

Secondary Education Monthly Update to Board of Education

April 2018



Raytown High School

Academic Focus

- Missouri Scholars 100 Honorable Mentions: Seniors Fred Farrand and Sam Miles received honorable mentions for the Missouri Scholars 100. The Missouri Scholars 100 is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary Principals and recognizes students for exemplary academic and citizenship.
- Holocaust Remembrance Center Award: Chelsea Post, social studies teacher, was chosen along with 24 other teachers nationwide by Yad Vashem, the world Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem, to participate in a Holocaust remembrance tour through Poland.
- Emmanuel Cleaver Visit: Representative Cleaver has selected Raytown High School for a student forum. He will be here on Tuesday, April 3 at 8:00 am to meet with students to hear about issues affecting and concerning our students.
- RHS Student Council—Lead2Feed: This year the students collected close to 20,000 items and \$4000.00 for REAP. This year's Lead2Feed was the biggest to date and all RQS schools and the greater community participated in the weeklong event.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- RHS Boys' Basketball: Seniors Mason Fair & Devin Drew were selected for the All-District team.
- RHS Band: The following students received a Superior (1) rating at District Solo and Ensemble: Danielle Ellsworth (11) - Bassoon Solo, Logan Oehring (11) - Trumpet Solo, David Severt (10) - Horn Solo, Troy Oberholtz (12) - Tuba Solo, Zach Strader (12) - Marimba Solo, Zach Strader (12) - Timpani Solo, Judson Hulme (9) - Snare Solo, Jocylen Johnson (9)/ Lucas Boyd (11)/ Danielle Ellsworth (11)/ David Severt (10)/ Drake Ross (10)- Woodwind Quintet, and Cameron Geeding (12)/ Lindsey Mahan (11)/ Infiatasia Moore (11) / Elliott Clemons (11) - Saxophone Quartet
- RHS Choir: The following students received a Superior (1) rating at District Solo and Ensemble: SOLOS: Oykizha Brown (10), Sydni Embry (12), Grace Givens (12), Kayla Kittrell (9), Lindsey Mahan (11), Caleb McCarroll (12), Logan Oehring (11), Destiny Tillman (10), Jonathan Webb (12) & ENSEMBLES: Women's Choir, Men's Concert Choir, Camerata Mixed 6, Camerata Mixed 7 , Camerata Men's Double Quartet, Camerata Women's 8
- RHS Orchestra: The following students received a Superior (1) rating at District Solo and Ensemble: Anna Ryan (11)-viola solo, Jason Meyer (10)-violin solo, Tariah Baker (11)-piano solo, Amber Johnson (12)-piano solo, and Abby Meyer (10)/Erin McCall (10)/Taylor Iverson (10)/Kayla Kittrell (9)-violin quartet
- RHS Football: The football team took 2nd place at the Kearney Weightlift Tournament.
- RHS DECA: Seniors Victoria Goudeau and Sadie Scroggins placed 10th at the DECA State Competition.

Upcoming School Events

- Mr. Raytown: April 5 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium
- RHS Theatre Spring Play—Anatomy of Grey: April 12-14 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium
- RHS PROM: April 28 at 7:00 pm—The Pavilion (downtown KC)
- Senior Awards Night: May 1 at 7:00 pm—RHS Auditorium

Raytown South High School

Academic Focus

- Please take a moment to congratulate your FCCLA state competitors. They exceeded expectations. We are the state champions in every category we competed in!!!
 - Abigail Ruhman- State Champ, Gold Medal, and Advancing to Nationals- Illustrated Talk
 - Morgan VanRoss- State Champ, Gold Medal, and Advancing to Nationals- Recycle and Redesign
 - Dawson Schmutzler and Alexis Jefferson- State Champ, Gold Medal, and Advancing to National— Hospitality, Travel and Tourism *this team is advancing to Nationals for the second year in a row.
 - FACS teachers Lauren Brentlinger and Kari Playter worked months with these students preparing their projects.
- Seven students were selected to attend the Historically Black College & University Experience Fair held at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Lindsay Pitts, Teonna Butler, Tiffany Johnston, Hanna Koger, Kailynn Byrne participated in the UMKC Honor Band and Orchestra Festival.
- Congratulations to our Students of the Month for February/March! 9th grade: Kailynn Byrne, 10th grade: Dinasty Silas, 11th grade: Grace Bobadilla, 12th grade: Brendan House. And a big Congrats to our staff of the month Mr. Steeley!!

