



Ranger Roars

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Grade 3 & 4 -RICAS ELA - April 19th & 20th

RICAS Assessments

The Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) is a high quality assessment of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics given to Rhode Island students in grades 3–8.



Why is RICAS important?

The RICAS gives teachers, students, and families information about student progress, school performance, and how to improve teaching and learning.



When will my child take the RICAS?

The **RICAS ELA** assessment window is **March 28 – April 29, 2022**.
The **RICAS mathematics** assessment window is **April 27 – May 29, 2022**.

Each district and school will determine its own testing schedule within these overall state testing windows.



How do I know how my child performed on the 2021 RICAS assessment?

Each student who takes the RICAS assessment in English language arts and mathematics had a Student Score Report sent to their school district for them to share with the family. Further information about the Student Score Report can be found at www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results.



How long are RICAS assessments?

Total testing time varies by subject.
Students complete sessions over several days or weeks.

ELA

2 sessions

Suggested testing time per session:
1) 120–150 minutes
2) 90–120 minutes

Mathematics

2 sessions

Suggested testing time per session:
90 minutes

What types of questions will my child be asked?



Students will answer different types of questions to measure understanding in ELA and mathematics, including multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, "technology enhanced" questions like drag-and-drop, and written responses.

If you are interested in learning more about the types of questions on the assessment, check out the RICAS Released Items and Practice Tests at RICAS.PearsonSupport.com/Student.

Hello from the Ranger PTO!

We're kicking off the month of April with one of our hallmark Ranger Events; The Science Fair! Join us on Tuesday, April 4th from 6-7:30pm in The Ranger Cafeteria/Gym as our students present their projects to their family, friends and the school community. Pizza will be available for purchase for \$2 per slice and raffle tickets will be up for sale for \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. We can't wait to see what our young scientists have to share with us this year!

April also means Reading Week! Mrs. Curtis has put together a wonderful week to celebrate the joys of reading April 3rd -April 6th including guest readers, buddy reading with different grade levels and D.E.A.R Day (drop everything and read.)

The PTO is also proud to get involved in the fun this year by sponsoring an assembly on Wednesday, April 5th with Tommy James and "The Magic of Books." We're certainly all going to need April Vacation after such a wonderfully busy start to the month!

Mon 4/3-Thursday 4/6-Reading Week
Tues 4/4-The Science Fair 6-7:30pm at Ranger School
Weds 4/5-Tommy James and the Magic of Books Assembly
Fri 4/21- Tiger Pride Friday
Weds 4/26-School Secretary Appreciation Day

Please note there is no PTO Meeting in the month of April. We will meet on Thursday, May 4th at 6:30pm at Ranger School

Notes from the Nurse—10 Things We Should All Know About Ticks

From Dr. Thomas Mathers, University of Rhode Island

www.tickencounter.org

10. Ticks crawl up. They do not fall off of trees, jump, or fly.
9. All ticks come in small (larva), medium (nymph), and large (adult) sizes.
8. Ticks carry disease causing microbes.
7. Only deer ticks transmit Lyme disease.
6. Ticks can be active even in the winter.
5. Using pointy tweezers is the easiest and fastest way to remove a tick.
4. For most tick-borne diseases, you have at least 24 hours to find and remove a feeding tick before it transmits an infection.
3. Deer tick nymphs look like a poppy seed on your skin.
2. Clothing with built-in tick repellent is best for preventing tick bites. Use Permethrin, it is a tick repellent to treat your shoes and clothing. Spray shoes once a month with Permethrin in May, June, and July.
1. Tick bites and tick-borne diseases are completely preventable.



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PRE-REGISTRATION

In Tiverton Public Schools



WELCOME TO THE TIVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

New TPS students can now register online!

Registration for the 2023-24 school year opened on February 1, 2023

Pre-registration is for students who are new to Tiverton Public Schools only. All registrations are completed utilizing the **Online Registration Portal**. Registration information may be submitted at your convenience from a computer or Chromebook at home, or via a kiosk located at our administration office Monday-Friday. The Online Registration Portal will not work on a cell phone. **Please call 401-816-0466 to schedule access to the kiosk.**

Kindergarten Registration: Every child who has attained or will have attained five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend kindergarten during all the days that the kindergartens are in session during the school year.

Go Tigers!

Classroom Requests

Requests for classroom placement for next year (23-24) should be sent to Mr. Cabral. Please be advised that there is no guarantee that children will be placed in a particular class based on these written requests. The make-up of classrooms is a difficult task that we go through each year. The sending and receiving teachers spend a great deal of time meeting and discussing what is in the best interest of all students. One of the main objectives is equity of students and classes. This, along with students transferring in and out, is one of the main reasons we do not release the lists until the week before school starts. Parent request must be submitted no later than **May 19th**.



