

# Secondary Schools Monthly Board of Education Report



## December 2018

### Raytown High School

#### Academic Focus

- The RHS staff had a productive November staff meeting where the faculty engaged in a learning activity focused on core instructional practices (direct instruction, modeling, guided practice, gradual release, checks for understanding, adjustments and reteaching, and assessment).
- The 2nd round of argumentative writing has just been completed. Teachers have submitted examples of how they have taught various aspects of the argumentative writing process. The Building Leadership Team is currently reviewing these examples to identify exemplars in teaching. The staff will be engaging in a gallery walk of the exemplars later in December.

#### Parent/Community Focus

- RHS Speech and Debate is hosting the annual Speech and Debate Tournament on December 7 & 8. There are over 30 schools from around the state attending the tournament. This will be the largest tournament hosted at Raytown High School in over a decade.
- RHS Choir: Camerata performed a concert with the Missouri Western Chamber Singers in St. Joseph on Thursday, November 29th. Camerata & Cardinale Chorale will perform for the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Raytown on Friday, December 7th.
- RHS Orchestra: Anna Ryan (12th) and Darra Harper (12th) were selected for the KC Metro All-District Orchestra. Anna is 4th chair in the full orchestra and Darra is 12th chair in the string orchestra.
- RHS Band: The following students were selected for the KC Metro All-District Bands: David Severt (11th) - 1st chair Horn / All-District Band, Logan Oehring (12th) - 4th chair Trumpet / All-District Band, Danielle Ellsworth (12th) - 4th chair Bassoon / Honorable Mention Band, Elliott Clemons (12th) - 1st alternate Baritone Sax / All-District Jazz Band. David, Logan, and Elliot are eligible to audition for All-State on December 1st. RHS Boys' Basketball: opened their season with a win over conference opponent NKC.
- RHS Football: The following students received All-Conference recognition--1st Team: Joe Campbell (11th), Messiah Miller (12th), Donald Brown (10th), D'Vontae Key (11th), Desmond Hutson (12th), Josh White (12th), Dontae Manning (11th). 2nd Team: Jaheim Burks (11th), Tristen Clayton (12th), Chase Frank (12th), Christian Johnson (12th), Ian McCready (12th). Honorable Mention: Isaiah Mims (10th), Ben Bryant (12th), Justin Sasser (10th), Jacob Ogan (11th), Aubrey Martin (12th), Damillion Dukes (12th), Tim Cashier (11th), Isaiah Wright (12th).
- RHS Boys' Soccer: The following 2018 All-District First Team: Abram Franco (12th) and Ian McCready (12th). The following students were named All-Conference--First Team: Abram Franco. Second Team: Jorge Morales (12th) and Carlos Cortes (12th).

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Honorable Mention: Ian McCready, Omar Andrade (11th).

Defender Abram Franco was also named to the All- Western Region of Missouri.

- RHS Robotics placed 3rd in their first meet.
- RHS Wrestling defeated Raytown South High School 57 to 12 during their opening meet.

### Upcoming School Events

- RHS Repertory Theatre Showcase--December 3 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium
- RHS Debate Tournament: December 7 & 8--RHS
- RHS Choir Concert--December 11 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium
- RHS Band Concert--December 13 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium
- RHS Orchestra Concert--December 18 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium
- RHS Talent Show--December 12 @ 7pm--RHS Auditorium

## Raytown South High School

### Academic Focus

- The BLT (Building Leadership Team) re-visited our CPL plan goals recently:
  - Ensure student success through evidence based instructional practices
  - Provide a strong instructional foundation for beginning teachers
  - Provide a mentoring program that promotes success for new teachers and supports
  - Staff retention
  - Promote techniques and strategies to ensure teachers meet the challenges and changes of the current academic community
- Thank you Amy Tittle and congratulations to our \$1000 scholarship winner Ms. Brentlinger.
- Several students recently toured the University of Central Missouri.
- New teachers observed Teacher Leaders and Teacher Leaders observed new teachers. This is part of our CPL plan that colleagues share feedback with colleagues.
- Good job to the Varsity Speech and Debate team! Donovan Cusick took 3rd in Public Speaking. He and his partner, Seth King took 4th policy debate. Ahmea Parham and Ta'ja Snipes took 1st in Duo! Great job!

### Parent/Community Focus

- Thank you to all cast and crew of Music Man who stuck together through the adventure and thank you to the audience and parents for coming out and supporting us.
- Congratulations South High Class of 2017 alumni Jaylen Cowley who received his second Missouri Baptist University MSFA Defensive Player of the Week honor this season after a 20-tackle, 1 INT performance vs. No. 2-ranked Marian! Way to represent!
- Pumpkins on Parade Interact Club's exhibit at Cave Spring.

