# **Blue Ridge Elementary**

## **Celebrations:**

- **Contributions:** Blue Ridge was thrilled to celebrate the top sellers for the district Major Saver fundraiser with a yummy Kona Ice! Kaidyion Wyatt, Karon Marshall, Danielle Tarrant, Chrislynn Drummond, and Karissa McAllister all sold cards to benefit the district.
- Read-a-Thon: Our Read-a-Thon celebration assembly was one for the record books! We raised \$12,278.00 and read 162,380 minutes and received 20 or more pies in the face to celebrate a love of reading!
- **Food Truck Love:** Staff members at Blue Ridge and New Trails had the opportunity to order lunch and eat it outside from the food truck "A Taste of Kansas City". Apparently, the way to an RQS staff member's heart is through their stomach!

#### **Academic Focus:**

- **Cultural Competency:** Teachers Expanded their schema and understanding about cultural competency through their "I Am" Poems as a foundation for deeper connectivity with students, parents, and stakeholders.
- **In-Depth Planning:** Teachers spent time in teams planning lessons to help students end the year on a high note academically and encourage academic growth until the very last day of school.

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

- Earth Day: Blue Ridge Blue Jays took the community by storm on Earth Day by cleaning up trash for the surrounding neighbors and community members to better the environment! We even received a thank you note from a community member who was thrilled with our efforts!
- **Hunger Games:** The Blue Jays collected loads of canned goods to support REAP in their efforts to support families in Raytown who are in need.
- Clothing Closet Success: Thanks to Graceway Church donations the Blue Ridge clothing closet has been providing much needed clothing to our little Blue Jays. Meeting students' basic needs, helps students feel good about themselves and gives them what they need to achieve academically.

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

• May 18 5th Grade Picnic at Coleman Park

• May 20 5th Grade Celebration

May 24 INSPIRE Incentive

May 26 Blue Jay FUN Day



# **Eastwood Hills Elementary**

#### **Celebrations:**

- Battle of the Brains: We are SOOO proud to announce that four Eastwood fifth grade students were on the winning Raytown Elementary Challenge team who took the GRAND PRIZE in the Burns & McDonnell Battle of the Brains Competition. Jordyn Thatcher, Jaden Stone, William Garcia, and Stevan August were members of the Riveting Robotics first place team!! The team earned a \$50,000 grant, and the team's proposal will be brought to life at <a href="Science City at Union Station">Science City at Union Station</a>. The proposal showcases how robots help surgeons perform microscopic surgeries, clean ocean pollution, and better understand other planets. Eastwood students are so SMART!
- Hunger Games: As is our custom, Eastwood students and families SMASHED the district goal of 1000
  perishable food item donations as part of the Hunger Games. A day before the conclusion of the
  food drive, Eastwood students had contributed over 2,000 items, the second highest collection from
  an Elementary building in the district! Eastwood students are so GENEROUS!

#### **Academic Focus:**

• **Finishing Strong:** After the conclusion of MAP testing, EW teachers met in PLC/Data Review Teams to focus instruction for the rest of the year in mathematics on the most prioritized skill for 2022/23 readiness and success. In the area of reading, teachers are continuing to work with students on targeted reading skills in small groups, reaching toward our end of year target of 80% of students reading words on grade level. Additionally, teachers are intentionally broadening non-fiction content and read-alouds into whole group instruction to strengthen background knowledge for reading comprehension. EASTWOOD students are LEARNERS!

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

- Culver's Night: Eastwood students and teachers served food at the Independence Culvers Thursday, April 28th as part of a PTA fundraiser. It was so fun to show off our stuff to the community, have fun, and raise money in the process!! Eastwood students are so HELPFUL!
- **District Chorus:** Eastwood students Parker Taylor and Clara Felix participated in the District Chorus this year and the culminating concert April 22nd, led by EW music teacher, Jake Adamson. Way to go Eastwood students! Eastwood students are so MUSICAL!
- Book Vending Machine: The PTA is in the process of purchasing a book vending machine for Eastwood Hills! The machine will be placed in a central location in the building so that students can make book purchases using their school dollars. This purchase is possible thanks to the students and families of EWH who read and provided pledge donations during our March Read-A-Thon!! Eastwood students love to READ!

