

# The Weekly Warrior

December 11, 2020

## RMSD Update

**Dr. Bickert**  
Superintendent

Despite the stress of switching gears and going back to remote-only learning, Warrior Nation continues to overcome adversity. I received several comments from parents this week stating how positive the overall experience has become and how powerful teacher interaction is to their students' well-being. Thank you for all you do each day!

We received word just yesterday that PED is making the move to saliva-based Covid testing, as an acceptable option for the required surveillance testing protocol. We are working closely with PED to ascertain all the details and requirements. Stay tuned for more information.

In another important announcement, PED is being very proactive and will be opening the licensure renewal portal on January 1, 2021, for professional licenses expiring June 30, 2021.

Students (and teachers) rejoice! All federally-required testing (think PARCC) is on-hold for the spring!

Finally, we continue to encourage everyone to follow the health and safety guidelines of wearing a mask, washing hands often, limiting travel, and avoiding mass gatherings.

"Don't Stop Believin," you are making a positive difference!  
*Dr.B.*

## Sharing the Good News!

**SVP Shout Outs:** The Wee Warriors (students and staff) have surpassed 100,000 posts on SeeSaw! To celebrate this outstanding achievement, The Krafty Kup will offer a 10% discount on all purchases to SVP staff and students. Thank you!

**WME Shout Outs:** Online student attendance increased to 93%! Thank you to community organizations (Community Foundation of Lincoln County, Fabulous Ladies Book Club, Episcopal Church, Toys for Tots, Santa's Helpers, and Backpack for Kids Program) for their continued efforts at supporting WME families!



## UPCOMING

**RMS has free coats available for pick up!**

**On-going through - Fri., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> (excluding Wednesdays):**  
9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**Mon. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>:**

**RHS Finals Week**  
(Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> is last day to turn in make-up work)

**WME Online Spirit Week**  
(Check with your teacher for daily theme)

**RMS Shout outs:** RMS Student Council is hosting "Winter Spirit Weeks" through December 18<sup>th</sup> where students are encouraged to have their cameras on and interact with each other and there will also be a "Virtual Gift Exchange!"

**RHS Shout outs:** Thank you the Yearbook staff and all the students who came out for RHS Picture Days. Kudos to the 67 Lady Warrior and Warrior athletes that continue working out on a regular basis.

**Shout out:** Thank you to all members of the District's Equity Council, who continue to meet and discuss ideas and suggestions for enhancing opportunities for all students to become more successful. We thank you for your time in this valuable process.