



# COMMUNITY | NEWSLETTER

A united community that grows all students academically, socially, and emotionally to inspire successful, global leaders of tomorrow.

Great things are happening at Yale!  
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[@yaleroadrunners](https://twitter.com/yaleroadrunners) for the latest updates, classroom happenings and reminders.

## Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 21- Yale Spirit Day- Wear a Yale t-shirt or red & blue to show off your Roadrunner pride

Jan. 24-28- Multicultural Week

Jan. 25- Quarter 3 progress report #1 goes home

Jan. 26- Future Yale Roadrunners 3:30

Jan. 28- College T-Shirt Day or flag day (wear colors representing your culture or one you admire)

Feb. 7- National School Counselors Week

Feb. 16- Early Release 1:00

Feb. 17- 2nd Annual Masked Reader Event- Virtual PTA meeting- 6:30 pm

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## **Next Week is Yale Multicultural Week**

Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to learn about the cultures and heritages of their classroom community. Check out the flyer in this week's folders for more information.

**\*\*Optional Home Project:** Students can interview a family member or research a culture they admire and create a collage/graphic of why (food, dress, traditions, etc) are important to the specified culture. On Friday, students may present their research to their class.

## **Used Book Fair Donations**

Donate your gently used books, DVDs and CDs to the RISD Council of PTA's USED BOOK FAIR. All donations should be dropped off in the marked boxes at the Yale front office by Wed. February 2, 2022.

Shopping at the used book fair will be:

**FEBRUARY 10-12, 2022**

10 am - 8 pm

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

Noon - 6 pm

RISD Professional Development Center in the Gym  
701 W. Belt Line Rd

Your purchase supports scholarships for RISD seniors & teachers. Masked recommended. Social distancing observed.

## **Future Yale Roadrunners**

Do you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in the '22-'23 school year or know a family in the area who has an incoming kinder child? Children must turn 5 on or before September 1, 2022 to be entering kindergarten in the 22-23 school year. We will be hosting our next gathering of Future Yale Roadrunners. Please fill out the following link if you are interested in joining us for Future Yale Roadrunners or pass the link on to a friend. The next meeting of Future Yale Roadrunners will be January 26th from 3:30-4:00. You will be contacted with more information after filling out the following link.

<https://bit.ly/FutureRR22-23>



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### **YALE CLINIC NEWS**

#### **\*\*\*Parents reporting symptoms of illness, student exposure to Covid, or student positive for Covid:**

- Please keep your child home if they are experiencing symptoms of illness and contact Nurse Barner directly at [Stefani.Barner@risd.org](mailto:Stefani.Barner@risd.org) or 469-593-8358 for guidance on returning to school.
- If your child receives any immunizations this school year, including the covid vaccine, please email the shot record to Nurse Barner to be entered into your child's health record.
- 6th grade students will need the following immunizations prior to the start of 7th grade: Tdap and meningococcal.

### **No Cost COVID Testing**

As a reminder, since October, RISD students and staff who are not experiencing COVID symptoms (asymptomatic) but wish to be tested for COVID due to concerns about potential exposure may do so at no cost at one of two RISD locations with an appointment. RISD and partner MCI Labs offer PCR tests to RISD students and staff at the following locations from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on school days:

#### **Mondays**

Lake Highlands HS Auditorium  
9449 Church Road

#### **Wednesdays**

Richardson HS Auditorium  
1250 W. Belt Line Road

### **January and February-Healthy Relationships**

Relationship care is an essential part of all our daily lives. RISD values the importance of healthy relationships and the positive outcomes it produces for all. The months of January and February will concentrate on understanding the value of healthy relationships and the areas of prevention, intervention and postvention.

### **Counselor Lessons**

#### **Goal Setting**

During one of the counselor lessons this month, students will learn what it means to set a goal.

For younger students, we will talk about something that we want to work hard to learn or improve in the coming weeks at school.

For older students, we will talk about short term and long-term goals. We will talk about goals during our school years, as well as thinking about goals for our future.

All students will talk about the important adults that they can ask for help in reaching their goals - parents, coaches, teachers, and of course, their school counselor!

#### **Friendship**

In this counselor lesson, students will learn what it means to have positive and supportive relationships with other students, and what to do if they are having difficulty with their friends.

Younger students will learn about the qualities of a good friend, communication skills they need when making new friends, and who to ask for help when they are having difficulties with friends.

Older students will discuss the qualities of healthy and unhealthy friendships. They will also learn some ways to solve problems with their friends, as well as when they need to ask for help from a caring adult.

#### **Responsible Decision Making**

Students in 4th and 5th grade will learn about making responsible decisions. They will learn to plan their actions, evaluate their choices, and solve problems using the steps for responsible decision making. They will be able to identify positive options when making a decision.