# **Upcoming School Events:**

• May 3, 4:30 p.m. EWH PTA Meeting

May 4 Bike/Roll to School Day!

May 5 Kindergarten and Functional Skills Field Trip to Coterie Theater

• May 11, 3:45 p.m. EW Staff Retirement Celebration

• May 12, 6:30 p.m. Elementary Orchestra Concert @ SHS

May 13 Score 1 for HealthMay 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

• May 26, 8:30 a.m. Fifth Grade Recognition Breakfast



# **Fleetridge Elementary**

#### **Celebrations:**

• School Librarians Week: The week of Apr. 18 we recognized our librarian Stephanie Howell and library Clerk Karen Mahabir for all that they do to support literacy at FR. Administrative & After School Professionals Day: In April we recognized our office team, Andrea and Dione for all they do to help FR run smoothly. We also celebrate our GE team Ms. Dee and Sheryl for managing a great before and after school program at FR. Great work ladies! Admin Intern Day: Admin. Intern Day nationally known as Asst. Principal's Day was a time we recognized some of the hardest working people in the school setting. We celebrated our very own Melissa Glasco for all that she does to support our staff and students. Staff Appreciation: May 2-6 we will recognize our staff for all they have done to make FR a wonderful place to learn and grow. We can not say thank you enough for your leadership FR team!

#### **Academic Focus:**

DRT w/CRT: Reading and Math specialist led collaborative conversations with gr. Level teams
focusing on student achievement and next steps. Keeping a pulse on student success is our
priority

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

- **ELA/Art Fair Family Night:** Our first in person family event was a huge success. FR students and families were able to spend some time reading together, engage in using some literacy strategies, paint rocks, view student artwork, visit book fair and enjoy a sweet treat from PTA.
- **Cultural Competency:** Our Cultural Competency team created a survey for families during ELA/Art Fair Family Night. We are looking forward to reviewing the results to help create a sense of belonging for our students and families.
- **HUNGER GAMES Food Drive:** Our FR Community participated in the RHS HUNGER GAMES and collected over 1,000 cans of food. We truly enjoyed a week of friendly competition to support a worthy cause!

## **Upcoming School Events:**

• May 12 ELD Family Night

• May 13 5th Grade Fun Day

May 23 PBS Celebration

May 24 5th Grade Recognition

May 25 Field Day

May 26 Talent Show

May 27 Staff/Student Kick Ball





# **Laurel Hills Elementary**

#### **Celebrations:**

- Newest Leopards: Since our last update, we've welcomed TWO new babies at Laurel Hills.
   Functional Skills Teacher Melanie Ferguson welcomed daughter Elise on April 16. Fourth grade teacher Rachel Soliday welcomed daughter Olivia on April 26! These are babies #2 and #3 for us this spring!
- National Assistant Principals Week: During the week of April 4, Laurel Hills recognized our Elementary Admin Intern, Mrs. Frazier. Students made signs and decorations to recognize the hard work she does supporting students, staff, and families!
- Recognized Media Specialist and Library Clerk during Library Week: Also during the week of April 4, we celebrated Librarian Appreciation Week by recognizing the important roles of our Librarian, Mrs. Weinl, and our Library Clerk, Ms. Cindy.
- Administrative Professionals Day: On Wednesday, April 27 we recognized Administrative Professionals Day! Administrative Professionals Day gave us an opportunity to recognize the vital work of our Building Secretary, Ms. Nicole, and our Building Clerk, Ms. Christy.

#### **Academic Focus:**

• MAP Testing: Students worked hard during the April MAP testing window to "show what they know". Each third, fourth, and fifth grade classroom got a visit from Mr. Britt with tips on how to work hard and persevere. Teachers reported great effort, and we're proud of how hard all our students worked!

