



Bridging the Gap to Success as We Rise Above “C” Level!

Why You Should Read The Roar

By: Sophia Lopez

Creating a school newspaper is one of the most innovative things anyone in a school can produce. It is a fantastic way to express what the school has going on and learn about it. I think that reading the school newspaper would be fun because it's short, I have tons of friends who tell me that reading is boring, especially when it is long, and they might find it interesting to read. Reading the newspaper might benefit you and your family. There might be topics about hurricanes and disasters, upcoming events and students highlights. It never hurts to know! Reading the newspaper can also have important school updates like what clubs have started, school field trips, important dates, awards, and ceremonies like honor roll. So come and read the school newspaper, maybe you will learn something you did not know.

Student Council 2021-2022

By: E. R. Williams

This year's Student Council members come filled with great ideas of how to get Redland Middle back to being your favorite place to be. What is Student Council, you ask? It is a group of 8th grade students who were elected by the school's student body. Student Council consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four students work with the administrative team here at Redland Middle, the school's EESAC committee (Educational Excellence School Advisory Council), and their school sponsor Mr. Tavera. The purpose of Student Council is to offer students a chance to develop leadership skills by establishing and carrying out school activities and services. In addition to organizing events that contribute to school spirit, the Student Council is the voice of the student body, meaning they represent all the students enrolled at Redland Middle. They help share student ideas, interests and concerns that are presented to them. Some of the things Student Council wants to accomplish this year are: a. encouraging teachers and students to create those bonding relationships they had before the pandemic happened, b. helping to bring back clubs and activities that students have enjoyed in the past, and c. to introduce new ideas to the school's administration to make school more enjoyable for students. "We are your voice here at the school." said President Chanel Sanchez. "Don't be afraid to come to us with your ideas and thoughts. I hope all the students are serious about giving us ideas they want Student Council to present to the administration."



Student Council members; left to right: Angelina Rodriguez, Vice President; Chanel Sanchez, President; Emily Garcia, Treasurer; Zariyah Wright, Secretary

Attending School during the pandemic

By: William Romero

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After a long and exhausting 17 months in quarantine and virtual school, we are finally back in school, physically! I believe that most of us would agree that Virtual School was one of the most challenging things we all had to endure, since we were not accustomed to that kind of curriculum structure. During this transition from Virtual School to Physical School, we all have had mixed emotions, and we are all trying to get back into the familiar setup we all know school to be, but with obvious COVID restrictions, which can be difficult. I interviewed several teachers, students, and staff members, most of their answers and opinions corresponded with my original thoughts.

While interviewing the Teacher Body there was one interview that stood out to me the most. It was a pleasure interviewing Ms. Krigger, the school's Robotics Teacher, who, in my opinion, is very polite and was noticeably clear with her opinion and emotions with the new transition and being back in school physically. She stated that she was not very prepared for the transition back to full capacity teaching and had a few inquiries that she wished the school District would have explained or would have sent a representative to answer inquiries that teachers and staff members had. When asked about coming back physically, Ms. Krigger stated that she was a bit anxious and that the transition was a bit worrisome for her. She explained that she felt she had to take the COVID immunization vaccine to be safe because she was unsure whether the student body was going to be mandated to wear facial coverings or not. "Being back in the building full-time has significantly improved behavior, attendance is higher, and grades are looking so much better than when we were on virtual learning/teaching," stated Ms. Krigger.

Not only did Ms. Krigger give her honest opinion, but there were several other teachers and staff members who gave their very honest opinions as well. Nothing was held back regarding their responses. Some teachers stated that their number one concern was how students struggle with keeping on or wearing their mask properly and social distancing from each other. As a student here at Redland Middle, I cannot stress the importance of social distancing and wearing your mask in school correctly. Doing those little things can help keep us safe and lower our chances of getting Coronavirus. Several teachers said, that they wished the students understood the importance of the masks and were more responsible with how they wear them. If we are going to "get back" to any kind of normal schooling, we must try our best to decrease the cases of COVID-19. I understand it can be very irritating to wear a mask for more than 6 hours a day, but we should try to be safe for all those around us.

Students seem to have different opinions. Most students said that they disliked having to wear masks for hours at school, especially those students who had not been in a building for the last 17 months. "I understand that everybody wants us to be safe but wearing a mask all day is uncomfortable," stated one student. Generally, students felt they were not used to all day mask but understood the importance of the masks and the COVID safety procedures. When students were asked about coming back physically, the majority were glad to be back in the school building. They felt coming to school in-person was better for their mental health, grades, and overall daily educational productivity. There were some students who felt virtual learning was easier for them because of the risks being back in school during a pandemic would bring. I sympathized with both groups. I have had a better experience being back in school physically, just because my whole school life has been in physical school. Being back with my fellow classmates and the staff here at Redland Middle has tremendously improved my grades, attendance, and understanding of what is being taught. Overall, attending school in the building, during this pandemic, is going well and is preferred by most of the students, teachers, and staff members.

20/20 What?

By: Leah Lopez

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This year Redland Middle has decided to continue implementing the “20-20 rule”. Not sure what that is? Let me explain. The 20/20 rule means that no passes will be or should be given the first and last 20 minutes of each class period.

Why is this rule in place at Redland Middle? Good question. The first twenty minutes of each class period are very important because it is when your teachers are starting their lesson for the day.

During that time, pertinent information is given relating to the day’s assignment and possibly home learning assignments. The last twenty minutes of class are dedicated to wrapping up the day’s lesson and a summary/ review of what went on during class. Many teachers here at Redland Middle use those twenty minutes to gage whether their students understood the material and start planning for the next lesson or planning for reteach and remediation.



