



RUMNEY RANGERS



FAMILY HANDBOOK

2018—2019

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RUMNEY RANGERS MISSION STATEMENT



To provide quality afterschool homework support and enrichment opportunities in a safe, caring, and enriching environment for the Russell Elementary School students in grades K-8

RUMNEY RANGERS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Improved Academic Achievement

Develop interest in science inquiry and increased ability to problem solve

Kindergarten Readiness



PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Programming is designed to encompass the physical, emotional, social, individual, and cognitive needs to the child. Program will support and enhance school curriculum while introducing new experiences, fundamental life skills, and life long leisure activities.

WELCOME TO RUMNEY RANGERS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

We at Russell Elementary School are very excited to be entering our third year of Rumney Rangers. Our partnerships with the Byron G. Merrill Library, Quincy Bog and the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center have increased the enrichment opportunities that we are able to extend to our participants. We have many similar activities as in previous years, such as sports, challenges, photography, cooking (all back by popular demand by our students!). We are also able to add opportunities such as makerspace, life skills, ninja warrior obstacle challenges, introduction to martial arts, robots, lots of outdoor activities and who knows what else! The possibilities are endless! We will continue to work towards our mission and goals to continue to provide a high quality program for the students of Russell Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Peggy Grass

Program Director

Rumney Rangers

CONTACT INFORMATION

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We welcome school personnel as well as community members who would like to share their expertise to help provide an assortment of enrichment opportunities to Rumney Rangers participants.

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND POLICIES

Volunteers are an essential and valued part of our afterschool program. There are many ways you can help the program:

- Homework or enrichment club leader or assistant
- Mentor
- Event preparation & planning
- Serving on committees
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When selecting volunteers we look for individuals who are responsible, enjoy working with children, have a special talent or interest to share, who are interested in working as part of a team to ensure the best possible afterschool environment for our students.

Please contact us for more information on volunteering with Rumney Rangers.

All volunteers must follow the policies of Russell Elementary School regarding background checks



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PHILOSOPHY

Rumney Rangers faculty is dedicated to student success. To reach this goal, parents/guardians and family members are invited to be active contributors to their son/daughter's educational plan. It takes a team effort!

RUMNEY RANGERS CALENDAR

September 4	Start of Rumney Rangers Session 1
October 5	Teacher Work day - No School
October 8	Columbus Day - No School
November 1	Early Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences; child care will be provided during conferences No Rangers program
November 12	Veteran's Day - No School
November 21	Session 1 Ends
November 21	Early Release—No Rangers
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess



PROGRAM SNACKS

Snacks will be provided to all afterschool participants through a USDA After School Meals Program (AMP). Snacks will include nutritionally balanced meals that meet USDA's nutrition standards, with foods like milk, meat, vegetables, fruit, and bread.

PROGRAM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

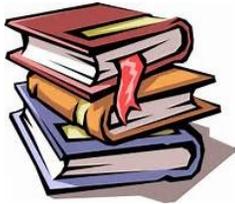
Program Description

Rumney Rangers will run from 2:40 - 5:45 pm on full school days

Our daily routine

2:40	dismissal from school
2:40 - 3:00	recess
3:00 - 3:15	snack and afternoon meeting
3:215- 4:00	homework help
4:00 - 5:00	enrichment
5:00 - 5:45	extended day - this is provided for working parents who are unable to pick up their child by 5:15 pm

This is a general overview of the schedule.



Each program will be tailored to meet the age appropriate needs of its participants.

Friday program will not include homework time (unless participants need time). Participants will help to develop various 'clubs' in which they will be involved.

Homework Club Policy

After snack, a regular time will be set aside for homework.

Rumney Rangers will provide adequate space, proper lighting and homework specialists to assist participants with homework.

Homework specialists will be trained with a background in education. Their job is to assist with any questions, not to do homework for participants.

Participants are expected to bring the necessary materials to successfully complete their homework, i.e. books, worksheets, computers.

Enrichment Activities

The enrichment activities offered are designed to supplement and enhance the curriculum of the school while providing opportunities to explore new ideas.

We will make every attempt to incorporate educational fun in a hands-on way.

There will be choices for the participants with regards to enrichment program involvement.



Pick-Up & Sign Out

Pick up times are between 5:00 and 5:45pm in the RES gymnasium or lobby.

To ensure the enjoyment and success of your child in the program, we ask that children are not picked up early. We realize there are always emergencies, but a child who is always pulled from the program is missing out.

Students must have an adult sign them out of the Rumney Rangers each day.

If someone other than the designated legal guardian will be picking a child up from Rangers, a written note signed by the legal guardian and a picture ID must accompany the person.