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

- Caring for Kids Project Indoor Recess Cabinets: Through collaboration with our Caring for Kids Partners, we've recently completed "Indoor Recess Cabinets" to supplement indoor play when the weather prevents us from going outside. These cabinets are full of card games, board games, creative play items, etc. These cabinets will be a great benefit during rainy spring and cold winter. We're thankful for the partnership!
- **HUNGER GAMES Food Drive:** Our LH Community is participating in the RHS sponsored HUNGER GAMES from April 25 April 29, with a goal of collecting 1,000 cans of food.

### **Upcoming School Events:**

- May 20 Career Day
- May 25 5th Grade Picnic and Recognition
- May 26 Fun Day
- May 27 Summer Fun Raffle Last Day of School

# **Little Blue Elementary**

#### **Celebrations:**

- **Terrific Kids-** A student from each class was nominated by their classroom teacher for demonstrating the March Character Trait of being Inquisitive!
- Girls on the Run- Mrs. Bartz, Mrs. Maring and Miss Been set up Girls on the Run for 5th grade girls at Little Blue. The group of 5th graders met with teachers after school every Tuesday and Thursday to work out and are taught research-based curriculum lessons about understanding themselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and recognizing how they can shape the world at large. The Little Blue group will be running at the Girls on the Run 5k which will be held May 21, 2022 at Swope Park!

#### **Academic Focus:**

- Trauma Smart- Mrs. Jennifer Missey and Mrs. Kaysie Saddler both attended a week long training
  on becoming a Trauma Smart Facilitator. With this training, both Mrs. Missey and Mrs. Saddler
  will be able to train new employees at Little Blue and in some instances new hires throughout
  the district.
- MAP Testing- Between April 12 and April 21, both in person and district virtual students took part in the state wide MAP Testing.
- Life Cycle Projects!- 3rd Graders in Mrs. Burkemper's, Ms. Criner's and Miss Bragaw's classrooms created Life Cycle projects where students learned about numerous animals and their life cycles and then picked one they wanted to present to the school!





## **Parent Community Focus:**

• **Title 1 Math and Reading Night-** Our Title 1 Math and Reading teachers have been planning this parent involvement night and currently putting on the final touches to make this night a success. Expect the event to be happening sometime in May.

## **Upcoming School Events:**

- May 24 4th Quarter PBIS Party
- May 26 Little Blue Field Day

# **Norfleet Elementary**

#### **Celebrations:**

- **Reading:** Our students are making some nice progress in reading! April had our largest percent of monthly growth we've seen this year, 4.4%!
- **Skate Night:** Norfleet families enjoyed the first skate night in over two years! It was a great night to skate, socialize, feel some "normalcy", and celebrate getting closer to the end of the Pandemic.
- **Kindness Kid 2nd Grade:** Our 2nd grade team is focusing on being kind to one another. Each week they are picking a few kindness kids from their classes to celebrate.
- **Kona Ice:** The Kona Ice truck came to bring cool treats to eight Knights who sold 10 or more Major Saver cards. This new incentive was a hit with the students! Kona Ice also treated all NF staff members to a shaved ice too. We appreciate Kona Ice's generosity!

#### **Academic Focus:**

- MAP Support: Norfleet kicked off MAP testing with a parade by our K-2 students to cheer on our 3-5 students to "do their best on the test." Primary students also made encouraging posters and cards for their big buddy classrooms.
- MAP Testing: Between April 12 and April 21, third fifth grade students took part in the state wide MAP Testing.
- **Spring Assessment Window:** Teachers recently reviewed the procedures for giving the STAR test, as well as the Math Number Sense Screener. Additionally, teachers will be testing students in letters/sounds, phonological and phonemic awareness, and fluency. Teachers are eager to assess each student and see how they are performing in math and reading, as well as create a plan to use this data in the future.

