

Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



October 2018

Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- RHS staff participated in a variety of professional learning opportunities on September 11. Teachers had opportunity to more deeply learn about argumentative writing teaching strategies. They also had opportunity to learn about and practice researched based instructional practices. Finally, the staff received training on Super Test Day protocols and procedures to ensure a successful experience for our students.
- Super Test Day was a success. 9th grade students received presentations from the grade level team focused on successful high school behaviors and they took the physical fitness assessment. 10th grade students took the Pre-ACT, 11th grade students took the Practice-ACT, and 12th grade students choose between the AccuPlacer or the ASVAB assessment.
- All students have now completed the first round our school-wide argumentative writing prompts. This was done by every teacher and in every class. Teachers are currently collaboratively scoring the writing samples and developing plans to address performance and instructional issues as evidenced by the student work.

Parent/Community Focus

- **RHS Math Club** had a successful showing at the Cole Camp Math Relay. The following students placed at the Relay: Tabitha Bartlett: (9th)--3rd place-Overall Freshman; 1st place - Geometry 9; 3rd place - Freshman Team; 3rd place - Word Problems 9; 7th place - Hodge Podge; 10th place - Algebra 9; Jodi Hoffman (9th): 3rd place - Freshman Team; 10th place - Geometry 9; Isaac Yzaquirre(10th): 5th place - Sophomore Team; 8th place - Algebra 10, 10th place - Word Problems 10; 8th place - Random History; Yamila Chavez (10th): 5th place - Sophomore team; Madison Dorth (11th): 5th place - Junior Team; 8th place Trigonometry; 9th place Algebra 11; 9th place Random Science; Tiffany Lin (11th): 4th place Calculus; 5th place - Senior Team; 10th place Trigonometry
Halle McConnell: 2nd place - Random Science; 5th place - Junior Team; 5th place Calculus; Briana Salinas (12th): 5th place - Senior Team; 6th place Calculus; 7th place Trigonometry.
- **RHS Football** is currently 4-1. D'Vonte Key (11th) was HyVee Player of the week after his performance versus William Chrisman. The next home game is against Fort Osage on October 5th.
- **Girls' Golf** took 3rd for conference and 4 girls medaled! Jenna Poynter (12th): 3rd place with a 100, Sirneh Asangwe (10th): 8th place with a 113, Tasia Moore (12th): 10th place with a 116, Awah Asangwe (9th): 15th place with a 128.

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Upcoming School Events

- Fall RHS Choir Concert--October 11 at 7:00 pm--RHS Auditorium
- Fall Orchestra Concert--October 16 at 6:00 pm--RHS Auditorium

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Building Professional Development activities this year so far have included:
- Book study beginning of Growth Mindset in PLCs, It's Learning, Engagement and Motivation, and Super Test Day.
- Technology Support with TLTs that included: Google Classroom, Sisk12/360, Actively Learn, It's Learning, PGP/Britelocker. Smart Notebook
- Super Test Day:
 - Freshman: Presentations and Fitness Testing
 - Sophomores: PreACT
 - Juniors: Practice ACT
 - Seniors: Ted Talk , Graduation planning meeting with Principal
- Dr. Moore met with our staff during building professional development and worked with us on cultural competency and increasing parent involvement.

Parent/Community Focus

- Jatyra Harris, SHS alumni is showcased on an I-70 westbound highway billboard, highlighting her success as a part of the MIC early bachelor degree program! Way to represent!
- Citizens Advisory Committee from SHS include: Lakia Eldridge, Johnae Wilson, Bailey Sims, Jailyn Wendt, Jacob Dodd, Raju Nichols, Donovan Cusick, Ethan McIntyre, Josh Blew, Nash Overfield, Kobe Campbell, Alexis May. Also on the CAC are the Student Council Executive Board which includes: President: Brissa Gonzalez, Vice-Pres: Camila Letts, Vice-Pres: Cristina Benitez, Secretary: Sonyai Carson, Historian: Kennidie Lanear
- Marching Band performed in the HBCU Community Parade in Kansas City, MO. Nice job, everyone!

