

## Secondary Education Monthly Update to Board of Education

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March 2018



### Raytown High School

#### Academic Focus

- Critical Thinking & Argumentative Writing: Teachers are currently scoring the fourth round of argumentative writing. We continue to see overall growth from students. Recently the Building Leadership Team took time to reflect on the long-term changes. We have been pleased to see how students are more accustomed to and familiar with the process. They are well versed in the terminology and format of argumentative writing. We still identify students need to improve in their abilities to identify textual evidence that supports their claim and in their abilities to clearly connect the evidence to their argumentative claim.
- College Ready Writers Project: The RHS English Department has worked collaboratively with coaches from the Greater Kansas City Writers Project to develop specific lessons and skills within the framework of the College Ready Writers Project framework, which allows teachers to approach separate aspects of the complex skill of argumentative writing. Teachers have worked to implement units together and to collaborate to evaluate student work to see what next steps students need based on the assessment information. Teachers are currently implementing a self-chosen unit, chosen to best help their students. Conversations in these sessions have been in-depth and expansive, allowing teachers to reflect on their experiences and discuss the next steps that will best help students. This work is a part of a \$20,000 federal grant that RHS, Jeff Dierking, and the Greater Kansas City Writers Project collaborative wrote last spring.

#### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- RHS Girls' Swimming and Diving: Sydney Jackson (12<sup>th</sup>) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the State Swimming and Diving meeting meet in diving. Ligia Valencia (12<sup>th</sup>) finished 13<sup>th</sup> diving at the state meet as well.
- RHS Boys' Basketball: The Varsity Boys Basketball team is currently 14-11 as they head into district play.
- RHS Girls' Basketball: Lady Jays are Currently 5-17 heading into district play.
- RHS Wrestling: Eli Jimenez (12<sup>th</sup>) and Lamar Stewart (12<sup>th</sup>) qualified for the state wrestling meet.
- RHS Theatre: The musical, Fiddler on the Roof, was a huge success. The show had large crowds all three nights.
- RHS FBLA: The following students placed at the District Contest: Brianna DiCapo (9<sup>th</sup>)—6<sup>th</sup> Intro to Business Communications, Trae Hawkins (9<sup>th</sup>)—4<sup>th</sup> Computer Applications, Neftali Ruiz(11<sup>th</sup>)—3<sup>rd</sup> Public Speaking & 1<sup>st</sup> Impromptu Speaking.
- RHS Spring Sports: All springs sports started practices on Monday, March 26 and are off to a good start.

#### Upcoming School Events

- RHS Sports Booster Bingo Night: March 3 at 6:00 pm—RHS Cafeteria
- RHS Louder Than a Bomb: March 8 at 6:00 pm—The Kansas City Arts Coalition—River Market
- RHS Orchestra & Band Pre-Contest Concert: March 27 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium

## Raytown South High School

### Academic Focus

- The Advisory Leadership Team has put together lessons for advisory. In February we focused on Digital Citizenship.
- Congratulations FCCLA members on a job well done! We had four students receive Gold medals and advance to State and two students receive silver medals! Mrs. Brentlinger and Ms. Playter are proud of all their hard work!
- Morgan VanRoss- gold medal/state qualifier- Recycle Redesign
- Alexis Jefferson and Dawson Schmutzler- gold medal/state qualifier- Hospitality and Tourism
- Chiamaka Madu- gold medal/state qualifier-Sports Nutrition
- Abigail Ruhman- gold medal/state qualifier - Illustrated Talk
- LeAnne McGee- silver medal- Fashion Design
- Jennifer Energybie, Nia Lewis, and Cortiana Jackson- silver medal- Entrepreneurship. Jennifer also won a spot as a Regional Officer.
- Congratulations to Speech and Debate for taking sweepstakes in the Speech events at our conference tournament! Every single student placed.

### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- The District recognized the 2017-2018 Raytown School District Board of Education as part of Missouri School Board Appreciation Week for their contributions to our schools and community and their focus on the education of students in Raytown at the Grandview basketball game. Thank you for all you do!
- These students were the top 40 out of over 400 essays at SHS for the MLK essay contest. They will all receive a \$25 gift certificate next week during Advisory class and their picture in the twitter. Thank you Ms. Hazel and Dr. Moore. Way to represent! Winning Essays: Allison Deshotels, Patrick Walton, M'Shara Peters, Erin Prentice, Nia Rhyme, Brittany Riddell, Kylee Simmons, Kale Sipes, Jazmyn Smith-Reed, Demetrios Walker, Mikkell Mitchel, Zakia Thomas, Elijah Washington, Thessa Ryan, Kennedi Franks, Gabrielle Weaver, Haley Baker, Angelia Reddell, Travon Thurman, Nekhi Doctrine, Angelaya Carter, Jasmine Alcontara, Austin Baxter, Elasia Bradley, Sonyai Carson, Raevon Carter, Megan Cartmell, Kyla Chase, Kaymen Chase, Laney Cole, Donovan Cusick, Dwa-Vi Deslouches, Jahmar iDoctrine, Shakala Goodwin, Candace Hayes, Frierson Ja'Aire, Taylor Johnson, Hannah Koger, Ethan McIntyre, Shelbi Miller
- **State Qualifiers FBLA:** Joshua Blew: 2nd Place: Personal Finance (top 5), Kurt Ramirez: 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Personal Finance (top 5), Alexander Omorodion: 5<sup>th</sup> place: Business Math Calculation & 5<sup>th</sup> place (medal) Computer Application. Top Ten in their events: Vonneisha Philipps: Health Care Admin, Sergio Ulloa: Computer Application, Hanna Koger: Health Care Admin

### Raytown South Signing Day - February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Name	Letters	Senior Year Awards	Other Sports	School	City	Conference
Jaron Burks	3 Letters	HM All Conf – WR	Basketball, Track	Missouri State University	Springfield, MO	FCS Division Missouri Valley
Jahmel Boarman	3 Letters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All Conf – DL  All District – DL	Basketball	Missouri Western University	St. Joseph, MO	Division 2

						Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics
Jamaun Booker	2 Letters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All Conf – RB HM All Conf – LB	Track	Quincy University	Quincy, Il	Division 2- Great Lakes Valley Conf
Landon Montgomery	2 Letters	HM All Conf – QB MOFCA – Hands Team	Track, Basketball	Truman State University	Kirksville, MO	Division 2- Great Lakes Valley Conf
Patrick Walton	2 Letters		Baseball	Northwest Missouri State University	Maryville, MO	Division 2 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics
John Burnett	2 Letters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All Conf – LB All District – LB	Baseball	Westminster University	Fulton, MO	Division 3 – St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Terrell Dawson	2 Letters		Wrestling, Track	William Penn University	Oskaloosa, Iowa	NAIA – Heart of America Conf
Donny Locke Jr	2 Letters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All Conf – DB	Track, Basketball	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	NAIA – Heart of America Conf
Jimmy Williams	2 Letters	HM All Conf – DL	Track	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	NAIA – Heart of America Conf
Tyren Clark	3 Letters	1 <sup>st</sup> Team All Conf – OL All District – OL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All-State – OL	Basketball, Track	Iowa Western CC	Council Bluffs, IA	Iowa Community College Athletic Conference

		2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Media All-State-OL				
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### Upcoming School Events

- The CBI classes at Raytown South High School, Raytown High School, and Northwood are participating in 3 Culver's Night fundraising events for Job Olympics this semester to raise money towards the entry fee for Job Olympics.
- Job Olympics is an opportunity for students to practice and get feedback on real-life job skills connected to their areas of interest. Students practice interviewing skills, job performance skills, and communication skills in a fun and supportive atmosphere. Our students are so excited for Job Olympics and are already hard at work on their skills.

## Raytown Middle School

### Academic Focus

- RMS participated in the first GLA practice test for both ELA and math. The goal of the assessments is to expose students to the type of questions, e.g. length of the assessment and structure of test questions and to provide students with the opportunity to experience the testing interface and new question types they will see in the spring assessment. The goal for teachers is to provide the opportunity to observe students interacting with the computer interface; software and tech tools, provide time to view new assessment question structures/scoring, review standards and to analyze data generated with score reports during DRT. Results of the practice test will be used as an instructional guide by teachers to prepare students for the spring assessment.
- **Health/PE** The RMS physical education classes exhibited great gains in our semester long SMART goal of increasing cardiovascular fitness among all physical education students. This fitness component was pretested at the start of the school year and practiced weekly. The post test was administered at the end of the semester by using the pacer test which is used across the state to measure cardiovascular fitness. Also, PE students reflected growth in the cognitive aspects of rules, history, and vocabulary associated with all six activity units within the RMS physical education curriculum. This growth was shown via unit pre/post test scores monitored throughout the semester. In regards to health curriculum, data teams worked diligently to standardize the health pre/post assessments across all three middle schools, in preparation for implementing this information second semester across the middle school program.

### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- **Spring Conferences:** Spring parent-teacher conferences were held on February 13 and 15 at RMS in the gymnasium and cafeteria. Teachers worked diligently to contact 100 percent of our parents and were successful in contacting 95 percent. I continue to be impressed with the effort teachers put into contacting parents, with follow up continuing into the next week. Teachers had productive meetings with parents; planning schedules for next year, while also communicating updates and setting up tutoring for students needing additional support.
- **RMS Radio Club**  
Raytown Middle School's Radio Club is new this year. RMS Radio is a monthly broadcast written and produced by students at RMS. KUAW Radio, an urban community station is partnering with Raytown Middle School to allow our students to give the city, state and country a view of the positive aspects of our students, their activities, our staff and school community. RMS Radio also has a worldwide reach and a fan following. Students are able to broadcast new content on the last

Thursday of each month as well as older content every other Thursday at 7:00 pm on [www.kuaw.org](http://www.kuaw.org). KUAW, which stands for Knowledge Understanding and Wisdom, is an internet radio station that streams worldwide via the World Wide Web. This station is FCC certified.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

- PTA Council at RMS Monday February 26, 2018
- World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser March 5 to March 16
- Spring Break March 19-23

#### **Raytown South Middle School**

##### **Academic Focus:**

- This month, South Middle will be focused on implementing Tovani's literacy strategies across classrooms in all content areas. We're focusing specifically on "Setting a Purpose" and "Fix-up Strategies" which include:

- Making connections – text to self, text to text, text to world
- Making predictions
- Holding your thinking

It is our goal to drastically increase the frequency with which we engage students in reading during instructional time and establish a basic common structure and language with how we infuse literacy into our classrooms.

- **Parent/Community/Activity Focus:**

Ms. Danielle Mesecher, South Middle STUCO sponsor, organized a service project for our students to volunteer at Harvesters. Students were able to pack over four pallets of frozen food and get them shipped to various pantries across the city.

##### **Upcoming School Events**

- RSMS Chipotle Night – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. 50% of profits will go back to RSMS PTSA.

#### **Raytown Central Middle School**

##### **Academic Focus**

- February has been a great month here at RCMS! We once again held our spring Enrollment Parent-Teacher conferences this month. Enrollment conferences continue to be well attended! Parents and students had the opportunity to once again have input in the course selection process for the 18-19 school year with their Advisory teacher during these conferences.
- Teacher observations and walk throughs allowed us to observe some great collaborative learning again this month. Many teachers are continuing to incorporate collaborative learning activities throughout their units where students are engaging in more academic conversations and/or some teachers are using the station teaching strategy. In addition, students continue to engage in electronic collaboration more frequently through Actively Learn activities and the use of google classroom.

##### **Parent/Community/Activity Focus**

- Raytown Youth Sports have had another great competitive basketball season.
- Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Sports have officially drawn to a close for this season. Our student athletes worked hard to build their skills athletically, and represented RCMS well!

##### **Upcoming School Events**

- Our Music programs will be holding their contest concerts in the coming month.
- Spring Sports kick off Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Raytown Success Academy**

### **Academic Focus**

- Small Reading intervention groups (Elementary)
- Small Math intervention groups (Elementary)
- Deeper Level Questioning (DOK 3 & 4)
- Vocabulary Development – All grades

### **Parent/Community/Activities**

- Pancake Breakfast March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Trister Celebration – March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Pancake Breakfast – March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Level Celebration – March 29<sup>th</sup>

## **Herndon Career Center**

### **Academic Focus**

- Second year students in Art & Graphic Design are working on their AP portfolios preparing them for submission.
- Construction students are working with industry professionals to build a house in the shop space.
- Law enforcement students are preparing for their mock critical incident that will involve several agencies.
- We had over 530 applications at the first priority deadline for next year applications.

### **Parent/Community/Activity Focus**

- SkillsUSA students competed during February in regional competition.
  - Carmen Galindo, Nursing, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Job Skill Demo.
  - Sevren Bird, Welding, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Written Welding Test.
  - Hughdell Gwinn, Diesel, won the Diesel Written Test. He will compete at State in April.
- Culinary arts students won both the JCCC Culinary competition and the ProStart state competition. They will compete in Rhode Island at the end of April.
  - Levi Barkley, Jeremiah Bell, and Elizabeth Wells are all from Raytown South High School.
  - Jonathon Hernandez is from Raytown High School.
- Teachers held Parent Teacher Conferences during the second full week of February.

### **Upcoming School Events**

- May 2: Awards Night
- May 10: Meet the Teacher Night

## **Northwood**

### **Academic Focus**

- Individualized Education Goals/Objectives
- MAP-A Instructional Window
- Behavior Goals/Objectives
- Community Work Experience
  - Raytown Wellness Center
  - Raytown Technology Department
- Community Based Instruction
  - Raytown Library

- Taco Bell

**Parent/Community/Activity Focus**

- Parent/Teacher Conference – Parents and students toured two local sheltered workshops as possible options for post-secondary employment. A total of 27 parents, students and teachers attended the tours.

**Upcoming School Events**

- Community Based Instruction will continue in March.
- Music / Art Show April 24