

THE MIDDLE GANDER

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Message from the Principal

It is a privilege to serve as the Principal of Rondout Valley Middle School. RVMS is a school that places great value on the education of its children. I aspire to maintain and strengthen RVMS's achievement by continuing to foster an educationally sound environment where students are actively involved in meaningful work.

Please contact your child's teacher if you'd like to discuss any aspect of your child's academic or social growth, and contact your child's guidance counselor with any scheduling or counseling concerns. My staff and I continue to pledge to work with you to provide an excellent and successful 2009-10 school year for all our students.

PTSA News

The PTSA sponsored a presentation on October 29th by the NYS Attorney General's Office. The program was designed to help parents understand the importance of online safety, and how to keep our children safe.

There was an assembly for all students on October 30th explaining the dangers of the internet and the importance of online safety.

From the AP Office

Please contact the appropriate Assistant Principal with any discipline concerns.

Grades 5 & 7 - Robert Rutigliano - Ext. 4701

Grades 6 & 8 - Laura Ayasse - Ext. 4702



Guidance Office Information

Please contact your child's guidance counselor with any scheduling or counseling questions.

Peter Costello (A-Ge) Ext. 4703

Nanette Simione (Gi-N) Ext. 4769

Carol Arnone (O-Z) Ext. 4704

Nancy Steiler (Special Education) Ext. 4746

Please note that school will be closed from December 24, 2009 through January 1, 2010 for Winter Recess. Students will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Health Office Update

What can you do to reduce the chances of getting sick and spreading the flu?

- **Get vaccinated** against both seasonal and H1N1 flu as soon as you can.
- **Practice good hand washing.** Wash often with soap and warm water – especially after coughing/ sneezing and before eating.
- **Cover your cough!** The most common way flu spreads is from the droplets produced by coughs and sneezes. If you do not have tissues then cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- **Stay home if you're sick.** We all must take personal responsibility to help slow the spread of the virus



Noteworthy

The **Lost & Found** is full! Our Lost & Found is already overflowing with items. There are many sweatshirts, jackets, coats, and books in the lost and found. If your child has lost an article of clothing at school, please ask him/her to check in the Lost & Found. The Lost & Found is located near the restrooms in the sixth grade wing and locker rooms. Items not "found" by December 4th will be donated to charity.

Quick Bits

- **Listening and Learning** → At the library, choose a book on tape or CD to listen to with your child. Then, when you're in the car together (going to practice, picking up dinner), pop in the next installment. Talking about what you've heard will build your child's listening and conversation skills – and you'll enjoy the time together.
- **Recognize Respect** → When your child shows respect, let her know that you appreciate it. For example, if she speaks politely to you even though she disagrees with what you say, you might tell her, "Thank you for talking to me with respect." You'll encourage more of the same.

Music News

Grades 5-8	Winter Band Concert	December 3	7pm
Grades 7/8	Winter Choral Concert	December 10	7pm
Grades 5/6	Winter Choral Concert	December 15	7pm