ROYAL REPORT

HIGHLIGHTING EXCELLENCE

Reagan Middle School

September 2026

A message from Mr. Magnafici...

RMS students and families -

As we wrap up our first month of school, I want to thank our students, families, and staff for helping make it a great start to the year. It has been wonderful to see our students engaged in learning, building relationships, and settling into their routines. We appreciate your continued partnership and support in helping make Reagan Middle School a great place for students to learn and grow.

Parent Teacher Conferences are an excellent opportunity for families and teachers to work together to celebrate student successes, discuss progress, and set goals for the remainder of the school year. Conferences will be held Wednesday, October 7 (4:00–7:30 p.m.), Thursday, October 8 (12:15–3:45 p.m.), and Friday, October 9 (8:00–11:00 a.m.). As in previous years, we will use SignUpGenius for scheduling. Please watch for additional information and the conference sign-up link in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you at conferences! Make It A Great Day & BePurple!

Students of the Month!



Madison Dobie



Nora Grobe

Student Council

Advisor - Ms. Brigitte Becker

2026-27 Student Council Officers will be elected at the upcoming September 9th meeting. During the week of September 21st through the 25th, Student Council is sponsoring the dress-up days for Homecoming Week.

Monday: Dynamic Duo Day
Tuesday: White Lies Day
Wednesday: Color Wars
Thursday: Rhyme Without Reason
Friday: School Spirit Day

P.E. Report

In P.E. there is a lot of change going on! This year, students are getting a new opportunity to utilize the weight room once a week and do lifting workouts similar to the high school! This was made possible by many including Mr. Magnafici, Coach Dorty, Coach Heitz,.At the same time, all students are still getting to partake in our typical first quarter activities. We completed the mile run, and are now headed into our soccer unit. We will finish first quarter with football and lacrosse.

Builders Club

Advisor - Ms. Brigitte Becker

2026-27 Builders Club Officers will be elected at the September 16th meeting. Builders Club is volunteering for the United Way Day of Caring on Saturday, September 19th.





New Tech at RMS - Welcoming the Cal Ripken Sr. STEM Lab

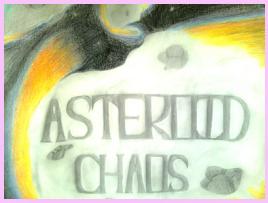
The new STEM lab will give students opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through hands- on, engaging learning experiences. Instead of only learning about concepts from a textbook, students will have the opportunity to design, build, experiment, problem-solve, and collaborate as the put their knowledge into action.



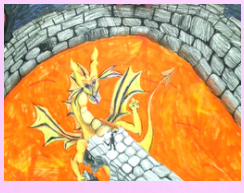




Student Artwork: Here is a small sampling of art produced by the talented students at RMS.













Grade Level Report

6th Grade

Social studies is exploring the Five Themes of Geography: Location, Place, Human-environment interaction, movement, and region. For many students, this is their first taste of social studies in their school career.

Science, students explore how Earth's four major spheres—the atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere—interact and shape the environment around them. Bridging science with real-world problem solving, they dive into their first engineering challenge: designing and constructing a bridge. By applying their new understanding of Earth's physical materials and environmental forces, students learn to test structures, overcome constraints, and think like true engineers.

ELA students began with narrative writing skills to quickly boost their interest and confidence and to learn the foundational skill of focus. Students then applied their new observational focus to some lively readings from Roald Dahl's memoir Boy, and are learning how to work closely with textual evidence. They have enjoyed sampling various candies to go along with the story.

In math, sixth graders are continuing their study of ratios. We have been looking at maintaining equivalent relationships between numbers in the contexts of planning road trip menus, creating workforce clones, and a vacation day to Pompei in Ancient Rome!

7th Grade

We're kicking off our 7th grade Life Science journey with an Introduction to Science unit! Students will explore what it means to think and work like a scientist as they learn about the scientific method, scientific investigations, lab safety, measurement, data collection, and how to communicate scientific ideas. Through hands-on activities and investigations, students will practice asking questions, making observations, analyzing evidence, and drawing conclusions. We're excited to build the skills and curiosity that will guide us throughout the year!

Language arts began the year with some great narrative writing, focusing on vivid verbs, dialogue, and detailed descriptions. We are now entering the life of Ji-Li Jiang as we explore excerpts from Red Scarf Girl. Through this unit we will learn about the Chinese Cultural Revolution and its impact on this young girl's life.

Math students have been working hard to extend their learning with positive and negative numbers. They are adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing positive and negative numbers. All of the lessons connect back to three influential women in flight and space, Amelia Earhart, Bessie Colman, and Katherine Johnson, allowing students to see how the math they are learning connect to some real-world situations, and learn a little history along the way.

8th Grade

Social Studies students are currently exploring the events that led to the American Revolution. They are learning about significant topics such as the French and Indian War, the Stamp and Sugar Acts, the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, and the Sons of Liberty. In addition to our study of history, students are honoring local first responders by writing thank-you notes. This meaningful activity complements our September 11 curriculum and gives students an opportunity to express their gratitude to those who serve and protect our community.

In ELA, 8th graders have been learning to "read like writers." They have practiced paying attention to the craft of writing: to the moves a good writer makes to shape the way we see a scene or feel about a character—to stir us up, or surprise us, or leave us wondering what will happen next. Students are closely reading a variety of short, engaging examples of narrative non-fiction, analyzing both the themes and the techniques of each author, and practicing applying these techniques to their own narrative writing.

Science students are learning about matter, classification of matter, physical and chemical changes, and much more as we build a base for the rest of the year in 8^{th} grade physical science. After completion of this unit in the next week or so, we will move on to solids, liquids, and gases. Complete with hands-on activities and making delicious ice cream, students will explore changes of state and particle behavior.

Math has been studying exponent properties and scientific notation. Both topics fall under the Expressions and Equations domain for math. We have also solved equations using powers of 2 and 3 and their inverse operations: square roots and cubed roots. Our first test over the first four lessons in this domain is planned for the week of September 14th.