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- South Boys Basketball Team 2nd in STATE OF MISSOURI. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! WAY TO REPRESENT!!! Basketball History:
 - There are only four High Schools in the state of Missouri that have won three Class 4 District Championships in a row during this time frame '18, '17, '16. Those schools are Sikeston, Vashon, St. Joe Lafayette, and Raytown South.
 - There is only one high school in the state of Missouri that has won four Class 4 District Championships in a row during this time frame '18, '17, '16, '15. That high school is Raytown South.
 - In the past 3 years of Class 4 Boys Basketball, only Sikeston and Ray-South have made the Elite Eight all three years.
 - In the 56 year history of the school we have won 11 State athletic championships which include 4 in Basketball and 4 in Cross Country. During the 1970's when Raytown South was one of the largest schools in the mid-west, we won State Boys Basketball in 1970, 1972, and 1977. We are in a five way tie for 11th place in the number of Missouri State Basketball Championships held by Missouri High Schools and have had 11 Final Four appearances. Our last Basketball Championship was in 1990 with 2nd place finishes in 2003 and 2018.
- The Boys Golf Team, Baseball Team, Girls Soccer Team, & Softball Team hosted a Bingo Night 3/15.
- Please congratulate Landon Montgomery on winning the GKCFCA Scholar Athlete Scholarship. He is one of 22 players in the metro area that wins a \$1000 scholarship from the Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association and McCarthy Auto Group. He will be honored at the Scholarship Banquet on March 4th.
- Louder Than a Bomb spoken word competitors will be performed in semi-finals and finals at the Gem Theater.

Upcoming School Events

Spring Sports
Crucible

Raytown Middle School

Academic Focus

- Theatre - RMS Theatre students completed their design unit this month, which is the largest project of the semester. Students learned the main jobs that are incorporated in technical theatre. Their project involved selecting their own fairytale, e.g. Aladdin, Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel in which students designed the set; ground plan and front elevation, costumes, and makeup for every character, set design unit and props in their production. Students showed creativity and enthusiasm by putting their imaginations on the page. Guest speaker were featured and invited in to speak to the class. The Careers in Theatre Panel included an actor, director, stage manager and a company owner. They discussed what they do and how they make a living. In addition, the panel shared pictures of what they do. It was an exciting time for theatre students.
- Debate - Debate students recently concluded their Policy Debate unit. Students worked in pairs to prepare and compile a policy debate case that included logical, emotional, and credible arguments. Students completed "In class debates" where they presented prepared speeches as well as taking part in cross-examination. By using research skills, the debaters were able to create a case that they were successfully able to defend to the opposition. In this unit, the competitive side to these students was revealed as they argued their current events.
- Speech - Students conducted commemorative speeches for this unit. They selected a person they feel has accomplished great things for which they have been recognized. Some biographies included Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, and their parents to name a few. After completing an intensive writing process, students presented their commemorative speeches. Students writing voice and the physical presence in their speech delivery was exceptional.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- Debate Tournament summary 2018
- Read a Thon and Read In - On Friday March 16, all students participated in the third annual Building-wide Read In. The purpose of the activity is to foster reading for enjoyment and preference, to build a community of readers and to build reading stamina. Each Advisory student earned points based on their signed reading log; the goal was to read twenty minutes each night for one week and validated with parent signature. Student totals were calculated as a percentage of total reading goals per advisory and the top advisory Mr. Robert Johnson enjoyed during the Read In. Students were focused and enjoyed reading for pleasure with their peers.

