

# December RQS Board of Education School Progress Plan Monthly Summary Report

## **Building: Blue Ridge Elementary**

### **Building Celebrations:**

*(Include any activities/sports/co-curricular to celebrate students and staff)*

- Safe, Respectful and Responsible: Our November PBIS Incentive was Turkey-Riffic! Students in grades K-2 Made their own turkey cookies in the Cookie Cafe and 3-5 scored olympic gold in their annual Turkey Trot Relay: complete with a run by the giant turkey leg!
- Gobble Gobble Fun: Teachers enjoyed a little November fun with a Turkey Hunt! Each day a turkey was hidden for our amazing staff to find for a prize! The fun wrapped up with a Thanksgiving Feast for the staff to enjoy- Complete with a turkey smoked from The Store!
- Family Curriculum Night: Staff and Families gathered together for games and pizza this month! Families rotated through game stations and then enjoyed some pizza and beverages! Learning and fun all-in-one!
- Attendance Awesomeness: Classes with the highest attendance average sported their PJ's in the month of November. Students with perfect attendance for Q1 were whisked away to the Graceway Church for some fun in their game room.

## **Building: Eastwood Hills**

### **Building Celebrations:**

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-On November 28th, Eastwood Hills hosted administrators from Virginia Beach as part of the BIST Leadership Conference as a model school of BIST implementation. This is the fourth year in a row that Eastwood Hills has been asked by BIST leadership to serve in this capacity. Leaders from the Virginia Beach School District visited for two hours, touring the school, meeting with administration, two teachers, and three students. Eastwood Hills is honored to serve as a model school due to our consistent procedures and respectful community, and accountability and support for students that have resulted in a positive learning community where students thrive.

-Twenty 2nd-5th grade students from Eastwood Hills were referred for testing into the district's gifted program. One other elementary school had this many students referred during the most recent window. Referrals are based on teacher (or parent) recommendations secondary to observations of students' characteristics of giftedness. This number is reflective of the high expectations and beliefs EW teachers have of their students.

-Eastwood Kindergarten students visited the Coterie Theater and Crown Center this month.

-Eastwood held their 3rd-5th grade Music Performance, *Songs of America; Songs that Inspired Generations* this month and it was a HUGE HIT, led by music teacher Mr. Jake Adamson!! Students sang songs that celebrated our strength and unity including *We Are the World, LaBamba, and Lift Every Voice*

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*and Sing.* Fourth grade students who participated in Readers Theater after school club led by 4th grade teacher, Ms. Emma Drace, performed immediately before the music show as well!

-Ten Eastwood 4th and 5th grade girls and their buddies ran in the Fall Girls on the Run 5K on Saturday, November 4th at Swope Park. Due to the high cost of this program, girls from Eastwood Hills participate on scholarship coordinated by our school counselor, Ms. Jill Krickbaum.

-On November 7th, Eastwood teachers engaged in professional learning surrounding our new SEL curriculum pilot, Everyday Speech. This time was valuable in providing teachers opportunity to explore the new curriculum and lesson plan with their colleagues. We are thankful for the time and commitment we have to teaching our students essential life skills such as feelings identification, labeling and describing.

-Family Time is solidly established every other Wednesday at Eastwood Hills. Family Time is a designated time we have carved out as part of our Community Building to build and strengthen relationships across classrooms and grade levels. Every student is placed in a family with approximately 10 other students and an adult that is not their classroom teacher. During this time, students engage in games and activities together. Our students and staff love this time, as it strengthens relationships and provides one more way for students to have fun in creative ways!

