

# River City Academy Pod Post

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Now Accepting Applications for Grades 7-12th for school year 24/25!

#### A Message from Principal Shea



#### **Hello River City Academy Families!**

I wanted to share some details about our upcoming Explorations Week, scheduled to take place from May 6th to May 10th at RCA. During this week, we aim to expose our students to various hobbies, interests, and skills that they may not encounter in their regular curriculum for elective credits!

To make Explorations Week a truly enriching experience, we are reaching out to our wonderful family community for support. If any of you have a hobby or special skill that you would be willing to share and teach to a group of students, we invite you to become a part of our volunteer team!

To volunteer, please contact me with where you think you can step in, and fill out our Volunteer Background application online <a href="https://kpbsd.org/departments/assistant-superintendent/instructional-services/hr/volunteer/">https://kpbsd.org/departments/assistant-superintendent/instructional-services/hr/volunteer/</a> applications typically takes 10 to 14 business days to process.



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 27th- Tutoring Hours 2:30-4:30pm. Must be pre-registered to attend.

March 29th- Early Release at RCA.
Students will be dismissed at
12:40pm. Busses will run 90 minutes
early in the afternoon.

April 2nd-4th- AK Star testing





Teachers have nominated Aubrey as the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce student of the quarter!

"Aubrey is a model student. When she falls down, she gets back up. She is kind and thoughtful, and no matter what setbacks may come her way, she proves time and time again that nothing can hold her back from succeeding." -Mrs. Nash



### SENIOR CORNER



River City academy Graduation

May 13th, 2024 @ 6 pm Location: River City Academy



## AK STAR TESTING

April 2-4th Grades 7-10

Students will need to show up on time as we are testing the first 2 hours of each school day.

For any questions please reach out to Mrs. Wiseman kwiseman@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

### **Early Release Dates**

School Dismissal @ 12:40 pm

March 29th\*
April 12th

March 29th is now our make-up snow day for our November 9th snow closure day.

We are currently planning our 2024/2025 school year!

#### We have opened up enrollment

to our families for siblings that want to come to our school for next year! Please fill out an application form from our RCA website or copies can be found in our office. Additionally, if you know of anyone who would benefit from extended project time, mentoring, helpful feedback, and a culture of respect, encourage them to check out RCA!

Please turn in completed applications to our RCA office or email Amanda @ abarber@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

# For current students that will be returning next year:

There will be more communication later on regarding how to re-register your student for next year.







### **Updates**

Parents and students have been asking about when we would be moving to the new building.

#### **Great question!**

Here are some articles about how High Costs have stalled some of the building projects:

https://www.peninsulaclarion.com/news/high-costs-stall-work-onschool-bond/

https://www.kdll.org/local-news/2023-10-03/school-district-weighsoptions-following-major-hikes-to-bond-project-costs

Part of the bond that passed slated a new home for River City Academy in the Prep building. Here are the results from a student survey about the move.

66% of the students reported they were excited about the move.

30% replied "maybe" about being depending on what the new schedule and and classrooms looked like.

Only 4% of students where hesitant about the transition to a new space.



93% of students identified positive impacts to having our own space. Here is what they said:

"We would have more gym time"

"We wouldn't have to share the halls"

"Being able to have more and different classes"

"it would help bring in more students because we would be in town."

"I could walk to school."

"We would always be able to use the gym"

"No outside interruptions"

# Other benefits that have been identified are

- All classrooms would have 4 walls and a door.
- Students taking 1 or 2 classes at SoHi would be able to walk to class (Band, welding, ceramics..etc.)
- The schedule would not be dependent on the schedule of another school.
- Students would feel comfortable with their own space.
- Extra space would make exploration classes and activity classes more enriching and open the door to more class options.
- Being in town makes for easier community and career connections. Since the move up to Skyview it has limited our volunteer and community opportunities.
- Closer to SoHi sports teams for easier participation.

#### So what can you do?

It may be important for parents and students to let the borough know about RCA! What success has RCA provided for you or your student? What is RCA all about? Why do you support RCA in its own building? Many people in the community either do not know about RCA or have misconceptions about which students RCA serves! Your stories can change that.

It may be helpful for the borough mayor, Peter Micciche, to hear from you about our school! Then they can make informed decisions going forward with the bond projects.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me: 714-6400 -Shea



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