



DID YOU KNOW

December 2022

Ray of Hope Honorees



Nalini Portillo-Cruz, 8th grade student at Raytown Central Middle School, submitted by advisory teacher Melissa Hays.

Nalini excels in the classroom setting with consistent high

grades. She is intelligent, thoughtful with her responses, hard-working, and extremely kind to her peers. She is also active in the school community, forming part of the yearbook club, cross country team, drama productions, student council, and more.

Nalini is a talented violinist who actively participates in orchestras outside of the district, including the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. She was selected as the first chair violinist in the Kansas City All-Districts Middle School Level Orchestra and recently played in the 25th Anniversary concert of the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.



Nichole Hartnett, Norfleet Elementary Art Teacher, submitted by Norfleet principal Lori Kang.

Nichole is a Ray of Hope for the Norfleet community because of her positive, hopeful, joyful attitude she

gives to all those around her. She makes art class fun and meaningful, motivating all students to let their creativity shine through their artwork. She sees the good in everyone and she shows patience and understanding to those in need of some extra support or encouragement.

Nichole has balanced changing departments, learning a new curriculum for six grade levels, setting up a vastly different classroom, and teaching art to all 290 students with a positive attitude, huge heart, and an even bigger desire to impact her entire school.

Happening at RQS



Missouri State Highway Patrol Sgt. Stewart discussed career opportunities with HCC Law Enforcement/ Police Science students.



Little Blue hosted Pastries with Parents and it was a huge success! Students, families, and staff were full of donuts and plenty of smiles.



The RHS boys swim team 200 free relay took 6th in the state with a time of 1:30.85.

HCC Awarded \$400,000 to support students, curriculum, and facilities

Congratulations to HCC on being awarded a \$400,000 Guidance for Missouri's Area Career Center Opportunity Grant. Awarded grant funds can be used to support the district's enhancement of CTE capacity by providing greater opportunities for students participating and engaging in CTE, or for updating and modernizing CTE facilities, infrastructure, and necessary equipment.

Upcoming Dates

Early Dismissal PK-12
Tues., Dec. 20

No School - Winter Break
Wed., Dec. 21 - Mon., Jan. 2

No School - Teacher Professional Work Day
Tues., Jan. 3

Classes Resume
Wed., Jan. 4



RQS United Way Campaign

The district participated in a week long United Way campaign that took place from Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18. The district raised a total of \$2,085.