



# River City Academy Pod Post

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## A Message from Principal Shea

### Winter MAPs testing report highlights:

I'd like to take a moment to recognize our students' successes during testing. Testing can be a tough week, but it plays a key role in helping us evaluate how well our teaching supports learning. Thank you to all of our students for giving your best effort and showing what you've learned!

- RCA 10th graders scored in the 78th percentile for achievement in reading!
- RCA 10th graders scored in the 83rd percentile for growth in their math scores!
- RCA 7th graders scored in the 65th percentile for achievement in reading!
- RCA 7th graders scored in the 64th percentile for growth in their math scores!
- There is an overall trend in the data for increased achievement by grade!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**January 17th**- Early Release at RCA. Students will be dismissed at 12:40. Busses will run 90 minutes early in the afternoon.



### Senior Families:

An email was sent out this week to seniors and their families with instructions on how to order your cap and gown for our graduation day!

Orders are due no later than February 22nd~!

## RCA SPOTLIGHT

### WINTER EXPLORATION HELPERS

**MR. JESSE, LISA BASS, &  
MRS. BLATCHFORD**

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Jesse, Mrs. Blatchford, and Lisa Bass for generously volunteering their time and helping make Winter Explorations extra special.

**Your dedication and support mean so much to our students and community!**



# DONATIONS NEEDED

We are running low on tissue boxes at our school! If you have the means to donate tissues we would appreciate it. Tissue boxes can be dropped off in the RCA Office.



Have any left over yarn you aren't using? Or would you like to donate yarn to our school? Please consider donating to Ms. Doud's Fibers Arts Class! Ms. Doud will be teaching = students that have signed up for the Fiber Arts class with all types of yarn this semester!. We will be going through a lot of yarn this semester!~ We aim to keep our RCA class fees little to no cost for our families. Consider helping if you can : )



## Early Release Dates

School Dismissal @ 12:40 pm

January 17th  
February 7th  
March 6th  
April 11th

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



### KPBSD Winter Weather Update

In some areas of the borough, you may have noticed a familiar sight on the ground—that's right, snow! With Winter Storm Warnings and Weather Watch Advisories popping up, we wanted to remind everyone that KPBSD considers our borough's large, diverse area with multiple microclimates when making decisions on school delays or closures.

In Alaska, snow is part of our regular winter routine, and we work to manage it effectively for the safety of our students and staff. Here's a quick look at how we make those decisions:

**Early Hours Check:** KPBSD's Director of Planning and Operations begins assessing conditions at 3:00 am, coordinating with the Department of Transportation, First Student, and borough entities. This includes monitoring road safety and reviewing site camera footage for snow or ice impacts.

**Decision-Making:** By 4:30 am, the Director makes a recommendation to the Assistant Superintendent.

**Communication:** By 5:00 am, we notify media and stakeholders with updates so families can plan their day. Remember, school delays or closures are area-specific based on real-time assessments.

For more on our process, visit: KPBSD School Closure or Delay Info. <https://kpbsd.org/students-parents/school-closure-or-delay/>

Parents and Guardians: if you do not think it is safe for your child to travel to school when school is open, based on your neighborhood conditions, please keep your student(s) at home, and simply call the school to let them know they will be absent. The absence will be excused.