### **Building: Fleetridge**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

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- Eight students participated in the Fleetridge Girls on the Run Club at Fleetridge. The students trained twice weekly, 7AM-8:15AM, and they were ready for the 5K at Swope Park in November.
- The 5th grade planetarium field trip was an excellent learning opportunity for Fleetridge students.
- The PTA sponsored fall parties were fun at Fleetridge. Students rotated between three stations, inflatable obstacle course, fall craft, and a yummy caramel apple snack.
- Fleetridge 3rd graders enjoyed a field trip to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Students were able to explore the Music of the Americas with the Kansas City Symphony and conductor Caleb Young. The musical melting pot took students across North, Central, and South America and featured music by African American, Native American, Peruvian, Puerto Rican, Brazilian, and Uruguayan composers.
- The Fleetridge first grade field trip to the Coterie Theater was a great way to kick off the holiday season. Students had a front row seat to watch the adorable Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer musical.
- The first ever Fleetridge Career Day was a huge success! We are already looking forward to Fleetridge Career Day 2024

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- It felt like family at Fleetridge as students and staff members dressed spiffy and enjoyed a delicious meal together in our beautifully decorated, candlelit cafeteria the Thursday before fall break. One fifth grader commented, “I look forward to this day every year.”
- Fleetridge Student Council sponsored a food drive and collected more than one thousand items to benefit the food pantry at REAP.
- 30 Fleetridge Stars were recognized at the Principals’ Breakfast this month. Students were honored for demonstrating the November character trait: self discipline.

### **Building: Laurel Hills Elementary**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

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*November was another busy month at Laurel Hills! We hosted our ELA Night and 4th/5th Music Performance on November 9th from 6:00-7:30. Families were invited to participate in Bingo for Books and reading activities. Students took home learning activities, a new book and all attendees wrapped up the evening watching the 4th and 5th grade students perform.*



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*Our functional skills program hosted a Thanksgiving feast to provide exposure to traditional Thanksgiving food items. The students enjoyed the party and a few were adventurous enough to try the food items. Thank you to the Functional Skills staff for planning and preparing the dishes for the students.*



**School: Little Blue**

### **Building Celebrations:**

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- Shout out to Mrs. Bartz and Mr. Barber on being spotlighted on a district level for their dedication to making Little Blue Elementary's Percussion Club, not just a success, but a growing success! With applying for grants, and getting them, to welcoming even more students this year compared to last year, Percussion Club is the talk around Little Blue!
- Terrific Kids of November! Kids were recognized for being Respectful to one another and to teachers and staff throughout the month of November. Ms. Ann Weaver and Ms. Sierra Sanders were both recognized for being Terrific Staff members as well!

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- Attendance Update! Little Blue had 4 students move from Tier 3 attendance to Tier 2 attendance and 15 students move from Tier 2 attendance to Tier 1 attendance!
- Mrs. Schoolcraft was named Little Blue's November Wellness Champion! Way to go Mrs. Schoolcraft!

### **Building: Norfleet**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

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- Norfleet PTA hosted the Book Fair during the week of November 13th. PTA also concluded their Student Read-a-thon. During that week, Norfleet hosted Donuts with a Grownup and Family Literacy and Math Night. We were thrilled that 245 people attended Donuts with a Grownup and 293 attended Family Literacy and Math Night! Feedback from families was very positive for Family Literacy and Math Night. Many shared they had a better understanding of what their children are learning at school and they gained ideas on how to support their children's learning.
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students' performance featured patriotic songs and a special recognition of our staff veteran and P.E. Teacher Darryl Duncan, as well as nine veterans in the audience.
- Norfleet students and staff enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving lunch together in the brightly decorated cafeteria. We are appreciative of our Food Services staff for preparing the delicious meal for us!
- Norfleet was fortunate to have the Health Kids nurses return to our building. They provided health screenings for 209 students.

### **Building: Robinson**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

- ELA/Math Night : We loved seeing so many of our families join us for a night of ELA and Math games, pizza, and books!
- Smart Connections Parent Session : During our ELA/Math Night we hosted five Trauma Smart sessions for parents. These sessions gave an overview of Trauma Smart strategies, the language we use at school, and ways to implement routines and rituals at home. We were really pleased with the turnout for these sessions. We look forward to offering more sessions in the future.
- Robinson District Learning Walk was an amazing opportunity for district leaders to see all the amazing learning that is going on at Robinson. We enjoyed hosting and showcasing Robinson.

