

## NEWSLETTER

### RISING SUN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTNERS IN EDUCATION WITH MARYLAND MATERIALS, INC.

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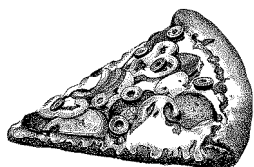
#### SECOND MARKING PERIOD, 2007 INTRODUCTION

The second marking period has seen a continuation of our successful partnership with Maryland Materials, Inc. How lucky we are!! Our newsletter is an attempt to keep everyone informed of the Partnership activities that go on each marking period.

#### HOMEWORK JOURNALS



As we are immersed in the cold and snow of the winter doldrums, students tend to slack-off a little and forget to make efficient use of their homework booklets. Many of us are witnessing this unfortunate phenomena now!! Please encourage this continuing communication between parents and school - remind the kids daily to fill in their assignments for your class. As we continue in our Baldrige goals, please use this as one of the *motivating* steps on the road to success. Most parents really do appreciate it, and they report to us that it is one of the best ways they have to help keep their kids on track!



#### ATTENDANCE REWARDS AND INCENTIVES

Maryland Materials will sponsor its second pizza and soda party on February 21<sup>st</sup> for all the students who had perfect attendance during the second marking period. Rising Sun Middle School has an attendance goal of 96% as established by our School Improvement Team. Please continue to stress the importance of attendance to the students and

parents!! Here again we can incorporate Baldrige in our student motivation goals in progress.

#### TIGER TICKETS

Tiger Tickets are the spontaneous way for teachers to reward students for caring, compassion, and citizenship above and beyond the "call of duty." Each day teachers see our students doing the extra special small things that are not absolutely necessary, but these things make RSMS the special place that it is! We encourage all teachers to reward those special acts with a Tiger Ticket as a way of saying, "Thanks for being so nice!" These small rewards really are reinforcing to our students! You'd be amazed at how excited all students, in all grades, get when it is time for the tickets to be pulled for the student incentives. Remember that additional Tiger Tickets are available in Holly Spangler's office.

#### MARYLAND MATERIALS TREATS



We would like to thank each of the teams that have so generously helped to supply the monthly treats to Maryland Materials. We've reprinted the schedule as a gentle reminder.

February	½ 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
March	Expressive Arts
April	½ - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
May	½ - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade

#### HERSHEY PARK

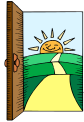


Don't let the kids forget that Hershey Park depends on them and how hard they work!! Please review the criteria: no "F's" in the second marking period; and nothing below a

“C-“ in the third marking period!! Use it to motivate them! History has taught us that this is absolutely our *A#1* motivating factor in academic achievement. Use it often for full impact during this third marking period! We'd love to see RSMS empty on Thursday, May 31, 2007, and have every student and teacher at Hershey Park!!

Teachers: If you are interested in chaperoning the Hershey Park trip, please give Mrs. Schertz your name on a *dated* note stating your interest.

### OPEN DOOR POLICY



**P**lease remember that Judy Close, Steve Burke, and Debbie Schertz are open to any and all suggestions on how to improve our partnership program. We learn as we go along each year, and we truly appreciate your input and suggestions; however, we are not mind readers! Come and talk to us!!

### ARTISTS OF THE MONTH RECOGNIZED BY MARYLAND MATERIALS, INC.

**M**aryland Materials, Inc. has recognized the visual arts achievement of the Rising Sun Middle School students by featuring their artwork. Each month, at least two students have their artwork framed and displayed in the Maryland Materials offices. The talented students who have been selected are announced below:



### **NOVEMBER ARTISTS**

Allison Carter (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Shannon Parker (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### **JANUARY ARTISTS**

Nicholas Bethard (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) and David Savage (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### CLOSING

**R**ising Sun Middle School would once again like to express our heartfelt thanks to Maryland Materials for all they do for us and our students!

We would also like to acknowledge all of those in our RSMS family who go above and beyond the call of duty on a regular basis to make this school such a wonderful place to work! Even if our students don't often verbalize it, they do appreciate your efforts!!!