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- NHS officers at the Missouri NHS Leadership Conference.
- Flu clinic for staff and students.
- Marching Band exhibition night.
- Congratulations to All District 1st team Jesseniah Cox and Emma Shelley.
- Ashlie Woodruff KC Metro District Honorable Mention Band. Ashlie competed against students from Liberty, Staley, North Kansas City, Blue Springs, Belton, Park Hill and Lee's Summit.
- All District 2nd team Grace Bobadilla and Morgan Johnson. All conference 1st team Jesseniah Cox and Emma Shelley. Honorable mention: Morgan Johnson, Grace Bobadilla, Jerman Hunt and Na'Ryah Britton.

### Upcoming School Events

- Student Council Annual Community Christmas Party
- FCCLA Regional Meeting
- Wrestling
- Girls and Boys Basketball
- Norm Stewart Classic in Columbia vs. Rockbridge
- Leavenworth Tournament
- Christmas Break Basketball Tournament December 27-28-29

### Raytown Middle School

#### Academic Focus/Science

- The SEL focus PD session was a productive and engaging day. The objective was to will align trauma-sensitive classroom practices/strategies to behavior intervention strategies in order to maximize learning during instructional time. Signs of Suicide training (SOS) was also be a focus for the day. Teachers read Chapters 1-2 of Fostering Resilient Learners, Strategies for Creating a Trauma Sensitive Classroom. In addition, teachers participated in SOS training presented by the RMS counseling team. Other activities included, trauma sensitive classroom strategies, teacher confessions slideshow, calming activities, referral examples/rewrites, collaborative group discussions/stations. The meeting concluded with a three question exit ticket for reflection. 1. What is something new you learned related to suicide awareness? 2. List a Trauma-Sensitive activity/strategy you will apply or use in your classroom and 3. What other area of professional development would you like to receive training? Teacher response has been informative and meaningful.
- DRT department summary The process of identifying, collecting, and analyzing data indicating academic performance and growth is an ongoing effort at RMS. Review of the six steps to the DRT process and discussion takes place during data review each Wednesday. SMART goals are written to focus on areas to needed for improvement. Successes are highlighted and areas of concern are reviewed for refocus/re-teaching. Questions discussed include: 1. What actions will be taken once we review the data? Once we define action steps are, which ones are we going to use and what resources

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are we going to pull to support the academic deficiencies? The discussion and reflection is taken seriously and teachers share roles on how they will proceed as grade level teams. Sharing successes across departments as well as areas of concerns takes courage and teachers have been open to this practice this year.

- Walking classroom - RMS reading specialist Jen Pearson introduced the Walking Classroom to our teaching staff month. The walking classroom provides an innovative way for students to get exercise without sacrificing instructional time. The program's "Walk, Listen, and Learn" methodology capitalizes on the favorable link between exercise and cognitive function. Teachers take students on a walk while everyone listens to the same podcast through their Walking Classroom device and headphones. Teachers and students are excited about "how" this concept will support literacy.

### Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- Spirit Week sponsored by student council The *goal of Spirit Week* is to present a commitment to support United Way as well as highlight Red Ribbon Week. Daily messages were read regarding a drug free environment. In addition, Student council sponsored a week of daily activities such as Pride Day, Neon day, Mismatch day, to generate school spirit and get everyone involved in the cause. The week ended with a mixer in which proceeds of \$768 went to support United Way.

### Upcoming School Events

- Community Outreach Pancake Breakfast – Saturday December 1, 2017 8-11 am.
- All BOE members are welcome to come! Lots of prizes to win! Please come if you can!
- Holiday concerts:
  - Band- December 6, 2018
  - Vocal Music-December 12, 2018 at RHS
  - Orchestra- December 10, 2018
- All School Spelling Bee-- December 6, 2018 at 3:30 pm

## Raytown South Middle School

### Academic Focus

- College and Career exploration continues to be a priority at South Middle. This year, to expand the types of career pathways students are exposed to, our counselors have created Career Cafe where representatives from various career fields come to eat lunch and share their experiences with our students. This week, Matthew Hoffman, a Systems Engineer for Cerner, will be joining us. Students are matched and invited to certain sessions based on an interest inventory they have completed.
- To continue with the theme of college and career, we will take all 8th grade students to either Summit Technology and Innovation Campus or the Herndon Career Center.

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These are obviously incredible programs and we need our students to be preparing for them as they're leaving middle school.

- Finally, we're competing in a Walking Classroom contest with the other two middle schools. Walking classrooms are podcast based stories that students listen to as they walk. Small group conversations as well as comprehension and even inference types of questions are then discussed. This program was written as part of a grant by our three Reading Specialist. At last check, RSMS was leading by one mile!

### Parent/Community Focus

- Winter Sports have gotten off to a great start. We had large turnouts for our Red and White games.

### Upcoming School Events

- The RSMS Drama Department is proud to be presenting Elf, Jr on Dec. 8th and 9th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## Raytown Central Middle School

### Academic Focus

- Our focus on nonfiction reading in all content areas continue to be at the forefront for our building. In November our Teacher Leaders laid the foundation for our staff to look at a literacy strategy that we can adopt building wide in our faculty meeting professional learning time. It is one of our building goals this year to continue to empower teachers with a variety of instructional strategies that can build efficacy in all content areas.
- Our Literacy specialist also introduced the Walking Classroom to our teachers during our professional learning time. At any given time, you will students walking the halls for short periods of time while also learning more about their content. This tool has been a great way to reach students in a variety of ways from small classroom groups to students in ISS. We are excited to have this new tool available for students and teachers thanks to the REF grant received!
- Our teachers have been engaging in an all staff book study this year with Ron Clark's book **The Essential 55**. Teachers are exploring various strategies to implement in their classrooms each month, and then sharing their successes with staff in our faculty meeting learning time! It has been a great experience to trial and error new strategies for some teachers, and great reinforcements (building efficacy) for others.