Upcoming School Events

- Students will be attending a Leadership Development Conference with DECA and FBLA. Hannah Krogh, Kennidie Lanear, Noah Morissey, Lakia Clark, Matt Owen, Clark Lynch, Imani Baker, Tye Childress, Von'Neisha Phillips
- Safe and Civil Schools Student Survey coming up. 10/17 - Fresh, 10/16 - Soph, 10/9 - Jrs, 10/10 - Seniors

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Raytown Middle School Academic Focus Math

- Sixth Grade Sixth grade students just completed Unit One: Area and Surface Area with their Post-Test this week on the block days. They are now looking forward to tackling unit two, which focuses upon ratios and ratio language. Students are working collaboratively to learn math techniques as well as learning responsibility for their math folders and note-taking/practice problems completed throughout the first Trister in preparation for their first Post Test. Students have a strong start to the process!
- Seventh Grade In seventh grade math, students finished their first unit on scaled copies and scale drawings. Students learned how to use appropriate tools to measure, how to use and identify scales, and how to check for similarity. Students are beginning their new unit on Proportional relationships, where students will learn how to identify proportional relationships and find constants of proportionality. Seventh graders are working hard to tackle problems on their own first, before asking for help and increasing their class participation.
- Eighth Grade In Pre-Algebra (8th Grade math), students have recently completed their first unit on transformations. Students used their math toolkits to learn “how to” apply transformations using tracing paper and index cards. Students enjoy using the different tools to experiment with math and find their own answers! Students are beginning their new unit on dilations and slope, where students will continue their use of math tools to discover new techniques and apply them to slope.
- **Parent/Community/Activity Focus**
 - **Morning Huddles:** In an effort to support the SEL initiative, RMS teachers meet for grade level “Morning Huddles” twice a week prior to the start of the school day. Meetings are 10 minutes in length to touch base on and highlights for the day with students or building matters. At the onset, the focus was to start with calming strategies/meditation techniques to support students in the classroom. SEL team members model techniques for their team members and teachers follow up with by sharing out how the techniques are working in the next session. Each team member comes prepared with one goal/outcome they completed the day before, as well as one outcome that they will complete by the next scheduled huddle time. The meeting ends in a team cheer, “Go Bluejays!”
 - **PBS Assembly:** The goal of the assembly was to review positive behavior goals (PBS) in a fun and engaging way as well as highlight clubs and programs at RMS. The annual fashion show is a big hit with new teachers modeling school wide procedures such as dress code, cell phones and hall behavior. School pride goals were presented and sports teams were acknowledged. It was a great introduction to the school year!

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- **Upcoming School Events**
 - MS Parent-Teacher Conferences - October 16 and 18
 - RMS Fundraiser Pick up - October 3
 - Picture retakes – October 22
 - United Way Spirit Week-- October 15-19

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- September has been a busy and productive month for South Middle. Teachers and students have had a great trister and we're off to a strong start. Sept. 11th was a Professional Development day and teachers spent time engaged in four different sessions.
 - Teaching with Technology
 - Trauma Informed Practices for the Classroom
 - Literacy Instruction across content areas
 - Fundamental Five: Formula for Quality Instruction

Parent/Community Focus

- On Friday, Sept. 21st, SM enjoyed the first Pep assembly of the year. Fall Sports coaches and players were recognized - Marissa Romero and the band performed South fight song. Staff vs. Student faculty volleyball game resulted in the first staff loss in 12 years. Students were excited about the win.

