

Roadrunner Express

JAMES RUTTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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MR. HARRISON, VP

BY HAFEZUDDIN AHMADI

Mr. Harrison is one of Rutter's new vice principals. He likes teaching. He was a teacher at the following schools: Florin Elementary, Elk Grove Elementary, and lastly, Herman Leimbach.

Mr. Harrison came to Rutter in January of 2023. Besides being vice principal, Mr. Harrison has another job at JRMS; he is a program manager of the after-school

program, Acaletes. He is happy where he is and loves Rutter so far because of how respectful the people are. Not only does he love the school, but he also loves the community.

"I like him as a vice principal," said Daniel Gonzalez, a 7th grader. An 8th grader who said he is nice and calm is Angel Hernandez

Daniel Gonzalez also thinks that Mr. Harrison will change Acaletes by making it more fun.

"Mr. Harrison is a great addition to our school," says Ms. Conway.



NEW VICE PRINCIPAL AT JRMS!

BY ARAINA EASLEY

Did you know at Rutter there is a new vice principal? Her name is Dr. Plaisance.

She was a teacher for 15 years. For her to become a vice principal, she went to Georgetown for 4 years, Cal State for 2 years, and UCLA for 11 years.

She said, "I like being a vice principal because I like to solve problems with students and build relationships."

Ms. Conway said that "she's a hard worker and understands our school."

Dr. Plaisance has one cat named Druce. Another fun

fact about her is that she doesn't have a favorite color.



JAMES RUTTER'S FOUR B'S

BY CHUYEE VUE

Have you wondered why we changed the 3 R's to the 4 B's? Ms. Potter changed it because she believed that this fit our school better.

James Rutter's 4 B's are: Be Kind, Be Safe,

Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

Ms. Potter said, "I got the idea from the community." She also said she likes "Be Kind" the most because she thinks the world needs more kindness, and she be-

lieves in kindness.

Cory, a student at Rutter, said he likes the 4 B's; he likes "Be Respectful" the most because he is respectful.

Jason, another student, said, "I like it more than

the 3Rs, and I think it fits better than the 3Rs because the four B's have more words."

Ms. Potter said that we will start seeing posters with the 4 B's the next year.

PE RUNS AT RUTTER

BY ALINA LARA

Do you like to exercise? Lucky for you, JRMS has P.E. runs that usually happen every Wednesday and Friday.

James Rutter has 8 runs: White, Black, and Gold runs, the All School run, the Mile run, pacers, intervals, and sustained

jogs. The Mile is the longest run to record.

Mr. Payuyao said, depending on the runner, running can improve your health.

Mr. Payuyao also said, "We have runs at our school because they are a core piece of our Physical Education standards. More

specifically, we do various types of runs that allow your cardiovascular system to reach a point of exertion. These various types of runs in the end have a result of making you increase your stamina, endurance, and overall well-being."

Danna, a 7th grad-

er said, "We do runs to boost energy and to get used to it." Lianicia, another 7th grader, said she likes to run because it helps her health.



PBIS BINGO PARTY

BY ALLYSON GARCIA

JRMS students had a ton of fun with their friends at the bingo party this past December!

The PBIS bingo party was part of a monthly party series made to celebrate and reward students for their excellent be-

havior. The idea came from Leadership students.

To get into the party, students had to buy a pass at the Student Store for 5 Rutter Bucks.

"The bingo party was de-

lightful and there may be another one," said Ms. Potter. It took place during 5th period.

An 8th grader at JRMS, Andres Gonzalez, says, "I signed up for the bingo party to win a cup for my mom."

Another 8th grader, Abigail Vang, says that she signed up to have fun with her friends.

The next PBIS party will take place in the library on April 20th!

BLACKTOP SPORTS

BY JESSE TABAREZ

Do you like playing sports? Then read about lunchtime on the JRMS blacktop.

Lots of students like the blacktop because they can play a lot of sports like basketball, football, volleyball, and soccer. You could play whatever you want. An-

gel Hernandez, a student at JRMS, said, "I like to play basketball and football. I also like playing because it makes the time go faster, and I get to play with other people."

