

Welcome Incoming 6th Grade Students 2008-2009

Dear Future Ryukyu Middle School Students and Parents,

We are looking forward to you being a part of our RMS family next year. Our school hours are 0720-1350. Students are allowed on campus at 0710 and doors open at 0715. There will be many after school activities offered three days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1355 - 1455).

It is time to begin thinking about the next school year. At RMS each student is required to take our core classes, Language Arts, Reading, Science, Math 6 and Social Studies, for a full year. RMS has three options for the remaining two periods in the student's schedule:

- participate in both exploratory wheels. This will give the students a semester of PE, plus a quarter each of the following courses: Applied Technology, Art, Computer Applications, Family and Consumer Science, Host Nation, and Music.
- participate in one of the two exploratory wheels and a year long elective
- participate in two elective classes

Course selection sheets should be completed as directed and returned to your classroom teacher or turned in during Spring Break when you re-register. Please make sure that the student's name is clearly printed on the top of the form and both the student and parent have signed the form.

Each student is assigned a locker that **may not be shared** and will have a separate locker for PE. Students are required to have a lock so that their valuables can be secured during class. Book bags are to be left in the locker during the school day so should be of reasonable size so they can fit in the locker. Students who require a cell phone for use after school must keep the phones turned off and kept in the locker during the day.

When buying next year's school clothes please keep Ryukyu Middle School's dress code in mind. When hands are raised above the head, the shirt/blouse should cover the midriff with no skin exposed and the majority of the shoulder covered. No underclothing should be visible outside a garment and pants should not drag the ground; shorts and skirts should cover the majority of the thigh. Other inappropriate clothing includes belts that hang, chains, bandanas, sagging pants, and tank tops. For PE classes students should wear elastic shorts that fit around the waist, a large T-shirt, and proper running shoes.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at paul.currier@pac.dodea.edu

Sincerely,
Paul Currier, Principal

For more information about Ryukyu Middle School please go to <http://ryms.pac.dodea.edu>