

Good evening RBMS Families,

We hope you had a fun week filled with cold and snow! We are all feeling a bit of cabin fever and are ready to get back to routine.

Please be sure to log into your PowerSchool Portal to view First Semester grades. Students will be goal setting for Second Semester and look forward to sharing more about their next steps at <u>Student-Led Parent Conferences this Thursday</u>, <u>January 25th from 5 to 6:30 in the RBMS Gym</u>. Please plan to join us. We



appreciate your partnership and you taking time to connect with your child's teachers.

In Teach Rock this week students are completing a lesson on the BEATLES song Here Comes the Sun. Students learn about the Sun as a symbol of hope and inspiration through the ages. Students consider the role that dreams, hope, and inspiration play in their own lives and create their own stylistic drawing of the Sun.

Featured Music: The Beatles: Here Comes the Sun The Beatles: Good Day Sunshine Natasha Bedingfield: Pocketful of Sunshine Matisyahu: Sunshine.

Harmony Module One: Self Identity Week Seven: Life is Beautiful In this lesson, students explore the concept of beauty and identify their personal definition of beauty. This lesson introduces the Blues through the work of musician Keb' Mo'. Students listen to his song "Life is Beautiful", participate in a mindfulness activity, and have the opportunity to create and perform their own Blues lyrics.

Featured Music: Ke' Mo': Life is Beautiful Brenden McFarland: Just Another Day Elmore James, Ma Rainey, Billie Holiday: AAB Blues Lyric Examples Booker T and the MGs: Green Onions.

We encourage parents and guardians to talk with students about the lesson of the week and the featured music, and we hope that each week's learning topic will become part of your conversation at home.

As always, I encourage you to reach out should you have any questions,

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