

## ***Report of Principal and School Improvement Council***

Rawlinson Road Middle School (RRMS) continues to be committed to ensuring the development of the unique potential of each student. Our goal is to develop our students as lifelong learners through a comprehensive and challenging education program that embraces engaging, meaningful practices. Our team structure of the core academics creates small learning communities for our students. Our exceptional fine arts, academic, and athletic programs continue to provide opportunities for our students to showcase their intelligence and skills in all areas.

Our school continues to address our achievement gap goals developed through our participation in the Making Middle Grades Work initiative and our School Improvement Plans. Our faculty is involved in continuous professional development to ensure that our students are engaged in their instruction. This year, teachers participated in multiple technology sessions in order to incorporate iPads, Discovery Ed techbooks, and Challenged Based Learning in their classroom instruction. Additionally, our teachers continued to receive professional development on the Common Core standards. Our team data notebooks include students' assessment data, specifically MAP, PASS and course performance, to provide our teachers with vital information in a visual manner. Collaborative planning for instruction both at the team level and grade level continuously takes place to maximize student learning. Our enrichment period allows our students to receive academic support based upon MAP testing results, data that identifies and addresses the academic needs of our students. During that time, we also are challenging our identified Gifted and Talented population with engaging activities geared toward students' areas of strengths.

Response to Intervention strategies at RRMS include use of Compass Learning, a re-teach and re-take policy, Lunch and Learn, and the use of performance at the mastery level grading policy. Our teachers are using programs such as IXL and Moby Max to enhance and monitor our students' learning. We have several mentoring programs in all grades to help students over the most difficult times. Our Watch Dog Dads program continues to be very successful this year; we have had many fathers to participate.

RRMS students, staff and community participated in service learning and charity projects this year. We also participated in our district's Back the Pack food drive, Christmas charities, and Special Olympics, to name a few. As part of a school-wide "Long Walk to Water" Challenge Based Learning project, our students and staff raised over \$5000 to help build a well in the South Sudan. Our SIC and PTO continue to support our efforts at RRMS through volunteer hours and fundraising, ensuring that our school meets the needs of our students, teachers, and community.

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