



# River City Academy Pod Post

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Principal Shea treated our RCA family to a pancake breakfast during most of our testing days!

## A Message from Principal Shea



I have to tell you. This has been a fun year. Already I have seen many students step up to advocate for their own learning, take responsibility for the school community, and engage in learning.

This year I have been teaching Middle School History and typing and technology. Getting into the classroom has been fun, and I have to say that it is in large part due to how great our students are!

We have made it through testing and we as a team are working on streamlining how our classes, assignments, and progress monitoring is achieved on our new Canvas platform. As we fine-tune the new system, I hope to post meaningful updates/tutorials to help everyone understand the process better. Be on the lookout for those in this newsletter, in future emails, and on our website.

Thank you for your part in our positive community!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**September 25th-** UAA visit to RCA @ 11:35am. Justin Mahan will be visiting from UAA to talk to our Juniors and Seniors about UAA programs. RCA Middle College only kids are welcome to attend if their schedule allows.

**October 8th-** Juniors and Seniors: College and Career Fair @ SOHI. Permission forms can be found in our RCA office. **Forms need to be turned in no later than Sept 30th.**

**October 11th-** Inservice Day. No school for students.

## RCA SPOTLIGHT

### ANNA DUNNING AIDE

Anna Dunning joined us from Sterling Elementary and brings a wealth of experience from her time living in Texas, Hawaii, Georgia, and now Alaska.

Anna is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education with the goal of graduating debt-free. Outside of her studies, Anna enjoys biking and spending time with friends during game nights. We're excited to have her as part of the RCA community!







Thank you to Mrs. Owen for volunteering her time to train our Student Leadership team on how to make hot drinks.

With CTE grants we were gifted espresso machines to teach students employability skills. Students are building responsibility, developing financial literacy, and working on time management while gaining a skill!



## FACS Snacks!

Will be sold Friday mornings during Nutrition Break to accompany the coffee shop.

**\$1 a piece**

**Egg Bites - Sept. 20**

**Muffins - Sept 27**

# RCA STORE UPDATE

We now have RCA Logo stickers back in our school store for sale! Check out our new stickers in our office.



## Free and Reduced Program

**Online Application:** Parents or guardians must reapply each year for free or reduced meal benefits. All applications will be accepted online through the new state portal at [mealapp.kpbsd.org](http://mealapp.kpbsd.org). If someone does not have access to the internet, we have a few paper applications in our school office, or you can stop by the Student Nutrition Services office. **The grace period for families that haven't filled out their 24/25 application ends on October 2nd, 2024.**

**Opt-In form** required to charge up to two days of meals: Students will not be permitted to charge any meals until parents or guardians have signed an Opt-In form for their child. The Opt-In is included in the online packet, and SNS needs a form completed for each student that a parent gives permission to charge. When completed, students will be allowed to charge up to two days of meals, and no further charges will be allowed until the amount is paid back.

Apply Online. Anytime. Anywhere.  
<http://mealapp.kpbsd.org>

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District made it faster and easier for parents to apply for free and reduced meals.

This free service enables families to receive program benefits faster than using the paper application. Your application is electronically submitted directly to the KPBSD Student Nutrition Services office to process.

- Submit your application in minutes
- Easy-to-follow steps
- Faster processing
- Safe and secure

## Early Release Dates

School Dismissal @ 12:40 pm

- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 13th
- January 17th
- February 7th
- March 6th
- April 11th

Please make sure your student knows how they are getting home on this day.

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Seniors and Juniors:

## COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

OCTOBER 8TH 2024

KPBSD's goal is to offer students the opportunity to meet with post-secondary colleges, career training opportunities, and employers to learn about all options and find the right fit for YOUR post-graduation plans.

**Opportunities:**

- Meet with more than 50 college & and career representatives
- Learn about job & and training opportunities
- Write or improve your Resume
- Mock Interviews

**@ SOLDOTNA HIGH SCHOOL**

**10:00AM - 1:00PM**

**SIGN UP TODAY**

Contact your school counselor for more info!

\*\*Are you a business or training provider interested in participating? Register on our website!

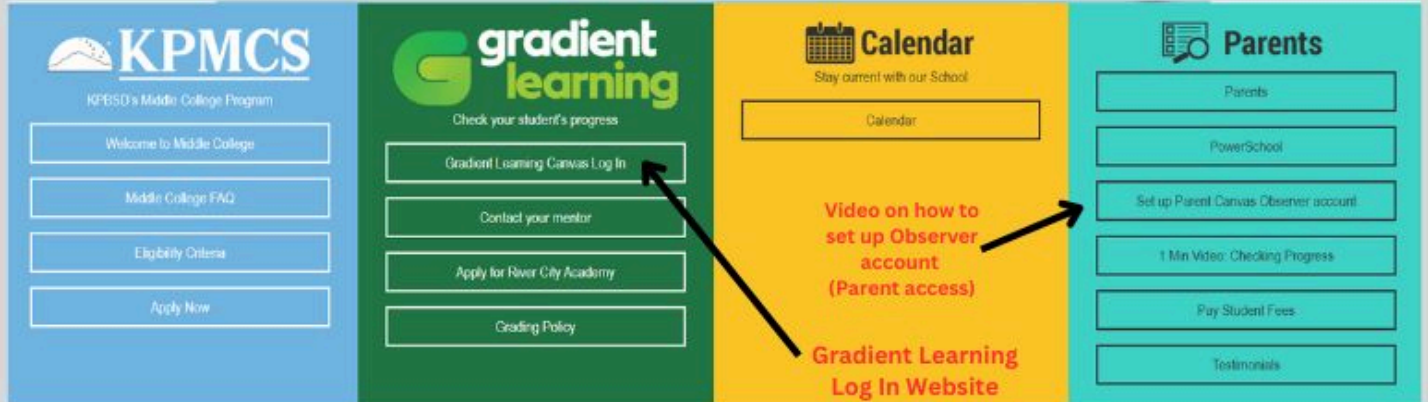
KPBSD Website

# Wanting to track your student's progress? Learn how to connect to your student's profile!

Final grades in Canvas will be posted into Powerschool at the end of the year.



Families: Visit our school's website  
<https://kpbsd.org/schools/river-city-academy/>  
at any time to find quick tools for accessing Gradient Learning!



On our website you can access Gradient Learning at any time!  
Feel free to bookmark the Gradient Learning website once you enter the site from our school page.

**STEP 1:** Before Parents/Guardian's set up an observer account through Gradient Learning you will need to have your child send you a pairing code. These pairing codes can only be found so far through the student's profile in their settings menu. We are trying to come up with a better system but we appreciate your patience. If at anytime you need assistance with having your child sent a pairing code you can email your students mentor or contact the RCA Office.

**Tip:** If you have computer and internet access at home you can have your student login through the Gradient Learning website and send you a pairing code as you are setting your observer account at the same time. These codes are only good for 7 days before they expire, so please make sure to link your observer account within those 7 days.

There is also a video that will help with setting up your observer account (for parent/guardians): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-gz74Kr2RQ>.