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- We have been celebrating the academic success of our students on the morning announcements when they hit their targets on the ELA and Math essential standards. Students love to celebrate all of their academic wins with our whole school community.
- Our very own Ms. McEntire had her first book published this month. You can find it on the shelves at Barnes and Noble and on Amazon. Way to go, Ms. McEntire!

### **Building: Southwood**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

- Southwood had over 400 individuals (students and a family member) attend the Donuts with Grownups Event!
- Southwood celebrated attendance for students and staff that have been at school for 90% or more! Staff celebrated with comfy clothes and a Sonic drink. Students celebrated with popcorn!
- Students participated in the Roadrunner Raffle and were able to select stuffed animals, snacks, or other fun prizes. To enter into the raffle, students turn in their Beep Beep bucks that they earn for being safe, respectful, and responsible.

### **Building: Spring Valley Elementary**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

- **Fall Book Fair** - SV kicked off November with our book fair. Students and parents enjoyed shopping for books and all the fun things that come with it. Our book fair brought in over \$4,000.00.
- **Donuts w/ Grownups** - During the book fair we held our annual Donuts with Grownups in the morning with students and families. We had a wonderful turnout at 7:30am. Everyone enjoyed donuts, juice, coffee and shopping at the book fair. We also had a picture backdrop area to capture the memory for our families.
- **Read A Thon**- SV also tied our Read A Thon fundraiser in during our book fair. Students participated in a Read A Thon Bingo Board at home to complete showing various ways they read. Families sent emails invites to get family members and friends to donate to their student based on the minutes they read during the incentive. We had DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time one day each week of our fundraiser where students and staff came together either in the hallway or buddy classrooms to promote reading for 20 minutes. Prizes were given to our top 3 readers from our PTA. The class with the most reading minutes received an ice cream float party sponsored by our PTA as well. We raised over \$2500.00 and received \$1900.00 in profit.

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- **Staff of the Week** - Our staff of the week for November were the following: Sped Resource IA-Mrs. Freda Green, Social Worker-Ms. Tiffany Woods and Secretary-Ms. Angela Perry. They each enjoyed a shout out, front row parking, a QT drink and something of their choice from Gabbert's Goodies.
- **Weekly Classroom Attendance Winners** - Each week, the classroom from each grade level receives a shout out over announcements for having the highest attendance percentage. Classrooms celebrate their grade level winner and they enjoy 5 minutes of extra recess.
- **Monthly Perfect Attendance** - Those students who have perfect attendance for the month receive a shout out over announcements, PJ day was the vote by those students which they receive a certificate and their picture posted in our front hallway. All students are entered into a drawing and one lucky student wins a scooter.



### **Building: Westridge**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

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Staff celebrated with a jeans day and treats for having the highest staff attendance in the district for the month of October! 96.63%

- 64 Students were recognized for "You Are Here!" pop-in attendance check in the month of November.

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### **Building: Three Trails**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

- *Three Trails is excited to add two new classrooms as we welcome two new teachers to 3T, Melissa Burns and Tracy Redford*
- *Three Trails has been able to support additional families with Preschool. We enrolled 13 new students last month. An additional 20 more students will start after the new year.*
- *Health Kids: 154 kids participated in the health screenings.*
- *All Three Trails classes were able to experience their first field trip. Students enjoyed going to Wonderscope this month*
- *Parent Engagement- Fathers were able to visit 3T and see their child's classroom during Read and Treat, they all received a book and treats.*

### **Building: Connections Academy Student Success Center at Norfleet**

#### **Building Celebrations:**

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- A fifth grade Connections Academy student is moving to a traditional 5th grade classroom on Dec. 11th.
- Students celebrated their behavior improvement with a pizza party - 11 kids were able to attend.
- Staff held their first annual Friendsgiving over the Fall Break - Great team bonding!



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**Building: New Trails**

**Building Celebrations:**

We had great parent participation at our DECA carnival and Celebrate the Season. We had 75 students with 90% or higher attendance for November. We are opening a new classroom after Christmas.