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Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Young Women's Science and Mathematics Challenge: On Saturday, Oct. 27th, five of the top young women at RHS competed at Avila against other schools in the metro area. Tiffany Lin (11th), Halle McConnell (11th), Marissa Poole (11th), Anna Ryan (12th), and Briana Salinas (12th) competed in 6 different STEM categories. The team took 6th place overall and they received 2nd place in the Computer Technology category. They did an amazing job representing Raytown! The group was sponsored by Melissa Morawitz and Jordan Jamerson (RHS mathematics teachers).
- RHS has been recognized for the third year in a row as a Lead2Feed certified school. Josh Reichert and the Student Council J-Crew lead our Lead2Feed efforts.
- On October 30 the faculty used the professional development time to focus on techniques to enhance checking for understanding. Melanie Dowell, Jasmine Brown, and Cassie Reichert lead mini sessions that highlighted different aspects of strong checks for understanding.
- On October 30 the RHS counselors lead the initial staff training for the Signs of Suicide program. While the content is tough to process and hits close to home for our staff the group did a great job!
- Teachers are currently implementing their argumentative writing intervention instruction. This was based on the data feedback teachers received following the initial round of argumentative writing essays.

Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Marching Band: placed 2nd in class and 4th overall at the Smith-Cotton March Festival. The Band also placed 3rd in class, 4th overall, and Drumline was awarded the outstanding percussion line caption award at the Missouri Western State University Marching Festival.
- RHS Football is the **District Champion** after beating NKC! The varsity team was the HyVee Team of the week for October 12. Joe Campbell (11th) was the KMBC9 athlete of the week for October 19. Head Coach Logan Minnick was selected as the KC Chiefs Coach of the Week for October 12. The team will play in the district semifinal game on Nov. 2 against Belton at Chittwood Stadium.
- RHS Girls' Golf took 3rd in conference.
- RHS Boys' Swimming is **Conference Champions!** The following students have qualified for state swimming: Clayton Cornett (9th)--Diving, Jack Henry (12th)--100 Butterfly, Aaron Acker (10th)--100 Breaststroke and Carter Bryant(11th), Michael Page (10th), Jack Henry and Aaron Acker in 400 Freestyle Relay.
- RHS Softball: Sydney McQuinn has been named All-District and All-Conference.
- RHS National Honors Society is holding a winter clothing drive on Saturday, December 8th from 9am to 12pm.

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- RHS Student Council has been voted to be Secretary for this year and Vice-President for 2019-2020 for their state organization.
- Winter athletics and activities began on Oct. 29. Lots of students are currently participating in the tryout process.

Upcoming School Events

- RHS Football--District Semifinals--Chittwood Stadium: November 2 @ 7pm
- RHS Fall Musical--Working--RHS Auditorium: November 15-17 @ 7pm
- RHS/RSHS Speech and Debate Tournament--RHS/SHS: December 7 & 8

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Teacher Leader Team this year includes: Sarah Apple, Thomas Stueve, Meredith Moore, Nick Adkins, Angela Lea, Irene Cluts & Whitney Wright
- The Safe and Civil Schools Team consists of: Robert Felder - Interventionist, Brent Martin - Fine Arts Chair, Makenzie Kroenke – Social Studies Teacher, Whitney Wright – English Language Arts, Marie Hazel – English Language Arts & Tiffany Glasgow – Special Education
- The SCS Team recently reviewed data and worked on our action plan. The agenda included:
 - Webinar information
 - District Climate Survey review
 - SCS Student Survey review
 - SCS Teacher Survey review
 - Review Action Plan
 - Collaboration plans with Building Leadership Team (BLT)
 - Collaboration plans with Advisory Leadership Team (ALT)
 - Collaboration plans with Committee for Professional Learning (CPL)

Parent/Community Focus

- Advisory students and work directly with their students' parents. Advisory teachers continue to track current grades, attendance, credits, and graduation requirements. Freshman Advisory students continue to develop their four-year Personal Plans of Study using Missouri Connections. During this conference, Principals, Counselors, and Academic Advisory teachers were responsible for sharing/explaining a variety of academic information. Parents also could see their teenager's individual classroom teachers after their Advisory conference. Depending on the grade level teachers shared the following information:
 - EOC, PreACT, PRACT, ACT, STAR, Work Keys, ASVAB, ACCUPLACER data when available.

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- Missouri Connections and Personal Plan of Study/career pathway/cluster selection.
- Post-Secondary Plans

Upcoming School Events

- SHS Librarian Ellen Wickham will be a presenter at the Missouri Association of Secondary Librarians.
- Western Missouri Sportsmanship Conference
- Debate, Music Man, Winter Sports

