplies (listed in the yellow box)	<input type="checkbox"/> General Supplies (listed in the yellow box)				
PE	PE	Kickstart				
	Uniforms available for purchase in July/August.	Uniforms available for purchase in July/August.				
Fine Arts	Choir 1	Band 1	Orchestra 1	Art 1		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-inch black binder <input type="checkbox"/> 5-tab dividers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-inch black binder <input type="checkbox"/> 5-tab dividers <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil pouch with pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Tuner with pick-up mic. (not percussion)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-inch black binder <input type="checkbox"/> 5-tab dividers <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil pouch with 2 pencils & a <u>highlighter</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Tuner (link below) <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument-specific supplies are listed on the website: click here!	<input type="checkbox"/> Pentel Hi-polymer Black Eraser, Large, White (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Prang Watercolor Oval Set w/Brush, Set of 8 Colors <input type="checkbox"/> Sans Large Grid Mesh Pencil Case, Big Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Pencil Bag with Zipper Closure <input type="checkbox"/> Prismacolor Premier Pencil Sharpener, Black <input type="checkbox"/> Sharpie Twin Tip Permanent Markers, Fine and Ultra Fine, Black (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Prismacolor Premier Turquoise Graphite Sketching Pencils, Medium Leads, Adult Coloring (12-pack) <input type="checkbox"/> Chubby Alcohol Markers Double Tipped Art Marker Set – 60 colors – Chisel and Fine Dual Tips <input type="checkbox"/> Prismacolor Premier Colored Pencils, Soft Core (24-pack) <input type="checkbox"/> Canson 100510927 XL Series Paper Pad, 98 Pound, 9x12, 60 sheets (1-pack) <input type="checkbox"/> For more info and links to items, see art website: click here!		
	Theatre 1 <input type="checkbox"/> General Supplies (listed in the yellow box)	Note: More information is located on the Band Website: click here!	Note: All instrument-specific supplies must be purchased from an FBISD-approved vendor.			

- RTMS Website
 - Supply Lists
 - Reading Lists
 - Campus Calendar
 - Teacher Websites
- FBISD Website
 - Bus Route Locator
 - School Lunch Account
 - 1:1 Laptop Program
 - Mass Notification – Blackboard (very important)

Middle School Student Expectations

- Arrive early & ready to learn – Tardy at 8:50 am
 - In the doors by 8:40 am to avoid tardy
- Know how they go home each day including bus number from day 1
- Know parent phone number & home address
- Keep up with items brought to school
 - Lost & Found in Cafeteria
- Speak to adults & peers with courtesy
- Take responsibility for decisions
- Self-advocate if there is a question or need



Middle School Parent Awareness

- Freedom = Responsibility
- 6th grade will earn more freedoms
 - Start with sitting by class for lunch
 - Escorted to 1st period & lunch
- Horseplay often escalates
- Lock it & **label it** or lose it!
- Bathroom usage – managing time & opportunity
- Legislative ruling on vaping
- Late & missing work will impact grades
- Recognition is earned – end of year awards by invite only
- Prioritize SLEEP! (9-12 hours for ages 11–12 & 8-10 hours for ages 13-15)
- Monitoring personal communication devices
- It's time to talk about ALL the things!

Communication & Resources



- Thundercat Weekly – First one sent this week
- School Website – Will be updated by 8/8/25
- Teacher Schoology Page – Accessible 8/12/25
- Teacher Weekly Emails
- Addressing questions or concerns throughout the year:
 - 1) Contact the teacher – Always first!
 - 2) Contact Alpha Split Administrator or Counselor
 - A-C: Ms. Martinez & Ms. Jefferson
 - D-KE: Ms. Skinner & Ms. Parker
 - KH-RE: Mr. Watson & Ms. Green
 - RI-Z: Mr. Cardenas & Ms. Torres
 - 3) Contact Principal
 - Dr. Kargbo, RTMS Principal

PTO

- PTO plays a vital role in RTMS success!
- There are still ways to get involved:
 - Parents on Patrol – POP!
 - Training August 7 from 5-6 at RTMS



PTO Newsletter



PTO Facebook Page



PTO Website



Thriving at Thornton Facebook Group

Save the Dates!

- VIPS Welcome Breakfast ~ Friday, August 29 at 9:30 am in the RTMS Cafeteria
- PTO General Meetings ~ Tuesday, November 11th & Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)
- RTMS Career Day ~ Thursday, December 4th (all day)
- 6th Grade Social ~ Friday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm
- 7th Grade Social ~ Friday, February 27th at 6:00 pm
- Thunder Games ~ Friday, April 10th at 5:30 pm (tentative date)
- 8th Grade Social ~ Friday, May 15th at 6:00 pm



Thunder Camp



Stations:

- PE Uniforms
- Kickstart Uniforms
- PTO ~ Spirit Wear

Parents ~ Please remain in the gym until your student arrives or return at 11:00 am or 2:00 pm, when Thunder Camp concludes.

Thanks for coming! Don't forget to snap a picture!

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