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Thunder Camp

July 26, 2024

Welcome Parents!

- Introductions:
 - o Dr. Kargbo Principal
 - Dr. Williams Associate Principal (A-C)
 - Ms. Skinner Assistant Principal (D-KE)
 - Mr. Watson Assistant Principal (KH-RE)
 - Mr. Cardenas Assistant Principal (RI-Z)
- <u>Topics</u>:
 - Thunder PRIDE
 - A day at RTMS
 - o Back to School Information
 - o 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. MISSION RTMS will provide meaningful learning experiences in a safe, collaborative community where everyone grows through passion, practice and perseverance.

Core Beliefs & Commitments

- People and relationships matter.
- Respect in all we do.
- Inclusion is a priority.

- Diversity is our strength.

- Effort fuels our growth.

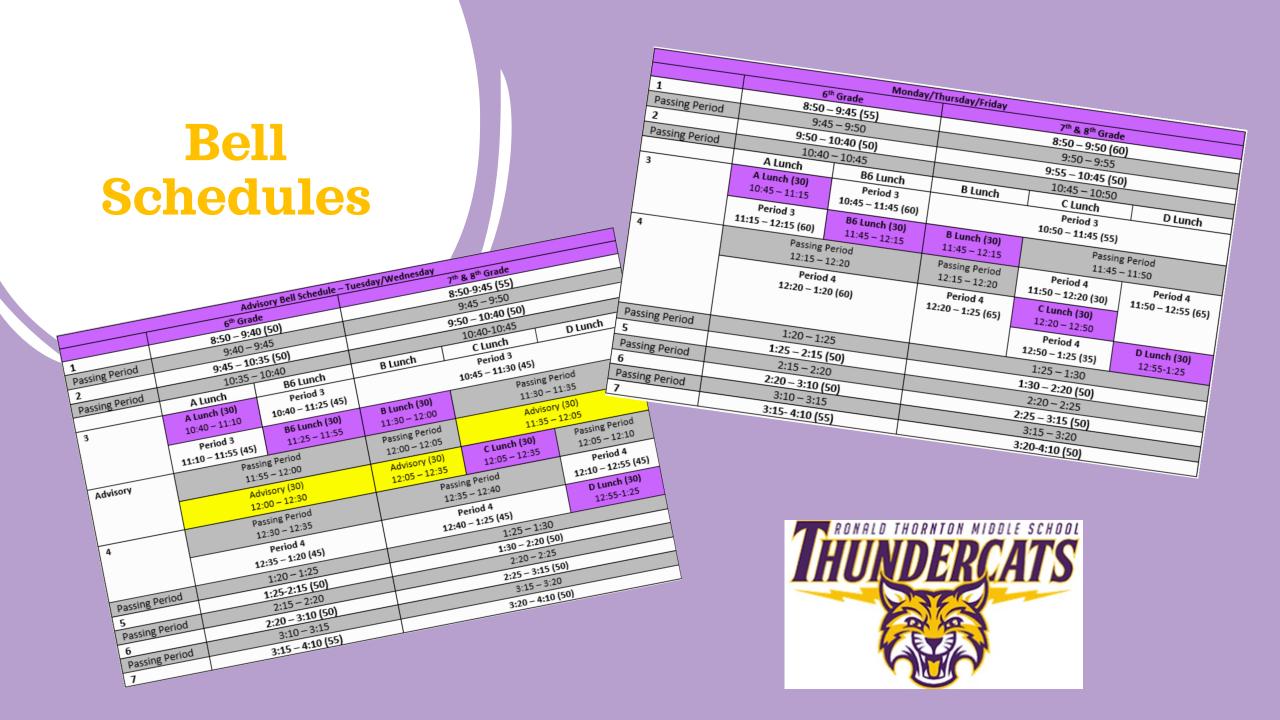
Motto Thunder PRIDE never dies!

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
 - o Options: Car, Walk, Bike, or Bus
 - Must leave campus after school unless scheduled tutorial, club, or detention







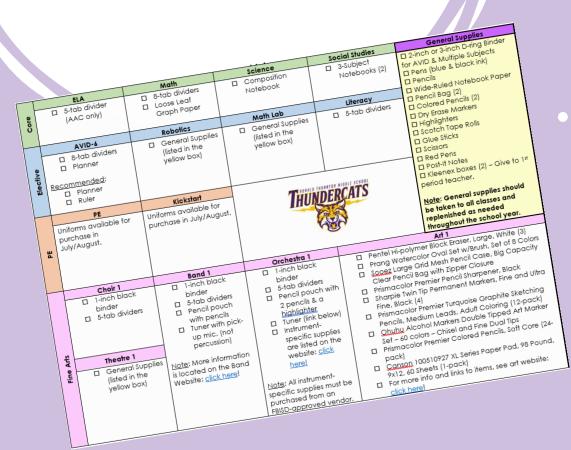
What to Bring to School...

• YES – Bring...

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



Back to School Information



• RTMS Website

- Supply Lists
- Reading Lists
- Campus Calendar
- Teacher Websites

• FBISD Website

- Bus Route Locator
- School Lunch Account
- o 1:1 Laptop Program
- Mass Notification Blackboard (very important)



Middle School Student Expectations

- Arrive early & ready to learn Tardy at 8:50 am
- 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 or lose it!
- Bathroom usage managing time & opportunity
- Legislative ruling on vaping
- 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 last week
- School Website Will be updated by 8/7/24
- Teacher Schoology Page Accessible 8/8/24
- 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: Dr. Williams & Ms. Jefferson
 - o D-KE: Ms. Skinner & Ms. Parker
 - KH-RE: Mr. Watson & Ms. Green
 - RI-Z: Mr. Cardenas & Ms. Torres
 - 3) Contact Principal
 - o Dr. Kargbo, RTMS Principal

PTO





PTO Newsletter





PTO Facebook Page





PTO Website





Thriving at Thornton Facebook Group

- PTO plays a vital role in RTMS success!
- There are still ways to get involved:
 2025 Thunder Games Co-Chair Needed

Save the Dates!

- VIPS Welcome Breakfast ~ Friday, August 23 at 9:30 am in the RTMS Cafeteria
- PTO General Meetings ~ Wednesday, September 11 & Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 pm (virtual meeting)
- RTMS Career Day ~ Friday, January 31st (all day)
- 6th Grade Social ~ Friday, October 18 at 6:00 pm
- 7th Grade Social ~ Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 pm
- Thunder Games ~ Friday, April 4 at 6:00 pm
- 8th Grade Social ~ Friday, May 16 at 6:00 pm



Thunder Camp



• PE Uniforms

Stations:

- Kickstart Uniforms
- Yearbook
- PTO ~ Spirit Wear

Parents ~ Please remain in the gym until your student arrives or return at 11:00 am or 4:00 pm, when Thunder Camp concludes.

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

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