Upcoming School Events

- School Play/Production, *Once on This Island* April 5-6 7:00 pm
- Annual Career Day Fair April 11, 2018

Raytown South Middle School

Academic Focus:

- South Middle continues to be focused on implementing Tovani's literacy strategies across classrooms in all content areas. During our March faculty meeting, we looked at STAR reading data by grade level. Depending on the grade level, between 63% and 67% of students in each grade level are "On Watch" or "Need Immediate Intervention". Our ELA dept. head also presented a lesson to our staff around "Read, Write, Think". This is a great strategy to help break apart texts and help students make meaning. Literacy will continue to be a focus as we move into next year.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus:

- The staff at RSMS is “powering up” for MAP testing. The PBS and BLT committees have teamed up to create a “Spirit Week” prior to the beginning of testing. Events include: spirit days, advisory competitions, attendance incentives, and student and staff giveaways.

Upcoming School Events

- Spring Dance: Friday, April 13th 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Raytown Central Middle School**Academic Focus**

- March has afforded our students and teachers a much deserved Spring Break that has recharged us, and we are gearing up for the start of another testing season in just a few weeks! Prior to Spring Break, as well as in the week following break, our teachers have been engaging in peer-to-peer observations and feedback. Our teacher leaders have continued to facilitate the opportunity to have teachers arrange a time to observe other colleagues in action so that we can continue to learn and grow from each other in best practices. This practice has allowed some incredible opportunities for feedback and sharing of ideas and strategies. We are also starting preparations for our upcoming MAP testing season. Teachers have developed some practice activities (i.e. bell work or transitional activities) that mirror the MAP questions. Teachers have also created opportunities to expose students to the online tools that will be on the middle school MAP assessments.
- RCMS is very grateful for the Community Garden. Thanks to the REF Grant we received at the end of 2015 school year, we were able to start our little community garden. This year-as we continue to “grow”-we are anxiously awaiting the “fruits and vegetables” of our labor for yet another season. We have cleared out two more areas in our court yard that will soon become the new home to some fruit trees. This addition continues to greatly enrich our Community Service Club as well as our Functional Skills students.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- Our Drama Club will be presenting their spring Dinner Theatre on Friday April 13th in the RCMS Gymnasium. You can contact the front office for tickets and reservations!
- We are once again hard at work planning for the upcoming celebrations of our 8th grade students. It is hard to believe that we will soon be sending off another great class of students to their next phase in life in just a few short months.
- We are also excitedly planning for our 5th grade transition days that will be quickly approaching in the month of May.

Upcoming School Events

- We are at the start of Track season with two big meets coming up in April.

Raytown Success Academy**Academic Focus**

- Continuation of vocabulary development
- Preparing for MAP testing

Parent/Community/Activities

- April 5th – Family Fun Night
- April 14th – Community Connection Resource Fair
- April 27th – Pancake Breakfast

Herndon Career Center

Academic Focus

- Cosmetology students finished working with clients at the end of March. Students will now complete the year preparing for the State Board licensing test.
- Multiple welding and construction students are now completing internships with companies in the community.
- Auto Collision students have been working on customer vehicles in various conditions. Students are learning all aspects including detailing and repair.

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- SkillsUSA students are preparing for state competition in April.
- The ProStart team is preparing for the community Pop Up Dinner the first Friday in April.
- Teachers held Parent Teacher Conferences during the second full week of February.
- Construction will be featured in April in a Reaching for Excellence segment on Fox 4.

Upcoming School Events

- May 2: Awards Night
- May 10: Meet the Teacher Night

Northwood

Academic Focus

- IEP Goals & Objectives
 - Continued focus on individualized educational goals
- State Testing
- Community Based Instruction Trips
 - KFC
 - HyVee
 - Pizza Ranch

Parent/Community/Activity Focus

- L.I.F.E. Program Work Experience – Students are gaining work skills at the following business
 - Wellness Center
 - Technology Department
 - Raytown Chamber of Commerce – Easter Egg Hunt (Stuffing Eggs)
- Job Olympics Fundraiser
 - Students served patrons to raise money for Job Olympics
 - Total fundraising for Job Olympics = \$832.09

Upcoming School Event

- Community Based Instruction Trips
- State Testing -- MAP/MAP-A/EOC
- 4/06/18: Job Olympics
- 4/24/18: Art/Music Concert (7-8 PM)