Children will not be released into the care of anyone but the legal guardian without these two items.

WAYS TO SHARE CONCERNS AND IDEAS

Anyone having questions or concerns regarding Rumney Rangers is more than welcome to speak with any Rumney Rangers staff member. Peggy is always available to speak with any parent or community member. We would also love to hear from those who have new and exciting ideas which can make the Rangers experience even more exciting for our participants.

BEHAVIOR / CONDUCT POLICY

The opportunity to attend Rumney Rangers is a privilege, not a right.

The goal of discipline is to facilitate the development of a student who is self-disciplined and one who understands that he/she can control his/her own behavior. Rumney Rangers will adhere to the Standards for Behavior/Conduct Policy followed by Russell Elementary School.

Students will act in a respectful, polite and courteous manner, at all times.

Students will understand that the safety of every child is essential and that actions can affect another child in a detrimental manner.



EXPECTATIONS OF RANGERS PARTICIPANTS Students should expect a fun and safe environment while at Rangers Afterschool Program. We know that everyone is not always going to get along or agree about everything. However, we expect that these disagreements will be handled in a kind and respectful manner. We want everyone at Rangers to feel that they are in a safe environment where they are valued.

Rumney Rangers will be following student expectations of Russell Elementary School in regards to children’s behaviors. If need be, we will use Take Charge, Time Out, Daily Suspensions from program, or Expulsion from Rangers. Parents will be notified if any of these consequences are needed with your child.

BULLYING POLICY Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit or put down another person with the intent to hurt. We will take on a firm policy against all types of bullying. Every student will be accepted and we will work together to ensure that participants gain self-confidence and life long skills. Our leadership will address any incident of bullying.

STANDARDS FOR BEHAVIOR / CONDUCT POLICY Rumney Rangers understands the importance of maintaining a safe environment for all participants. We will be adhering to the Standards for Behavior / Conduct Policy following by Russell Elementary School and is as follows:

The goal of discipline is to facilitate the development of a student who is self-disciplined and one who understands that he/she can control his/her own behavior. Student discipline is viewed as a learning opportunity and every interaction of this nature should be handled in a timely manner that encourages student accountability and responsibility while fostering student choice. Russell Elementary School and Rumney Rangers expects that all students will adhere to the following standards of behavior.

- Students will act in a respectful, polite and courteous manner, at all times.
- Students will understand that the safety of every child is essential and that their actions can affect another child in a detrimental manner.

BEHAVIOR	CONSEQUENCE
<p>Level 1: Minor Offenses: These offenses cause minor disruption of Ranger activities. Violation of these offenses may result in exclusion of Rangers activities for the rest of the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rude insensitive behavior to others - misuse of school and/or personal property - disregard of school rules. 	<p>Level 1: 1. Verbal reprimand: Verbal counseling by a staff member. These are generally warnings corrections & modeling of more acceptable behaviors.</p> <p>2. Take Charge: Student is removed from activity for a short period of time to reflect on the offense. This is followed up with a conversation with staff member with regards to making better choices.</p> <p>3. Removal from activity: Student is removed from all activities for the remainder of the activity period & may include all activities for the remainder of the day.</p>

BEHAVIOR

Level 2 Offenses: The following are considered major offenses and the first violation will normally result in a one day suspension from Rumney Rangers.

The following offenses may earn a minimum of a one day suspension from Rangers but may result in a more serious consequence of multi-day suspension.

Included but not limited to:

- Disobedience, disrespect, lying, cheating, defacing or destruction of school property or property of others.

- Use of obscene or inappropriate language, gestures, drawing, photographs or writing.

- Use of threatening language, gestures, etc.

- Any form of harassment, physical, verbal or written.

- Fighting / assault

CONSEQUENCE

Level 2 Consequences: At this level the child has shown an inability or willingness to conform to the reasonable rules of Rangers. For any level 2, suspension from Ranges for at least one day. Notification of this suspension will be provided the day before. The number of days of the suspension will be determined by the severity of the offense and the number of times a suspension has had to be implemented for the child.

BEHAVIOR

Level 3 Behavior: Handled by Rumney Rangers Program Director

CONSEQUENCES

Level 3 Consequences: The student has exhibited an extended history of discipline infractions or demonstrated flagrant disregard for the reasonable rules of Rangers and has shown little response to other levels of rehabilitation. At this point, it may be in the best interest of the afterschool program if the child be removed permanently from the afterschool setting.

PARENT CONFERENCES

- Parents will be notified in person and in writing of any disciplinary action involving Rangers suspension or request for expulsion.

- Parents may request a conference in regard to their child / children at any time. The date and time will be determined as quickly as possible by mutual agreement of the parent and Rumney Rangers Program Director.

