

F.C. Reed Middle School 2024 - 2025 Board of Education Report

December 2024

Academics:

Students in seventh and eighth grade are busy preparing for exams on 12/17 - 12/19. [Click here](#) to view our exam schedule at the middle school. Winter benchmark assessments will be conducted via AimsWeb+ after Winter Break (1/6 - 1/31) to measure student growth in math and reading skills areas. This data will be used to reorganize and reprioritize intervention efforts.

Beyond core academics, it has been a busy time of the year in our Encore and Elective courses. Congratulations to Mr. Reppart for leading a wonderful winter concert on 12/9 (Band)! The students and staff worked very hard to make this event memorable and represented our school community admirably. The Holiday Sing-A-Bration choir concert has been postponed to 1/15 to enable our staff to get healthy.

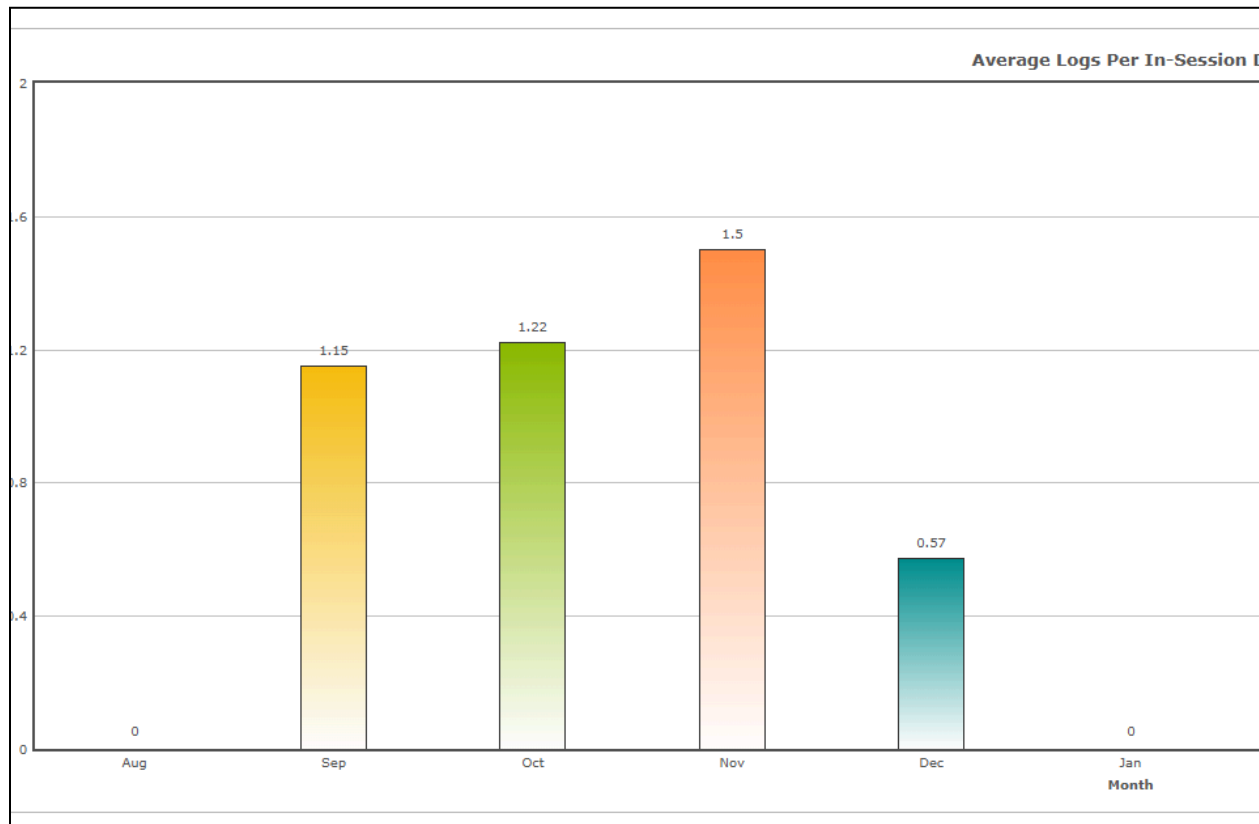
I'm also thrilled to share that the RMS BeeBots attended the FIRST Robotics League regional competition at Lakeshore High School on 12/7 and finished in second place. This finish qualifies the team for the FIRST State Meet on 1/11. Congrats to the BeeBots, Mrs. Scott (Parent Volunteer), and Coach Foxworthy on a successful season!