#### **Parent/Community Focus:**

- **Community Garden:** We recently partnered with the KC Community Garden to build planter beds in our courtyard. Students were able to help construct the bed and plant the crops we are growing. Students are also responsible for watering/taking care of the plants before we harvest them. Once they are harvested, students will be able to enjoy them and learn about them.
- **Food Drive:** Norfleet participated in RHS's Hunger Games to collect canned goods for REAP. Our students and staff collected 526 items.

# **Upcoming School Events:**

May 2-5 Book Fair
May 9-13 Career Week
May 12 PTA Skate Night

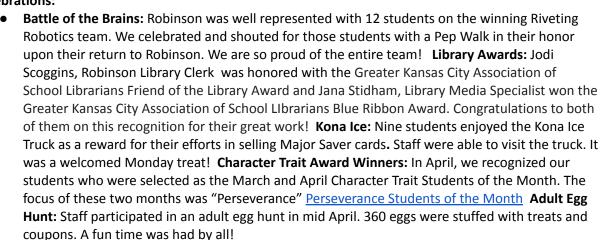
• May 13 5th Grade Recognition & Fun Day

• May 18 PBS Quarter 4 Parties



# **Robinson Elementary**

## **Celebrations:**



#### **Academic Focus:**

- MAP/GLA Testing: Robinson students in grades 3rd-5th recently completed state testing. All of us here were part of creating an atmosphere and culture of support and persistence. K-2 buddied up with our 3-5 classrooms and provided treats and notes of encouragement. Time was carved out to meet face to face as we work to use this as an opportunity to enhance our school community. A pep walk was held in honor and support of our 3rd-5th graders. We are so pleased with the efforts of our testers!
- Trauma Smart: Erik Dancy and Nicole Heggie recently completed the Trauma Smart Facilitator's Training. This week-long experience provided them additional training in Trauma Smart practices that will help our building in years to come. The rest of our staff is looking forward to our last two training modules. We have learned so much!

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

- **Hunger Games:** Robinson students, staff and families participated in the Hunger Games Food Drive in conjunction with RHS Student Council. One day before the competition ended, we already had over 1800 cans! So awesome!
- Career Day: After a two year break, we are excited to once again host a Career Day at Robinson! Our counselor, Allie Cook, has been busy organizing and coordinating this event that we are sure will be a hit with our students.

### **Upcoming School Events:**

May 18 Career Day
May 23 PBIS Party
May 25 Field Day

• May 26 5th Grade Farewell (in school) 6:00-8:00 p.m. 5th Grade Farewell (outside of school-PTA sponsored)—Rink Ratz in Blue Springs

May 27 Staff vs 5th Grade Kickball 9:30-10:30-Last Day of School--12:25 Dismissal)



# **Southwood Elementary**

#### Celebrations:

Cultural Community Committee: April 8, 2022 the Committee hosted a
paint night for SW staff, to kick back, relax, fellowship and paint. 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration
and Award Assembly: Our 3rd Quarter awards were presented by a virtual assembly. Our PBIS
Celebrations consisted of stations such as minute to win-it games, creating color slime, fun and
snacks. These activities were organized by SW admin Intern Claire Quinn & Clerk Briana Law.
 Support Staff of the year, Mrs. Roberta Scott, SW library clerk was recognized on April 14, 2022
at the district breakfast Admin Intern, Claire Quinn & Administrative Professionals, Secretary
Michelle Bragg & clerk, Briana Law were recognized for all of their hard work. Incoming
Superintendent Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox visited Southwood Elementary on April 2, 2022. She
visited several classrooms and interacted with staff and students. Mr. Flaherty's 2nd grade class
taught her a powerful encouragement chant in which her participation made their day.

#### **Academic Focus:**

- **Cultural Community Committee:** The Cultural Community Committee (book study members-Jon Flaherty, Eileen Fratzke, Kim Powell, Samantha Reames, Lori Reger & Claire Quinn) completed the book Courageous Conversations by Glenn Singleton. The purpose of the study was to create staff development training that addresses the relationship between race and achievement.
- Teachers: 1st Grade Teacher Samantha Reames & 2nd Grade Teacher Brandi Stringer presented to SW teachers on the basic structure of Differentiated Reading Instruction. They discussed how to analyze data to form small groups, suggestions of activities for independent work, and explained how they manage their classrooms and teach during DRI time. Th
- MAP Kick-Off: April 11, 2022 K-2 made signs posters, passed out treats and had a MAP kick-off
  parade to cheer on 3rd-5th graders. As they walked outside around the school they were
  encouraged to do their best on the test. The SW Roadrunner was present during this event.