"Also, you could meet new people and play sports but you could also go by yourself and learn new

sports," Angel Hernandez said.

Other people like Daniel Gonzalez, a 7th grader, said sometimes he goes to play soccer with other people. Also, he thinks the blacktop is good because sometimes at lunch students don't know what to do.

Chuyee Vue, another 7th grader, likes to go on the blacktop because he plays basketball and is happy to play with his friends or talk to friends.

If you want to play sports at lunch, the blacktop will open 10 minutes after the bell.

PANTHER KICKOFF

BY ANGEL HERNANDEZ

Watch out Florin, 8th graders are coming! 8th graders went to a Panther Kickoff at Florin to learn about the high school.

Ms. Potter said, "I really liked it because I didn't know that they had so many club options."

Ms. Potter also said,

"We did this every school year until the pandemic happened."

Khang, a student at JRMS, said, "I really liked it, but the only thing they need to work on is the tour because they didn't show us the full Florin campus."

Emilio, another

JRMS student, said, "I liked the dances and the cheerleaders." He says the next Panther Kickoff will be better when he's in it as a cheerleader.

First there was a rally with dancing, singing, a DJ, and also mini games.

Khang said, "When

that was done, the principal talked to us about the school and what they expect of us." Then they gave the a campus tour.

The next Panther Kickoff is next year for the 8th graders.

JRMS WRESTLING TEAM

BY FREEDA SAMUEL

You walk into the gym to hear people cheering and the room feels hot and sweaty. You've now walked into a JRMS wrestling match.

The season started in winter of 2022. They won multiple times this season. They wore singlets which are yellow and black. There were nine people on the team in total.

The youngest was An-

neliese Khang. She thinks that the "wrestling is fun!"

The team feels that the season went well. Laji Rilometo, another wrestler, said, "The season was good and I wish that it never ended."

Mr. Tsutsui, the coach, said the season was fun, and the reason he coached was because he

grew up liking the sport.

The team would practiced for three hours each day. The cost to go to their tournaments was \$2 for stu-

dents and adults were \$5.

Seventh or 8th graders can join next year.



STUDENT STORE ROBBED!

BY GIA KHANG DO

There was a robbery at Rutter! On January 26, 2023, the Student Store was robbed at lunch!

This happened during the 7th grade honor roll lunch when there was no adult supervision at the store.

During the robbery, a student broke into the Student Store through the window.

There was no damage to the interior or exterior of the Student Store. Ms. Potter said, "They stole some snacks."

Eventually, the students that robbed the store were caught. Kingston says that he was sure that two female students robbed the student store.

This fact was indeed

confirmed by Ms. Potter. The students who committed the robbery turned themselves in said, Ms. Potter.

After the incident, the Student Store was closed for a week, according to Tony Nguyen, a Leadership student. The store was closed to encour-

age the students who robbed the store to take responsibility. Tony said, "There will be more consideration for locks in the student store."

Tony says there would not be many changes to the Student Store, and the Leadership sales will remain open on Fridays.

2023 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

BY HALTZIRI MARTINEZ

Do you like watching basketball games? Have you ever watched a girls basketball game? You should come to the JRMS girls basketball games starting again next year!

This school year, 15 girl practiced everyday after school for 2 hours. At practice they had to wear JRMS jerseys and they had to do drills, run laps, and do many stretches. They won 1 game. While the girls didn't bring

home many wins, their coach is still extremely proud of the effort they put into each game.

To get into the games, you have to pay \$2 for students (\$1 if you have a student ID) and \$5 for adults. If you are on the No Activities List, you will not be let in.

7th grade basketball player Audrey Latu said, "I joined because I've always loved the sport since I was little."

Esther James said she liked Coach Murphy and she enjoyed going to practice because of him.

7th grade basketball player Freeda Samuel said,

"In order to play a sport, you have to have a physical if you want to play next year."



