



RISING STARS ACADEMY

▶ 2021-22



From the Superintendent

I remember February being the shortest yet longest month of the year. This year with winter break and snow days, it just flew by! Welcome March, the hopeful month that has us taking small steps into Spring. I always feel excited in March with the extended daylight, more sunlight, warmer days to tease us, and the sounds of birds migrating back to their summer homes.

We are experiencing relief with COVID numbers dropping immensely, and some steps for all of us to return to some normalcy in our life. Rising Stars has been blessed in that we have not had a positive case within our building for the entire school year.

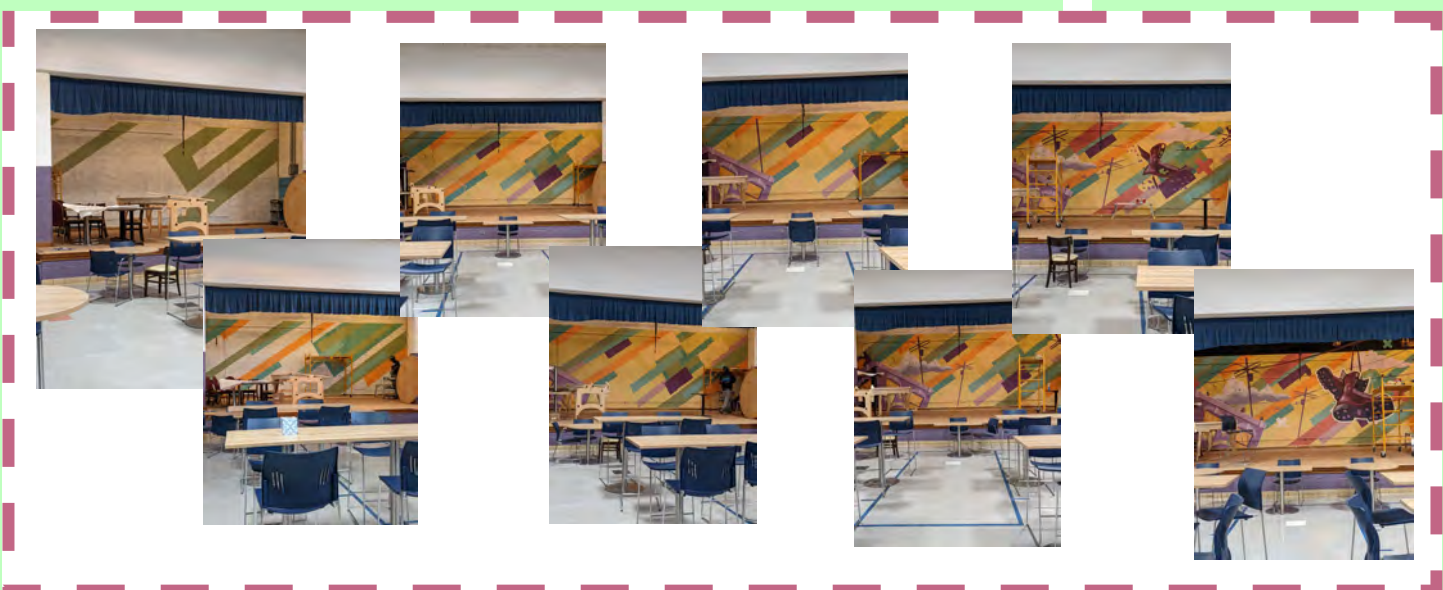
At this time, we are excited about the students who are coming back to in-person instruction. We are hoping that more students will start to come back before the end of the year. It will be nice to see everyone and have them be a part of the exciting changes that continue to happen for our students daily. Please consider sending your students back for the last quarter of the year. If you do, please notify us at least two weeks prior so that we can take care of SMART transportation for you.

At the February Board of Education meeting, the Board discussed the 2022-2023 upcoming school year. The consent was if conditions regarding COVID stay as is now, there will be **NO ONLINE CLASSES FOR STUDENTS**. If a student has a doctor's approved medical reason to stay home, we will talk with parents about home bound education at that time, and make necessary changes in the IEP to have this type of instruction.

Please send me an email if you have questions. We are preparing for a new year with new jobsites and exciting things for your students.

Deb

Below is RSA's new mural created by artist, Gary Horton.



FOUR CIRCLES STORE & CAFE

Phone: 586-806-6455 X133 (Cafe)

Store Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cash, credit, and checks accepted

Bread can be purchased in the store.

Carry outs for lunch are also available.



Home Internet
A must-have for your family

The Federal Communications Commission started a temporary program to help eligible families pay for Home Internet service during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) includes up to \$50 a month discount on Internet service.

LIMITED TIME OFFER
Home Internet
FREE - \$23/mo

Step 1:
Check if You Qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit
See if your household fits into any eligible categories below.

Step 2:
Apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit (see link below)
Choose how you want to apply and submit all necessary documents.

Step 3:
Find a Broadband Provider Near You
Use the search tool in the application to find a company that offers EBB discounts.

Step 4:
Make A Choice Before EBB Ends
Your Internet Service Provider (ISP) will notify you about 30 days before EBB ends. You must choose a plan or the ISP will disconnect your service at the end of the 30 days.

Eligibility for affordable Home Internet service if your home meets one of the following criteria:

- Participant in FCC Lifeline; Participant in an existing affordable Home Internet offer
- Child enrolled in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- CalFresh (food stamp) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medi-Cal or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Student with a Pell Grant

Note: The Internet Service Provider cannot require a waiting period before applying the EBB discount. You can keep the Lifeline benefit for a mobile phone and get EBB for a discount on Home Internet service.

www.internetforallnow.org/applytoday or
call **866-696-8748** to apply today!