Upcoming School Events

- Oct. 16th and 18th Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 30th Half Day for Teacher PD

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Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Raytown Central Middle Ravens have been rocking and rolling through September! Our Teacher Leaders have been hard at work setting up mentoring opportunities with our new teachers, and organizing professional learning opportunities for October that will focus on differentiation strategies to try.
- Our staff has spent time engaging in some excellent professional learning as it relates to our Cultural Competency plan for this school year. Our ½ day PD was spent learning more about trauma awareness. We learned specifically about attachment disorders and the impact to students' learning environment when they have experienced trauma and loss. Our building Trauma team put together an excellent afternoon of learning.
- Our weekly DRT meetings are off to a great start this year. The collaboration and planning that is taking place amongst teachers is definitely evident in their practice in the classroom, and it is exciting to continue to watch our teachers go deeper!

Parent/Community Focus

- Fall Sports and Activities are in full swing. Unfortunately, our 3rd annual RAVEN Tailgate for our Purple/Silver football game was cancelled due to inclement weather this past month.
- Our Cross Country and Volleyball teams are also off to a strong start.

Upcoming School Events

- We are looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences in October and meeting with our parents to share more information about how their student(s) are progressing academically.

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Restorative Justice and Conflict Resolution Curriculum Training
- Resilience Curriculum Implementation
- Implementation of small social skills groups for: Conduct Problems, Hyperactivity, Peer problems and Prosocial
- Building Book Study - Help for Billy
- Super Test Day: Sophomores: PreACT, Juniors: Practice ACT and Seniors: College and Career Readiness

Parent/Community Focus

- Family Fun Night on Trauma Care
- Conflict Resolution Meetings
- Care Team Meetings

Upcoming School Events

- Attendance Celebration

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- PAC (Passing All Classes) Celebration
- Level System Quarterly Celebration
- Pancake Breakfast
- Safe and Civil School Student Survey - Week of October 8th

Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized IEP Goals
- Building Communication Goal
 - NW - Students will be able to ask for help.
 - NWSA - Students will be able to communicate appropriately.
- Building Behavior Goal
- Students will display appropriate behavior, therefore decreasing the number of major behavior across the school.

Parent/Community Focus

- IEP meetings with parents and outside agencies (KCRO, EITAS, Rediscover)
- Speech Language Pathologist working with parents to obtain students own communication device through Ability KC.

Upcoming School Events

- Parent/Student Tour of Job One (Sheltered Workshop)-this will help parents understand employment options for their student.
- Community Based Instruction will start in October.
- L.I.F.E. program students will start working at Raytown Wellness Center

Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

- Foundations of Nursing students are practicing skills in preparation for their first round of clinicals beginning October 2. UMKC Nursing Capstone students are working with HCC students to practice the skills and also answer questions students may have in regards to nursing school.
- Students in Advertising & Graphic Design are simultaneously working on two major projects. Students are working on their photography and editing skills for all HCC student ID pictures which are necessary for clinical and job sites. Students are working on rebranding marketing materials for the Comets professional indoor soccer team.

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Parent/Community Focus

- Herndon Culinary Students hosted the concession stand at the BMX Mid America Nationals competition September 21-23. Students created the menu which was more upscale than traditional concession stand food. Attendees made several remarks at the event that it was the best concession food they had ever had.
- Staff utilized the ½ day Professional Development time to visit industry and make additional connections for our students through internships and other instructional supports and opportunities.

Upcoming School Events

- CEC Tour: October 9
- Parent Teacher Conferences: October 15 & 18
- FAFSA Frenzy: October 18 5 - 7 pm
- Advisory Committee Meetings: October 30
- Community Open House: November 8 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Students in Animal Health went on a behind the scenes tour of the Rhino exhibit. Students were able to touch a rhino and learn more about the rhinos at the KC Zoo.
- Students in the Education Exploration strand are completing their first two week internship. Students will complete three additional internships this semester to gain perspective on multiple levels and areas of concentration.
- Second year students in Technology Solutions began their internships midway through September. Students report back once a week to work on projects and to reflect on their internship experiences.

Parent/Community Focus

- Students in Animal Health help create the educational activities for World Rhino Day at the Zoo. The KC Zoo shared many photos on their Facebook page of the students engaging with zoo patrons.

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