JRMS HONOR ROLL LUNCH

BY BRIANDA TORRES

Students from JRMS, come and eat some great hot dogs at the end of each quarter if you have A's and B's!!

At JRMS, honor roll lunch happens at the end of each quarter. Ms. Potter said, "Come and get your hot dogs by

working very hard on your grades."

Ms. Potter also said, "I think it's good to have an honor roll lunch because it is very important to celebrate your good grades."

Kylee, an 8th grader,

said she likes getting honor roll lunch because it makes her feel very proud of herself and it shows that she tried very hard.

Ms. Potter said she doesn't know who started celebrating students' good

grades, but she knows the honor roll lunch has been going on for at least 8 years.

JRMS 7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

BY DANIEL GONZALEZ

Do you like basketball? Well, JRMS has a 7th grade basketball team.

The boys basketball coach said, "Our win/loss record was 2 wins and 7 losses."

The coach also said, "Basketball started with open gym on January 10th. When I chose my roster, we started official practice on January 16th with our first game of the season on January 19th. Practices

were normally Mondays and Wednesdays. Games were always Tuesday and Thursdays."

"Coaching the 7th grade boys basketball team was definitely a mixture of enjoyable, unpredictable, difficult and very exciting. I looked forward to coming to practice and games each day no matter if we won or lost the previous game," he said.

"It was great play-

ing for the basketball team", Julian, a team member, said.

Jake, another member of the team, said, "It was hard sometimes when getting yelled at."

Our chemistry was

really good until some of our teammates left," Jake Saelee said.

Jake also said, "Most schools don't have an opportunity like this, and that's why I joined."

Basketball will be returning next winter.



FUTURE QUEST

BY DANNA HERNANDEZ

Would you like to have a successful future? Future Quest is an elective at Rutter that teaches about different career choices.

Future Quest started in the 3rd quarter. Students will learn about careers from different guest speakers throughout the term. Ms. Creger said, "Art

is a half-year class mixed with Future Quest. It's a match made in heaven!"

Kaliyah from 1st period Future Quest said, "I like how we learn about money because it'll help me in the future."

Sophia from 2nd period Future Quest said, "The

most noticeable thing we've done was painting our thumbs and doing fingerprints. Those fingerprints are for practice when you grow up or if you want to be a cop."

Ms. Creger thinks that most of her students miss their art class, but she knows that Future Quest will teach

and help them a lot in the future.

To join Future Quest you'll also have to join Art I for 2 quarters; it's a half year class.

OUR WONDROUS WINTER BALL

BY EMILIO ROCHA

With the next dance around the corner, let's talk about our last dance, the Winter Ball, and how it was amazing with it being only the 2nd dance to be hosted by Ms. Potter!

It was hosted on December 2nd. In the dance, kids danced,

snacked, and took photos. She claims it to be the best dance we've had.

One of the students who attended, Latasha, said she went to the dance with friends. While she didn't enjoy it, many others had a blast! She managed to go for free because she is in

Acaletes.

Let's get some great shots as we interview Ms. Conway, the photographer at the dance. She said that a lot of the photos were fabulous and will be featured in the yearbook!

But nothing can be perfect without a little bit of drama. That's because we had a

lockdown during the dance, which frightened many people. The false alarm was handled and the dance continued.

The Spring Fling was April 12. It was the last dance of the school year.

JRMS HAS A NEW COUNSELOR

BY EMAAN AHMAD



Ms. Abinsay is the new counselor at James Rutter Middle School.

Ms. Abinsay's interest in counseling began

when she worked with troubled students as a social worker. "Working with troubled students made me realize I wanted to be a counselor and help kids."

She said her favorite part of being a counselor is watching students grow, especially when they meet their goals. "It's very rewarding," she said.

Samantha, an 8th grader, said, "In my opinion Ms. Abinsay is very kind but

also pushes students to do their best." She also sees Ms. Abinsay as always bright and positive around campus.

She is the middle child with a younger sister and an older brother. She has 2 teenage daughters. Currently, she has no pets, but she used to have 2 parakeets.

