

Hello Thundercat families,

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying this time to relax and to get ready for the upcoming school year. We have been working hard at campus making preparation for your children, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the first day of school, which is Wednesday, August 10, 2022. RTMS has an excited and energized staff ready to start the school year. School starts at 8:55am and doors open at 8:20am. Below is some important information for the upcoming school year, as well as an important experience coming up next week.

### **RTMS Thunder Camp**

RTMS Thunder Camp will be July 20<sup>th</sup> and is held for our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and any new students in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade to RTMS. I have included the tentative schedule of activities for Thunder Camp below. Students will enter through the RTMS gym doors.

#### **For Students**

- Group 1 -9:00-9:30 AM (A-L alpha split) Check in/Welcome/Presentation  
9:30-10:45 Thundercamp activities  
10:30-11:00 meet back with parents to purchase Thundergear
- Group 2 -2:00-2:30 PM (M-Z alpha split) Check in/Welcome/Presentation  
2:30-3:00 Thundercamp Activities  
3:30-4:00 meet back with parents to purchase Thundergear

#### **Parent Schedule**

- Group 1 9:30-10:00 (A-L alpha split) Parent presentation and Q&A  
10:30-11:00 parents can pick up students and purchase Thundergear
- Group 2 2:30-3:00 (M-Z alpha Split) Parent presentation and Q&A  
3:30-4:00 parents can pick up students and purchase Thundergear

### **RTMS Tailgate**

Also, mark your calendars! RTMS will be hosting our first Tailgate on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm. Every Thundercat family is welcome and we are looking forward to our Tailgate event. This event will be held in the RTMS parking lot. Details to come!

### **Lockers**

Some helpful back to school information, RTMS will distribute lockers to incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders through their discovery period. Marcos Cardenas, Assistant Principal, will be leading distribution. He can be reached at [marcos.cardenas@fortbendisd.com](mailto:marcos.cardenas@fortbendisd.com). 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders receive lockers upon request. Mr. Cardenas will be sending out information for locker request in early August.

### **Schedules**

Hard copy of Schedules for all students will be distributed through their 1<sup>st</sup> period class on the first day of school. Students can locate their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher/class using rosters posted throughout the building, using Skyward, or having a staff member assist them in the morning to get to 1<sup>st</sup> period.

### **Lunches**

This year RTMS will be hosting 4 lunches. If you wish to have lunch with your child, please let your grade level principal know the date.

**Bell Schedule:**

Thundercat students follow a seven-period school day. We will have staggered dismissal during class period changes. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will transition together and then 8<sup>th</sup> grade to follow.

**Advisory**

RTMS also has advisory time twice a week. We call this Thundertime and use it for a variety of purposes such as intervention and socio-emotional lessons. Thundertime helps us to maximize learning on campus.

We look forward to an amazing year at Thundercat Country. As we get closer to August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be sending out our newsletter with lots of great information as school approaches. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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**If you need to contact your Counselor:**

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Thank you for your continued support of your Ronald Thornton Middle School!

Sincerely,

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