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus/Science

- Literacy Focus— The Science Department has been working diligently to define and improve our student's ability to create and review models of different science processes. Our work began with reviewing the Science and Engineering Practices rubric for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. During our DRT process, we noticed that when given an opportunity to create a model, our students were performing below grade-level on the NGSS criteria. Our team established baseline criteria that we wanted our students to improve on when creating their models. Our focus was the following four areas: A- accuracy; B- Big or uses the space given well so you can see the details; C- Caption or explain the process that the model was showing and D- Detailed labels. In our various grade-levels and topics, we gave students opportunities to create a variety of models over the course of 10 weeks. During our first data review, we discovered the need to redefine our grading criteria and teaching methods to obtain accurate comparable data. As a group, the grade level science teams created a common way to teach and score our models; practicing common grading to align the grading practices. The goal was set to have 50% of our students at the proficient or advanced level by October. Although we did meet our goal at the beginning of October, we decided to practice more samples before implementing a new SMART goal on Analyzing and Interpreting Data. Student models were displayed in each classroom.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- **Fall Parent conferences** Fall 2018 parent-teacher conferences were held on October 16 and 18 at RMS. Teachers were successful in contacting 97 percent of our parents. Home/school communication is critical to the success of our students and striving for 100 percent parent contact continues to be our priority. Parents met with their son/daughters advisory teacher to review grades and were provided positive support from teachers and staff.
- **Student/Teacher of the Trister** One student per grade level is nominated by their teachers by meeting requirements of RAPS; Respectful, Accountable, Positive and Safe

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behaviors. Students not only model RAPS expectations, but also go above and beyond following school procedures, respect all teachers and peers, as well as support fellow students. Each student is recognized in the trister grade level assembly as well as one teacher; Tom Derrington was recognized for going beyond to support students and the mission and vision of RMS. We are proud to have these individuals positively represent RMS.

- **Football season** The Raytown Middle School Bluejays once again had a highly successful year. The Bluejays "C-team" ended the season 3-1 which marked only the second loss in the programs four-year history. While other teams had trouble filling a "C-team", the Bluejays had over sixty eager student athletes to fill the ranks. The "B-team" suffered only one loss as well, completing the season 4-1. The "A-team's" season finished undefeated at 6-0. This marks the Fifth Undefeated A-team for RMS football. Few teams have been able to repeat the success of RMS over the last few years. The Bluejays have had seven undefeated seasons in the past eight years. Four "A-teams", One "B-Team", and Two "C-Team" perfect seasons are coupled with many one loss seasons to compliment the winning tradition RMS football has come to represent.
- **Cross Country Season** The Raytown Cross Country team finished with another successful year with fifteen students competing. As the season progressed, each runner improved their fitness and times with each meet. Newcomers Oscar Borja and Elsa Henry placed in every meet. Lorenzo Berry and Anthony Brown were two returning runners who took a minute or more off of their times from last year.
- **Girls' Volleyball** RMS Bluejays loved being at volleyball practices, games, and being around each other as teammates. We had great parent support. Our players embraced the expectations of academics and behavior and were able to display their efforts into success on the court. Watching the girls grow from the start of the season until the end was a fulfilling and rewarding for RMS.

Upcoming School Events

- Blue and White Basketball Game- Tuesday November 13 4 pm
- Blue and White Wrestling Match- Wednesday November 14 5-7 pm
- RMS Community Outreach Pancake Breakfast-Saturday December 1 8-11 am

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus

- South Middle continues to move forward with a focus on literacy across the content areas. Increasing the opportunities for students to practice reading and the skills that good readers use such as: Holding your thinking, annotating, making connections to text, asking questions, drawing conclusions, making predictions, and paying attention to

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your metacognitive voice. Framing the lesson, teaching from the power zone, and frequent small group talk about the learning also continues to be an academic focus.

Parent/Community Focus

- Academic learning cannot take place to the degree that we need it to until our students feel they're safe, they're connected, and adults care about them. We continue to grow our capacity to engage and connect to our students by seeking to understand them and their lived experiences. During our PD Day on Tuesday, Oct. 30th, our instructional staff in teams participated in a "windshield survey" of our attendance area. Teams drove to various student addresses paying attention to the Social Determinants of Health and recording their thoughts, reflections, questions real time with other groups on Padlet. Staff assembled back in the building to debrief via Socratic Seminar at the conclusion of the activity. Reflections were meaningful and engaging and our staff did a great job with this activity. Padlet link and Google Slides links below:
https://padlet.com/carl_calcara/SMCOMMUNITYEXPLORATION
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tiCMwJ9wiAB-WN2XWRkw9svpXCQLVJOoghKTRttDWAQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Upcoming School Events

- Fall Dance is Friday, Nov. 9th. The theme is "Be Royal"
- Winter Musical is "Buddy - the story of the Christmas Elf" running in Dec.

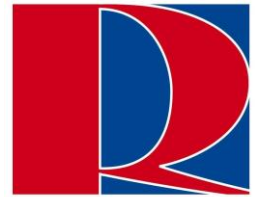
Raytown Central Middle School

Academic Focus

- Central Middle School has really been focusing in on our literacy across the curriculum and increasing our use of differentiation strategies this month. Our teacher leaders have lead the teachers in a professional learning exercise to re-establish the principles behind differentiation and the various ways teachers can incorporate the various strategies. Our teachers have set a goal of using at least one new differentiation strategy by our next meeting.
- We continue to expand our knowledge in the social emotional learning as well. Teachers participated in a poverty simulation conducted by the Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City during our ½ day Professional Development on Oct. 30th. Many powerful lessons were gleaned from this exercise that allow our teachers and staff to better understand what a large portion of our student body may encounter outside of school. Understanding the struggles behind the learning that our students face will better allow us to connect with our students, and provide them the skills they need to find academic success.