She claims to be a foodie, and she loves food a lot. She prefers mostly Asian food. She said she could see

herself working for EAOP (Early Academic Outreach Program) if she wasn't counseling.

Wondering how you can contact her? Students can get a counselor form from the front office. It usually takes no more than 24 hours to meet her. If it's an emergency she'll see you ASAP.

SPRING FLING

BY JULISSA LOPEZ

Do you want another event to turn your frown upside down? Well, look no further, Roadrunners, the Spring Fling is here to help.

"The Spring Fling is a fun way to celebrate the weather getting warmer," claimed Ms. Potter.

The Spring Fling is going to take place on April 12th, in the MP room. Tickets cost \$5.00, you can buy one of these fabulous tickets in the student store. But if you are on the No Activities List, you can't buy a ticket until you serve your detention.

Make sure to bring a friend with you, maybe even two, along with money to buy a special treat from the Student Store. Make sure to bring money. Leadership student, Annaliegh Moya, claims that there are treats

you party people will love.

You can use your phone to take pictures, post on your story, etc. But most importantly, have fun!

"I think that the students will really like the music," said Andrea, another Leadership student.

GARDENING ELECTIVE

BY LIZBETH BOJORQUEZ-LUGO

Experience Rutter's garden where you can plant colorful flowers in all the damp soil. 7th graders, join before it is too late!

Iveth, a student in the Gardening class, and Isaac Saelee, a former stu-

dent, said it was a fun class.

"A good thing about joining is you get to learn to plant your own food and you get to build structures with wood that you can take home," said Isaac Saelee.

If you are considering

this elective, here is what you can do: first, you can tell Mr. Jaeger in N47; or you can request it with your counselor.

Mr. Jaeger says, "This is one of the classes that helps you to be

more successful in the real world."

He also says, "Join my class if you want the funniest jokes."

MATH MINDSET

BY MADDY THAO

Math Mindset is an elective at JRMS that students can take.

Ms. Le teaches students about personal finance, how to budget to not overspend, how to look for a good credit card and build a good credit history, how to invest, and how to start a business.

Ms. Le said, "I love being the Math Mindset teacher and learning something new. I like teaching students to become responsible spenders and helping them have a growth mindset so that they can grow wealth if they choose to."

D'Aydra Lopez says

she picked math mindset because it seemed fun and educational. She said, "I like Math Mindset because it can help you in the future."

Kyle Saechow says he picked Math Mindset because he found it interesting. He also said he likes Math

Mindset because "it brings out the creative side of me."

7th graders, if you are interested in taking this elective next year, go to your counselor to request it.

MULTICULTURAL SHOW

BY ROSABELLA LOUNDARA

Learn some new cultures and skip an hour of class at the same time? Students at JRMS just got the opportunity!

The annual JRMS Multicultural Show took place Friday, February 24th, in the cafeteria. There were 19 acts in total including the Hmong

dancers, the Islander dance, and the Flower dance.

Students who performed practiced for several months before the show. "We practiced everyday for 3 hours," said Freeda Samuel. She performed the Islander dance. The Hmong dancers also practiced together on

their own time.

Val, a 7th grader, said that she would go watch the Multicultural Show again because she really liked it.

"I really liked the show because it was very diverse!" said Haltziri Martinez.



CANDY GRAMS

BY LATASHA WILLIAMS

Imagine the faces of your loved ones if they received a candy gram from you! That is what happened at Rutter in February, 2023.

Ms. Potter's Leadership students sold candy grams to raise money for

their field trip to Urban Air. Six of her students ran the sales, and 14 made and delivered the candy grams.

Ms. Potter likes selling the candy grams. "Its fun to see people get them everyday," said Ms. Potter.

7th grader Andrea's favorite part about the candy gram was taping the candy to the cards. Andrea received 4 candy grams herself.

7th grader Amaya's favorite part about the candy

grams was getting to go to different classes and to see people. Amaya also received a candy gram.

Candy grams were sold at the Student Store.