Reading Week

Week of April 3 – 6, 2023

Be a Reading Superhero!

Children will participate in literacy games and a raffle during which there will be opportunities to win books!

We are again inviting guest readers into our classrooms. See the accompanying letter from your child's classroom teacher for more information.

****Please note: Each night every family will receive an email with a video of a Tiverton superhero reading a story. Perfect for bedtime!**

Reading Week Schedule

Monday, April 3rd	Reading is my superpower! What's yours?	Wear a superhero shirt or wear one that shows what your superpower is or wear red, white, and blue.
Tuesday, April 4th	Buddy Reading Day	Different grade level classes will pair up to enjoy Buddy Reading.
Wednesday, April 5th	"Magic Of Books with Tommy James" assembly	
Thursday, April 6th	D.E.A.R.	Students will read for extended amounts of time during the day.

February STAR Student of the Month - Caring

Caring is one of The Six Pillars of Character which are the core ethical values. The others are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. At Ranger School we try and promote kindness, caring and ethical values. This February's Star students were our shining examples of caring kids. CARING - Be kind - Be compassionate - Express gratitude - Forgive others.



Kindergarten & Grade 1 -

Vale Grimm, Summer
Viveiros, Cheyenne
Marshall, Zachary
Bishop, Johnny
Cipalone, Jacein
Burroughs, Bailee
Medeiros, Shepherd
Blackmore

Grades 2, 3 & 4

(Back Row) Avery Correia,
Shakira Carr, James
Castanho, Arella Vazquez,
Clare Aldrich, Olive
Thompson, Porter Bordner.
(Front Row) Marshall
Menard, Isabella Cardona,
Kylie Smoot, Aciah Church,
Geri Dziedzic, Rowyn
Montgomery (not pictured)



March STAR Student of the Month - Respect

Respectful kids remember to...

.... Be kind and courteous.

- Be polite, avoid interrupting or causing disturbances.
- Listen to others and respect differences in beliefs and opinions.
- Think before you speak, your language and tone.

Lend a helping hand or ear and practice compassion

Kindergarten & Grade 1

Kenneth Braz, Madelyn Stewart,
Perri Sylvia, Christopher Meninno,
Wyatt Mayville, Kinsley Renchan,
Kaia Flores, Lucas Buckley (not
pictured)



Grade 2

Grant Mahon, Grace Porada, Nevaeh
Deschene, Ashlynn DeCotis, Jack Garcia (not
pictured)



Grades 2, 3 & 4

(Back Row) Brayden Chaunt,
Lily Viveiros, Dakota Dunlea-
Abney, Brody Olson, Hensi
Patel, Ruby Santo-Christo.

(Front Row) Norah Gerlach,
Brandon Flores, Gavin Grimm,
Elise Borge (not pictured)

April Calendar of Events

3rd – 6th Reading Week

4th Faculty Meeting @ 3:45
PTO Science Fair – 6:00 to 7:30

5th Magic of Books – Tommy James @ 10:00

6th Evaluation Team Meeting @ 1:00
Ad Council – Mr. Cabral @ 3:00

7th **Good Friday – No School**

10th – 14th Spring Recess – No School

18th Teacher Advisory Council @ 2:45

19th & 20th RICAS Testing – ELA – Grades 3 & 4

20th Evaluation Team Meeting @ 1:00
Ad Council – Mr. Cabral @ 3:00

21st Hat Day for Charity – Make-A-Wish Foundation of MA and RI

25th **School Committee Meeting @ 7:00**



No Electronics or Toys in School

This time of year our students tend to bring in some of their games, toys, etc. Unfortunately, problems often arise pertaining to the items. With this in mind, please be aware that **Ranger School students are not allowed to bring any type of electronic devices, games, or toys to school.** School personnel do not have the time to monitor this and the school will not be responsible for anything that is stolen, broken, lost, etc.

All students have access to our library and are strongly encouraged to utilize their time reading, not playing with toys. Computer programs, hands on activities, and additional reading materials are available during indoor recess. Ample playground equipment is also provided by classroom teachers and the PTO. Your consideration and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please Note: Students are allowed to use electronic devices while traveling on buses and at some day cares. These students should leave their personal items in their backpacks during the school day.

Mr. Feinstein wants to Read about Good Deeds

Mr. Feinstein is requesting that students write to him and tell him about the good deeds they have done and are currently doing. These letters can be submitted to the office by Friday, April 28th, to be forwarded to Mr. Feinstein. He will share some of the best good deeds during his weekly shows.