



## [Message from the Superintendent](#)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that the first month of school is over. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and your active engagement.

This month we host Literacy Night. Please join us along with parents and students in kindergarten, first, and second grade on Thursday, October 24th at Woodside School from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. (doors open at 6:15). At this event you will be able to experience first-hand the types of activities that take place in your child's classroom every day. We will guide you through our balanced literacy approach to reading and you will learn strategies and ideas to use with your child at home. Interested families will need to pre-register -just [Click Here](#) ! We ask that you please bring only your students in Kindergarten, first or second grade, making this a unique experience for you and your child. Deadline for registration is October 18th.



*Frank Alvarez,  
Ed.D.*

The RV Junior Police Academy sponsored a Coast Guard helicopter landing on Holdrum field on Friday, September 27 to kick-off the Academy's 20th anniversary year. It was a positive event, which brought the schools, as well as the police and fire departments together for a coordinated effort. Our students were well behaved and their excitement was obvious.

In the month ahead, you will learn more about how our students performed on the New Jersey Student Learning Standard assessments. The District Assessment Report will be presented later this month and be available to the community following the October Board of Education meeting.

Have a great month!  
*Frank Alvarez, Ed.D.*



## Future Ready Schools

Congratulations to Roberge and Woodside Schools for being selected 2019 Future Ready Schools-Bronze Tier Certification. FRS-NJ schools are selected based on a review of the leadership, education and technology components of the school and district through the lens of the FRS-NJ Indicators of Future Readiness.

The awards will be presented at the NJ School Boards Association Convention in Atlantic City on October 22. Kim Dowling, Melissa Signore, Steve Wren and Board President Lorraine Waldes will join in accepting this award.

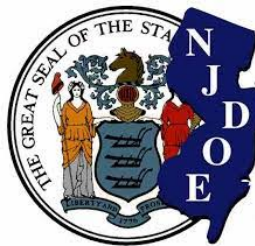


## Notice of District Assessments

Each school-year, students are administered state assessments or commercially developed standardized assessments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A and New Jersey Department of Education mandates.

- Grades 4 and 8 will take NJSLA-Math & English/LAL in May 2020
- Grades 3-8 will take NJSLA-Math & English/LAL in April/May 2020
- Grade 5 will take NJSLA-Science in late May 2020
- Grade 8 will take NJSLA-Science in early June 2020
- Testing will be scheduled in the morning hours of the school day and students will be provided sufficient time to complete assessments
- Should a student require accommodations as outlined in an IEP, information will be provided by the Guidance Office

The district also uses two other assessments, not required by the New Jersey Department of Education, which are [Renaissance Learning](#) and the [InView Test](#) of Cognitive Reasoning. These tests are used as diagnostic tools to inform teachers in individualizing student instruction.



## Message from River Vale Police

In an attempt to clear up traffic problems and to make student drop off safer, the River Vale Police Department (RVPD) assessed the traffic flow patterns at our schools. After careful consideration and analysis of the morning traffic patterns, the following concerns were identified:

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- Parents not pulling up far enough causing traffic backups.
- Parents dropping off too early in line resulting in students walking in traffic.
- Vehicles passing other vehicles in an unsafe manner.
- Vehicles parking in restricted areas.

The RVPD is asking all parents who drive their children to school to assist in making student drop off as safe and quick as possible by following the below rules:

- Have students ready to exit the car as soon as you reach the drop off point. Backpacks and or instruments should be beside your child and not in the trunk. This way your child can say goodbye and exit quickly.
- Pull up as far as possible in the drop off zone:
  - Holdrum Zone: Gym Entrance to the end of the building.
  - Roberge Zone: Length of sidewalk adjacent to building.
  - Woodside Zone: Length of building.
- After dropping off, wait in line and proceed as traffic moves.
- Do not park in restricted areas.

The RVPD will be strictly enforcing all motor vehicle violations within the school zones to further ensure the safety of our students.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## **REMINDER**

**The school district will be closed for students on Monday, October 14 for a faculty and staff Professional Development Day.**



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