*In addition, the following offers are available long-term. Go to www.everyoneon.org/celf to find offers in your zip code.

Spectrum 844-525-1574 \$23/mo	human-IT 888-519-4724 \$15/mo	access 855-220-5211 \$10/mo	Frontier 855-970-1449 \$20/mo	COMCAST 855-846-8376 \$9.99/mo
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You may qualify for a discounted rate on your home internet service. The FCC has a temporary program to help eligible families. Please call 1-866-696-8748, visit www.internetforallnow.org, or visit fcc.gov/acp to find out more information as well as to apply.

Smart Transportation

RSA students can become ADA certified through Smart. Please visit:

<https://www.smartbus.org/Services/ADA-Service/Eligibility-Application> or contact Smart at 1-866-962-5515. RSA also has applications in the main office. Approval by Smart can take from two to four weeks so please plan ahead.

AmazonSmile

RSA now participates with AmazonSmile. A percentage of your purchases will be donated back to RSA. Please utilize this link which is connected to RSA:


<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0834143>

Once you enter through the above link, you continue to shop and checkout as you normally would. Your support is appreciated!

On Friday, March 18, 2022 Rising Stars Academy will be hosting a bowling fundraiser from 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm at Sterling Lanes. If you would like to participate, either by way of bowling and/or sponsoring a lane, please contact Diane King at dking@rsaonline.org. Information for both can be found below. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to Rising Stars Academy, 23855 Lawrence Street, Center Line 48015 or your student can bring to the office. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event. Thank you!

**Rising Stars Academy
BOWLING FUNDRAISER**

Friday, March 18, 2022



Sterling Lanes
33200 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights 48312
7:30 pm- 9:30 pm

Tickets are \$20.00 each
(Includes two games, shoe rental, pizza and pop)

50/50 Raffle
Basket Raffles (seeking donations for same)

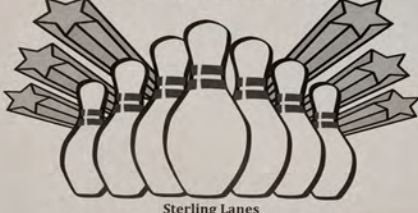
Please fill out the form below by March 15th and include cash or a check payable to "Rising Stars Academy".

of Bowlers X \$20.00 for each bowler: _____

Names of Bowlers (maximum of 5 bowlers per lane):

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LANE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

If you are interested in sponsoring a lane during this fundraising event, please fill provide your business and/or organization's information below and return it to Rising Stars Academy's main office and/or call Diane King at 586-806-6455.
Cost per lane: \$200.00
Checks payable to: Rising Stars Foundation



IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 13, 2022 - Daylight Savings Time
- March 18, 2022 - Bowling Fundraiser Sterling Lanes
- March 31, 2022 - Shrine Circus
- April 4-8, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (SPRING BREAK)
- April 15, 2022 - NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
- May 27-May 30, 2022 - Memorial Weekend

The All Star Cafe'

As of now, the All Star Cafe' will remain closed due to COVID and CDC Guidelines.

Thank you.

REMINDER - STUDENT ABSENCES

If your student is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the main office to let us know. If the office is closed, please leave a message or send an email. Many students attend job sites. It is crucial that we know if your student will be in school or not. If your student is going to be absent, we can give another student the opportunity to attend a job site with proper notice.

Available for purchase in the
Four Circles Store & Cafe!



Thank you!!!

Thank you to all who have donated their time, supplies, and/or have contributed monetarily. All support is appreciated and vital to our students' success!

REMIND 101

RSA utilizes Remind 101 to keep parents informed. If there is an emergency school closure or an important message to be shared, you will receive notification through Remind. If you need to sign up, text 81010 and in the message line type @dd38c2a (send) then follow the prompts.

You do not need to sign up each year. Your information will roll over each school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha in the main office at 586-806-6455. Thank you.

Summer Camp Opportunity:

Tamarack Camps: Avodah Young Adult Program/Special Needs Inclusion Program

Please visit the link below or contact Danielle Tagai at dtagai@tamarackcamps.com

<https://tamarackcamps.com/campers/special-needs-inclusion-program/>

Resource Page



23855 Lawrence St.
Center Line, MI 48015

Phone: 586-806-6455

Fax: 586-806-6967

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/RisingStarsAcademyMI/>

Instagram: #risingstaracademy



www.rising-stars-academy.org

Think Big

Community Agencies/Resources

THEARC - <https://arcmi.org>
44050 Gratiot Avenue
Clinton Township MI 48036
586-469-1600
Advocate organization for those with developmental disabilities.

DISABILITY NETWORK OF EASTERN MICHIGAN (DNEM)
16645 15 Mile Road
Clinton Township MI 48035
586-268-4160
<http://www.dnom.org>
Tracey Comber-Scarsella (tcomer@dnom.org)
Mark Bashaw (mebashaw@dnom.org)
Disability Network provides numerous services including Transition Services, Independent Living Skills Training, and Advocacy Services, among others.

NEW HORIZONS REHABILITATION SERVICES, INC.
www.newhorizonsrehab.org
Ms. Elizabeth Foradori
Social Security Specialist

MI ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES
1819 South Wagner Road
PO Box 1406
Ann Arbor, MI 49106
1-800-552-4821
www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
www.ssa.gov
Toll Free: 1-800-772-1314

MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
www.mccmh.net
586-948-0222 Access Center
Offers a variety of supports and mental health services to meet needs of those with developmental disabilities, coordinated by a therapist or case manager.

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4095 Legacy Parkway, Ste. 500
Lansing, MI 48911-4263
1-800-288-5923
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