### Parent/Community Focus

- Our Community Service Club collected and put together food baskets for families in our building that were raffled off before Thanksgiving break that included everything a family would need for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal!
- Our Community Service Club has also been collecting items that will be donated over the Winter Break (in person) for hurricane victims.

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### Upcoming School Events

- Girls and Boys Basketball is well underway with the Lewis and Clark Tournament coming up the week of December 3rd.
- Winter Choir Concert - December 4th at 6:30pm in the RHS Auditorium
- Winter Play Friday December 14th at 7pm in the RCMS Gymnasium
- Winter Band Concert Monday December 17th at 7pm in RHS Auditorium
- Winter Orchestra Concert Wednesday December 19th at 7pm in the RCMS Gymnasium

## Raytown Success Academy

### Academic Focus

- Social Skills Curriculum
- Conflict Resolution small group
- Individual Conflict Resolution session with student from the Center of Conflict Resolution
- Vocabulary Strengthening in the Secondary Classrooms
- Context Clues Development and Developing Work Analysis in the Middle School Classroom
- Decoding Skills in the Elementary Classroom

### Parent/Community Focus

- RSA families and staff raised approximately \$1800.00 dollars for United Way. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Davern one of our instructional assistants that planned the two week activities.

### Upcoming School Events

- Field trip to Science City for level 3 & 4 students on December 7th
- Pancake Breakfast December 21st.
- All school Christmas Party on December 19th

## Northwood

### Academic Focus

- IEP Goal Work
- Social Skills
- Job Skills
- Community Based Instruction - Library; Dollar General; HyVee
- Bootcamp Routines and Procedures after Thanksgiving Break

### Parent/Community Focus

- Northwood raised over \$500 for United Way, surpassing our goal! A big thanks to Ann Marie Robins (teacher) who planned and facilitated the week. Students made a variety of items to sell to staff and district employees including Christmas cards, Christmas gift tags, keychains and jewelry.

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### Upcoming School Events

- Schoolwide Christmas Party
- Northwood Success Academy Platinum Celebration at Diamond Bowl (students who have maintained Platinum Level behaviors for 4 or more weeks are eligible to attend)

## Herndon Career Center

### Academic Focus

- HCC hosted students from 11 high schools on November 16 & 19 to provide a hands-on experience prior to applying for enrollment for 2019-20. Current students demonstrated leadership and content skills during the Sophomore Showcase to over 350 students attended.
- Eight HCC staff members toured Columbia Area Career Center, Nichols Career Center, State Tech College, and Four Rivers Career Center. During our tours, staff members had the opportunity to collaborate and share with like program areas. The knowledge gained during the tours will be used to continue to improve opportunities for our students.
- Students in Law Enforcement and Southland CAPS Animal Health worked with the Lee's Summit Police Department K9 unit to learn about the use of K9s within law enforcement, the training required, and the health and safety of K9s.

### Parent/Community Focus

- Cosmetology students headed up a toy collection for REAP throughout campus. Students raised \$477 and collected 59 toys in two weeks.
- On November 8, HCC held a Community Open House focused on sharing what HCC has to offer to students and the community through our programs. Although the weather was a bit dicey, we had great feedback from our attendees including alumni in regards to training opportunities and the ability to see how HCC has progressed over the years.

### Upcoming School Events

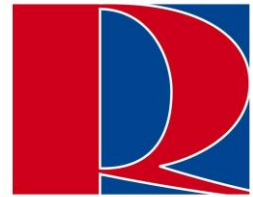
- Applications for 2019-20: Ongoing until February 15.
- January 24: Career Night for Prospective Students (5:00 - 6:30 pm)

## Southland CAPS

### Academic Focus

- Students in Southland CAPS participated in Sophomore Showcase to highlight the programs and answer questions for students about enrollment for next year. Students prepared hands-on activities for visiting students to better articulate what the programs' expectations entailed.

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- Education students visited UCM and UMKC to learn more about their Education programs. Students learned of the application process and supports on each campus.
- Technology Solutions second year students are continuing their internships with Cerner.
- Animal Health students presented project proposals to Sea Life aquarium. Students completed reflection activities once the proposals were complete and feedback was given.

### Parent/Community Focus

- Southland CAPS teachers and students participated in the Community Open House to spread information about the programs and the opportunities for students.
- Ruskin and Raymore-Peculiar hosted information nights for parents and students. Southland CAPS was represented at both schools to answer questions and provide information.

### Upcoming School Events

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- Career Night for Prospective Students: January 24, 5:00 - 6:30 pm