#### Parent/Community Focus:

- Cerner Healthe Kids: Free health screenings of Southwood students took place on April 25, 2022. Kristin Wilson's 4th grade classroom was chosen to make a promotional video of the event. -PTA presented Donuts with Grown-ups: on April 8, it was an excellent turn-out.
- **Hunger Games:** SW Roadrunners collected loads of canned goods to support REAP in their efforts to support families in Raytown who are in need.
- Bingo For Books/ELA-Math Night: Blast into Math/ELAwith family & friends took place on April
  13, 2002 and Bingo for Books on April 28. It was great to see families, students and staff learning
  together while having a good time. These events were organized by our Title Math, Lori Reger &
  Reading, Amanda Stine specialist.

## **Upcoming School Events:**

May 4 PTA Night at PaneraMay 9 Principal's Breakfast

• May 13 Career day

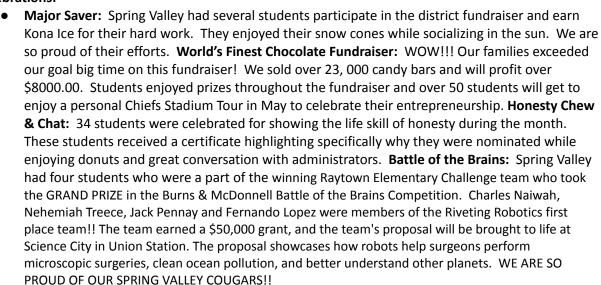
• May 20 Field day

May 23
 5th Grade Recognition/Talent Show, May 26, 5th Grade Talent Show



# **Spring Valley Elementary**

## **Celebrations:**



#### **Academic Focus:**

- **Cultural Competency:** Our team created a landing page for staff to share out movies, blogs, books and podcasts to broaden and engage our experiences, interactions and thinking in terms of various cultural dynamics.
- ReadingMath Small Group Instructional Focus: During April, teachers were able to participate
  in our Wednesday PD after testing to collaborate on our book study, <u>Start with Joy</u>. During our
  PD, teachers were able to discuss and share out the importance of read alouds daily, not only in
  terms of comprehension skills, but how they add so much building a classroom community and
  joy of reading. Teachers were also able to engage in a make and take Brag Book that they will do
  with their students to end the year.

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

- Hunger Games: Spring Valley families stepped up to help our community. They brought in over 1,800 can goods to support Raytown High School and REAP's Hunger Games Food Drive.
   Students were excited to bring canned goods daily, count them and bring them to the front to add to the overflowing barrels.
- **SV Culver's Night:** Spring Valley families and staff enjoyed another great evening together at our second Culver's Night for this school year. The night was a success and we raised over \$400.00.

## **Upcoming School Events:**

• May 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. 4th grade Wax Museum, Art Fair & Ice Cream Social

• May 17,5:00-6:00 p.m. Dance Club Recital

May 20 4th Qtr Color Splash PBIS Incentive
 May 24 Kindergarten/5th grade Celebration

• May 25 SV Field Day





# **Westridge Elementary**

#### Celebrations:

- Battle of the Brains- Congratulations to both 4th and 5th grade Challenge teams for making the Top 20 in the Battle of the Brains competition and Riveting Robotics for winning the competition! This team is made up of students from almost every elementary school. Students get to create the next exhibit at Science City and the program gets \$50,000!
- Caring for Kids, Dream Big Competition- Two WR students were recognized at the Caring for Kids gala for their entries for the Dream Big Competition. Fifth graders Tilly Davis was chosen for her entry in poetry and Clay Acton was an honorable mention for his artwork.