Periods	Time
1 st Block	9:30 am-10:19 am
2 nd Block	11:03 am-11:58 am
3 rd Block	LUNCH
1 st Lunch Teachers	1:05 pm - 1:59 pm
2 nd Lunch Teachers	12:32 pm - 1:59 pm
3 rd Lunch Teachers	12:32 pm - 1:19 pm
4 th Block	2:43 pm - 3:30 pm



Quick Bites with Sophia

By: Sophia Lopez

Need a quick and easy treat before dinner when you get home from school? Try Ranch Cheddar Crisps












Ingredients

3 cups **Shredded Cheddar Cheese**1 tablespoon **Hidden Valley Ranch Seasoning & Salad Dressing Mix**

- Preheat the oven to 400°F. Place a silicone mat or parchment paper onto each of two baking sheets.
- In a bowl, mix the cheese with the seasoning mix.
- Drop the cheese into small, flattened piles (about 20 total) on each baking sheet, leaving enough room so that they don’t touch as they spread slightly.
- Bake for about 6–8 minutes, until crisp. Let stand (cool on a baking stand or plate) for at least 10–15 minutes before serving.

Visit the hiddenvally.com/recipe website for more savory treats.

The Roar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	1 8
11 Celebrity Dress up 	12 Twin Day 	13 Sports Team 	14 Dress like your favorite teacher Day 	15 Pajama Day 
18 Think Pink 	19 Favorite Fictional Character Day 	20 Different Era's (70s, 80s, etc) 	21	22 Professional Day (Dress for your future profession) 
25	26 Senior Citizen 	27	28 NERD day 	29 Campaign Ends

Getting back to normal; with Fun events to look forward to.

By: Isabela Felipe

Redland Middle’s new Student Council has been working very hard, since they were elected a couple of weeks ago, to create fun and exciting upcoming events for the students here. Their first initiative is the bringing back of the United Way Campaign (which focuses on advancing the common good around the world.) Spirit Events for the month of October. From Dress like a Nerd Day to Pajama Day, these ladies, along with their teacher sponsor Mr. Tavara, have created days for students to show their school spirit and support United Way.

During their next meeting, Student Council will talk about what clubs students are interested in seeing return, possible after school dances/parties, along with all other ideas that are brought to them from the student body. The school is hoping October is just the beginning of a fun-filled year. From show your school spirit to fun clubs, the school and the Student Council are trying their hardest to make this new school year one you won’t forget.

Extra Extra Read All About It!



Uniforms

By: Meryshell Romero



Acceptable uniform models located in Main Office; Fellow student dressed in school's mandatory uniform. Picture by: Mrs. Williams

School uniforms are mandatory for students at Redland Middle School. One of the main reasons for **mandatory uniforms** is school uniforms help establish a sense of discipline and unity among students. Another reason school uniforms are important is because they represent equality among all.

Not sure what the uniform is? No worries. Here is what is acceptable to wear to school at fair Redland Middle:

- Gold, White, and Royal Blue-colored shirts with a collar
- Khaki and Navy Blue-colored pants or shorts
- Closed toed shoes only
- Facial Coverings- pulled over the nose and mouth

What is not acceptable as school uniform?

- **NO jeans (accept on Jean days but they can NOT have rips or holes)**
- **NO skinny strap shirts/ shirts with no sleeves**
- **NO hoodies**
- **NO open toed shoes, crocs, or slides**
- **NO joggers, leggings, or black pants**
- **NO short skirts/skorts**

Guess what's back?

By: Harmony Eleby

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Now that we are all back in the building, that means sports are back too! I know all you student athletes are happy about that. Kicking off the middle school sports season will be Cross Country coached by our very own P.E./Health teacher Coach Alicia. The first meet will be on October 22nd, the Junior Orange Bowl Invitational which is being held at Larry and Penny Thompson Park. The wonderful Ms. Silverman will be coaching Girls Volleyball this year. Ms. Silverman has coached Volleyball here at Redland for the last 3 years. The first match for the Girls' Volleyball team will be October 18 on our courts against South Dade Middle.



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Schedule for Sports Going on now



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Girls' Volleyball:

- 10/18 Redland vs. South Dade Middle (home)**
- 10/20 Redland vs. Richmond Middle (home)**
- 10/25 Redland vs. Homestead Middle (home)**
- 10/27 Redland vs. South Dade Middle (away)**
- 11/1 Redland vs. Richmond (away)**
- 11/3 Redland vs. Homestead (away)**

Cross Country:

- 10/22 - Junior Orange Bowl Invitational**
- 10/27 - Sam Burley Invitational**
- 11/3 - Miami-Dade County Middle School Championship**



Trending in Movies, TV, and Music

The best way to predict
your future is to create
it. – Abraham Lincoln

By: Meryshell Romero, Jade Zambrana

Movies/TV:

Top 8 movies and shows trending on TV and Netflix:

- Squid Game
- Midnight Mass
- Britney vs. Spears
- The Circle
- No One Gets Out Alive
- My Little Pony: A New Generation
- The Starling
- Grown Ups

Music:

Today's trending songs on radios, Spotify and other streaming platforms:

- Good 4 u by: Olivia Rodrigo.
- Kiss Me More (feat. SZA) Doja Cat, SZA.
- MONTERO (Call Me By Your Name) Lil Nas X.
- déjà vu by: Olivia Rodrigo.
- Bad Habits by: Ed Sheeran.
- Catching Up with An Ol' Memory by: Clay Walker.
- Butter by: BTS.