Parent/Community Focus

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- We kicked off our Winter Sports practices on October 29th. We are looking forward to a great Winter season!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on October 16th and 18th. Conferences were again primarily held with Advisory Teachers; however, many parents took the opportunity to meet with other content area teachers over the course of the two days.
- Winter Sports Parent meeting will be on Thursday November 9th at 6:00pm

Upcoming School Events

- Winter Dance - November 2nd at 6:00pm in the Gymnasium "Stranger Things"
- Trister Incentive Parties will be the week of November 5th during Advisory
- Purple/Silver Basketball games - November 15th at 4:30pm

Raytown Success Academy

Academic Focus

- Staff completed Restorative Justice curriculum training from the Center of Conflict Resolution.
- Conflict Resolution small group instruction every Wednesday in the High School classrooms from 8:00 - 11:45.
- On October 30 the faculty used the professional development time to focus on mindfulness for mental health
- On October 30 the faculty used the professional development time to focus on Cultural Competency and Diversity
- On October 30 the faculty used the professional development the initial staff training for the Signs of Suicide program. This subject matter is very tough for RSA staff members but the team did a very good job processing the information.

Parent/Community Focus

- Fall 2018 parent teacher conferences were a success. Teachers were successful with contacting 82% of our parents.

Upcoming School Events

- Family fun - November 8th - 6:00 - 7:30 - Restorative Justice- Conflict Resolution
- Attendance Celebration - November 1st
- Bus Incentive - November 5th
- Passing all Classes Celebration - November 15th
- Pancake Breakfast - November 30th

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Northwood

Academic Focus

- Individualized IEP goals/objectives
 - Communication
 - Behavior
- Community Based Instruction

Parent/Community Focus

- Marie Tracy, L.I.F.E. teacher scheduled and facilitated a parent/teacher/student tour of Job One in Grandview during parent/teacher conferences. Parents, students and teachers from the functional skills program at Raytown High School and Raytown South High School were invited to join the tour. Job One is a sheltered workshop and just one of many work opportunities for students upon graduation. Parents and students met at Northwood and loaded a bus to Job One. This gave Ms. Tracy an opportunity to explain transition options, as well as give the parents time to ask questions and form connections with other parents in the district.
- Teachers from Northwood attended a tour of Rainbow Options, a day program for individuals with developmental disabilities. Teachers were informed on program offerings and criteria for acceptance. This was a wonderful opportunity for teachers to learn about additional options available to Northwood students post graduation.

Upcoming School Events

- Northwood Fundraiser
 - Northwood is participating in its first fundraising endeavor with students in several years.
 - Students and staff are selling Save Around KCMO coupon books 10/17-11/9
 - Coupon Books can be purchased at NW or online at <http://supportourgrouops.com/GN/247727>
- United Way Spirit Week October 29-November 2.
 - Friendly competition between Northwood and Northwood Success Academy on who can raise the most money.
- November-All school Thanksgiving Dinner
- December-Northwood Student Christmas Party

Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

- Approximately 45 staff from our sending schools participated in a tour of Herndon on October 9. Staff were able to view all programs and get questions answered in order to help students in their advisory roles.
- Cosmetology students began accepting clients on October 23. Appointments can be made Tuesday - Friday.

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- Auto Technology, Diesel, and a few Auto Collision students visited State Tech in Linn, MO to see what opportunities exist for post-secondary continued training. Many students are interested in State Tech as an opportunity to use A+ funds to continue training.
- Graphic design students have been working with the Comets, professional soccer team, to develop graphics for Comets promotional materials. Students designed the season tickets that will be mailed to season ticket holders soon.

Parent/Community Focus

- Advisory committee meetings were held on October 30. Industry experts, post-secondary, parents, students, and community members provided feedback and potential connections for new opportunities within the programs.
- Parent-teacher conferences were successful as teachers focused on student progress and skills needed to be ready for the next level of career or college planning.

Upcoming School Events

- November 7: Deadline to order Culinary Thanksgiving Goods
- November 8, 5:30 - 7:00 pm: Community Open House
- November 16 & 19, AM & PM: Sophomore Showcase
- November 19 & 20: Culinary Thanksgiving Sale Pick Up

Southland CAPS

Academic Focus

- Animal Health students traveled to K-State Vet School for a personalized tour and introduction to their veterinarian medicine program. Students were also able to stick their hand in the stomach of a live cow and saw a dissection.
- Education Exploration students participated in Read for the Record day on October 25 reading to students in five different Raytown elementaries and over 325 students. After the event the book read, *Maybe Something Beautiful*, was donated to the library at each school.
- Technology Solutions students have visited Cerner and Fishtech in the past month.

Parent/Community Focus

- Parent-teacher conferences were held in all three strands. Over 92% of parents and students attended conferences in person.
- Advisory committee meetings were held on October 30. Industry experts, parents, students, and community members provided feedback and potential opportunities for new growth within the strands.

Upcoming School Events

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