



RISING STARS ACADEMY



2021-22

Fall Issue

WELCOME FALL!

From the Superintendent

October seems to be a month of transition. During this month, we transition in weather, trees lose leaves, gardens final harvest, length of daylight, and the Full Hunter's Moon. We were fortunate to kick off this transition with our fabulous fall showcase and family-style dinner. Students worked hard to plan, prepare, and show off their talents. It was wonderful seeing smiles of pride and purpose on our students' faces. Thank you to all who attended and helped to make this evening possible.

Our classroom theme this month is personal care. We cover this topic yearly so it becomes ingrained in our students that "daily" care makes everyone happier. Please continue these important self-care habits at home. Self-care and cleanliness help prevent viruses and germs to spread to others and is vital during these Covid times.

This is the first official newsletter of the 2021-22 school year. We hope you will find the information inside helpful and informative. We also hope it provides understanding of what is happening in the building. Feel free to offer suggestions of things you might like to be included by emailing Marsha Salome at msalome@rsaonline.org.

Enjoy what is left of Fall.

~Be Well

Debbie Prentiss

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.

Building Improvement

The RSA marquee in front of the school has been renovated! Messages should be easier to see and read now.

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!



Night Under the Stars ~ ~ HUGE SUCCESS!

On Thursday, October 14, Rising Stars hosted their annual "Night Under the Stars" event. The event was well attended and the support received was outstanding (THINK BIG!) We would like to thank the following sponsors:

- M.L. Schoenherr General Contractors
- Knights of Columbus State Council of Michigan
- Weingartz
- Sherry Cotton
- Crest Ford
- Skowronski Family Dentistry

- St. Lawrence Council 2950, Utica, MI
- St. Clement - Council 7018, Romeo, MI
- Michael Agnello Jewelers
- Keller Williams Realty - Lakeside
- Beyond Juicery + Eatery

"Night Under the Stars" Harvest Dinner

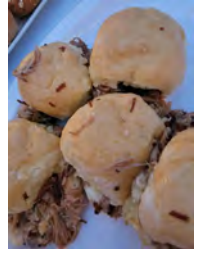


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"Night Under the Stars" Student Showcase



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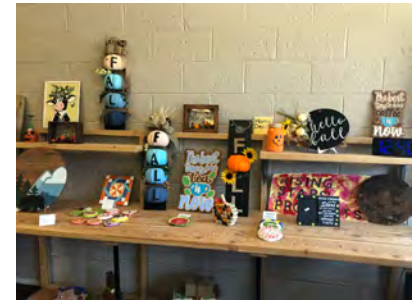
FOUR CIRCLES STORE & CAFE

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.



FARM/GARDEN NEWS!

In September, Stathis Pauls (a/k/a Farmer Stathis) joined the RSA staff as the farm manager. Stathis oversees the organization of the farm. He teaches and assists students, staff, and volunteers in the design, weeding, planting, harvesting, and winterizing of the farm.

Farmer Stathis is a food systems professional with eight years of experience in the field including farmer's market management, emergency food rescue and distribution, garden resource program management, small scale urban farming, and farm education. Farmer Stathis is excited to bring knowledge and passion for local food and farming to Rising Stars Academy!

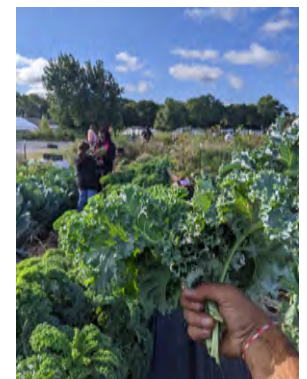


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IMPORTANT DATES:

November 24-26, 2021 - NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)

December 23, 2021-January 3, 2022 - NO SCHOOL
(Holiday Break)

February 9, 2022 - SPRING COUNT DAY

February 14-16, 2022 - NO SCHOOL
(Mid-Winter Break)


The All Star Cafe'

As of now, the All Star Cafe' will remain closed due to COVID and CDC Guidelines. Please check back after the first of the year. 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 and it is crucial that we know if they will be there 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.




OLD Crayons Needed!

If you have old crayons you no longer need, please send them in! RSA will put them to good use. Thank you.

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.



HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
Saturday, November 13, 2021
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NO FEE TO ENTER

Home Hub will be hosting a Holiday Craft Show at Rising Stars Academy in the Cafe'.
Excellent opportunity to find one-of-a-kind gifts for the holidays!

Resource Page



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Think Big

Community Agencies/Resources

THE ARC— <https://arcmi.org>

Advocate organization for those with developmental disabilities. Includes announcements, newsletters, local chapters, links and contacts.

MI ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES

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



DISABILITY NETWORK

5555 Connor St. #2224
Detroit, MI 48213
Phone#313-923-1655
<http://www.dnmichigan.org/>
Contact Tracey Comber or Mark Bashaw

MI PROTECTION & ADVOCACY

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