#### **Academic Focus:**

- Reading Comp Vertical Team- The comp vertical team has been doing a book study of Strategies
  that Work to determine what comprehension strategies we will focus on and what these
  practices will look like in lessons. The team has specifically identified what students will do in
  each lesson to apply the comp strategies and what teachers must do to effectively plan and
  teach said strategies.
- Math Vertical Teams- Math teams have developed a mastery calendar to determine what
  priority standards to consider for each unit in Reveal and connect how these standards build
  upon each other from unit to unit. This will guide our goal setting practices and strategy choices
  for next year.

## **Parent/Community Focus:**

• Literacy and Art Night- Lit Night and Art Fair was a huge success on Wed, 4/27. Student artwork was hung throughout the building for families to enjoy. Art work was chosen to represent specific stanzas of a poem. For Lit Night, families received the book, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind and participated in several activities related to the text.

## **Upcoming School Events:**

May 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
May 20, All Day
End of Year PTA BBQ
4Q Platinum Party

• May 23 Field Day

• May 24 Kindergarten Celebration

• May 26 5th Grade Fun Day

• May 27 Last Day and Talent Show

# **New Trails Early Learning Center**

## **Celebrations:**

- Children planted seeds on our new learning scape to celebrate Earth Day. Classes will continue to water and help take care of the plants.
- Caterpillars arrived and have started their process of changing into butterflies. Classes are charting their change and making predictions.
- We had 25 families attend our Messy Night. There were 79 people from all ages on the playground and learn scape making messes and having fun.

#### **Academic Focus:**

- Four year old classes have been studying how animals, plants, and people change and grow.
- Three year old classes have been studying healthy habits including learning to brush their teeth.
- Four year old classes are also working on ordinal numbers.
- We have held many meetings to transition children to kindergarten. We are starting to hold IEP
  meetings with elementary school staff and parents. Everyone is working together to make the
  transition to kindergarten as positive as possible.

# **Parent/Community Focus:**

- The Blue Ridge Mall Optimists gave treat bags to all the students for Easter.
- SB6 has started up their Friday outside playgroups at New Trails, 10:30-11:30.
- PAT hosted Splashing into Spring outside parent event Tuesday, April 26
- NewTrails hosted Messy Night outside Thursday, April 28

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

• May 19, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Retirement Open House

May 19, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Moving On
 May 24 Water Day
 May 26 School Picnic





# **Three Trails Preschool**

#### Celebrations:

- Amelia is such a sweet student. She is always patient with the other kids and participates in everything with happiness. We are glad she is part of our classroom!
- Ruth is kind to her friends and loves helping others.
- Annabelle has been working really hard at keeping her body in her space during learning times, and staying focused when it is time to learn. She is also very helpful to her friends.
- Layla is a great example of what it means to be part of a school family. She is always helpful to her classmates and teachers, she follows directions the first time, and shows empathy and kindness to her friends.
- Brooklyn is such a sweet girl who has come a long way in our class.
- Harper handling changes without redirection.
- Soren being a leader and helping classmates.
- Hazel has done amazing following directions and helping friends.
- Al is very much a people's person and always willing to help when help is needed!
- Aiden has been a great friend to others and has shared great ideas on how we can make the classroom better.

#### **Academic Focus:**

- All teachers at 3T read "The Memory Box" to celebrate- Beyond the Sky- Religion, Grief, & Loss as their monthly focus for Celebrating Diversity-3T.
- Teachers completed their final DECA Social Emotional Assessment on students. Teachers have previously completed the DECA in the Fall and Winter. The data will be used to assess growth of students.
- 3T completed their 2nd to last training for Trauma Smart. This months focus was about Executive Function.

# **Parent/Community Focus:**

• Raytown High School hosted the Big Truck Carnival night at Raytown High. High school students organized, planned and ran the event for the students.

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

• May 2-10 Zoo Field Trips

• May 19 Moving On Celebration

• May 24 Water Day