Behavior:

November 2024 ended with an average of 1.50 formal behavior incidents per scheduled school day. This rate is lower than November 2023 (1.74). As we continue through the month of December, RMS is currently experiencing 0.57 formal behavior incidents per scheduled school day. This is lower than the final December 2023 rate of 1.42. Data continues to indicate that new PBIS and school improvement efforts focused on positive student relations and restorative practices are having a positive impact. Top behavior violations include Bus Misconduct (17), Technology Violations (10), Horseplay (8), Insubordination (7), Disrespect (7), and Disruption to the Educational Environment (7). A positive in our data is that we have dramatically decreased the number of referrals related to behavior with guest teachers (11 lower than 2023).

The RMS Multidisciplinary Threat Assessment Team has conducted 5 threat assessments during the 2024 - 2025 school year. No additional assessments occurred in the last month.



Mental Health:

Mrs. Cooper is busy working with the BPS Mental Health team to organize and facilitate holiday meals (Bridgman Cares) and presents (Toys for Tots) for over 50+ families in our district. Meals and presents will be picked up by families the week of 12/16 before everyone heads to Winter Break. This is a need that seems to continue to grow each year. This work is crucial for supporting families and also building productive relationships with at risk students. Thank you to Mrs. Cooper and all the BPS counselors/social workers for their efforts this holiday season!

As we approach the end of the S1, Ms. Hughes is finishing up social emotional counseling lessons with all levels of middle school students. Seventh and eighth grade students spent time with Ms. Hughes, learning skills to manage test-taking anxiety and also completed a student voice survey to provide input into second semester career cruising opportunities. In fifth and sixth grade, students spent the month of December reflecting on the values they observe in others. Students then learned how they can work on their own values based on the role models and non-role models in their lives. Mrs. Hughes is also finalizing her plans for second semester lessons, which will include guest speakers (career planning), safety lessons from SRO Wyman, and several additional Character Strong lessons.

Mrs. Cooper is also using the end of the semester to analyze data and develop targeted interventions for S2. Over the last week, Mrs. Cooper and I reviewed trends and patterns in behavior data, as well as teacher input about projected services that will be needed after winter break. This planning is guiding Mrs. Cooper to maintain her current programs and expand services for students living in separate houses (divorced parents/guardians), help eighth grade teachers with high school readiness interventions, and provide additional 1:1 support to struggling fifth graders.

Student Voice Report:

After Thanksgiving Break, the RMS Building Leadership Team implemented our new Student Voice Google Form. This form enables students to provide positive celebrations to the administration, as well as constructive feedback for suggestions to improve their school. Mrs. Wells (RMS Culture & Climate BLT Representative) then visited all students and introduced the form, along with its purpose.

As of 12/10, 57 submissions have been shared (68.4% suggestions vs. 31.6% celebrations). From the suggestions, an emerging trend is that students desire ways to improve their lunch experience at RMS. For example, students repeatedly asked for indoor recess options during

winter months and suggested an expansion of quiet lunch opportunities (where students can eat in the library independently).

We will continue to review this feedback monthly as a leadership team and try to incorporate student ideas when possible into our programming and scheduling.

Community Collaboration:

We are thrilled about several new and ongoing community collaborations that are strengthening our Whole Child approach. A few key updates include:

- City of Bridgman: RMS has renewed its annual partnership with the City of Bridgman for the Downtown Bridgman Student Banner competition/gallery in Spring 2025. This year, the students are creating pieces centered around the theme: Heroes. Students will create depictions of what it means to be heroic and design art banners using their visions. A panel of community judges will then review and curate the top 52 pieces for public display on Lake Street later this spring.
- Bridgman Public Library: Kyle Bartoszek from the BPL is running a computer science program for middle school aged children starting after Winter Break. Kyle also spent time with the RMS BeetBots, helping them develop their project presentation by using his insight and experience.
- Children's Advocacy Center: Ms. Hughes is meeting with the CAC the week of 12/16 to finalized second semester plans. The CAC is scheduled to teach personal safety lessons throughout the month of February at the middle school as part of our SEL program.
- Bridgman Cares & Toys for Tots: The two organizations are sponsoring meals and presents for over 50 families this holiday season!

Extracurricular Activities:

The following Appendix C clubs/activities have been approved for the 2024 - 2025 school year and will be up and running during the month of December: RMS Broadcast Club (deBest), RMS Robotics (Foxworthy), RMS 5/6 Choir Club (Ammerman), RMS Yearbook Club (Korson), RMS Student Council (Milligan), RMS Garden Club (Smiertelny), RMS Chess Club (Smiertelny), RMS Sideline Cheer (Doyle), RMS Ski Club (Jones), RMS Science Olympiad Club (Teed), and BPS Musical (Ammerman).

Athletics:

Winter sports have continued during the month of December, with boys basketball and sideline cheerleading in full swing. I have been very impressed with our coaches' emphasis on student athletics this semester, and as a result our eligibility percentage has increased throughout the season. Currently, 100% (24/24) of student athletes are eligible to participate at RMS. Stay tuned for more updates as the season progresses. We are excited for girls basketball to begin after Winter Break, along with recreational wrestling.

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