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Blue Ridge Elementary

The 2020-21 School Year was a year of challenges and great celebration for the Blue Ridge staff and students. During the month of May, we honored these moments with special events and activities.

Fifth Grade Celebration: Blue Ridge fifth graders celebrated their promotion to the middle school with an outdoor event. Each fifth grader was acknowledged by his or her teacher and given special recognition to acknowledge strengths and personality. Students received a t-shirt from PTA and a string backpack with "Class of 2028" from Dr. Miles.

Clemons Citizenship Award: Each year, Rasheedah Myers and Gerard Clemons honor one fifth grade student for displaying hard work, integrity, respect, love, friendship, trust and determination during the school year. The award is given in dedication of their son, Amir Clemons. Miss Emily Dickerson was named the eleventh recipient of the award. She received a plaque, flowers and gift certificate from the Clemons family.

Bluejay Legacy Hall: Students that attend Blue Ridge Elementary from kindergarten thru 5th grade place their handprint in the hallway outside the library. This year we had 24 of the 60 students who were considered "lifers" at Blue Ridge. Their fingerprints are forever stamped on the walls of Blue Ridge with those that preceded them.

One Class at a Time: First year music teacher, Ms. Anna Worley received recognition from 41 Action News. Ms. Worley was acknowledged for all the hard work and passion she put into her first year of teaching during the pandemic. Despite the circumstances, Ms. Worley taught her students to thrive in the classroom and made learning fun. She even created a video program for students to show off their singing, dancing, and acting skills. Find it on the Blue Ridge Elementary Facebook.

Fun Day: Students participated in a smaller version of the typical fun day this year. The PE teacher created 5 stations for students. Ms. Jackson did a great job mixing games with water events. The students enjoyed playing outside with their friends on one of the FEW sunny days this May.

ThriveOn Concept Leadership Graduate: Ms. Shanise Riley participated in a leadership program at ThriveOn Concepts this school year. In the program, Ms. Riley developed her feedback skills, emotional intelligence, and leadership proficiencies in a classroom setting and coaching sessions. At the conclusion of the program, Ms. Riley's coach and principal boasted about her transformation in self-efficacy and team leadership. We cannot wait to see what Ms. Riley does in the future.



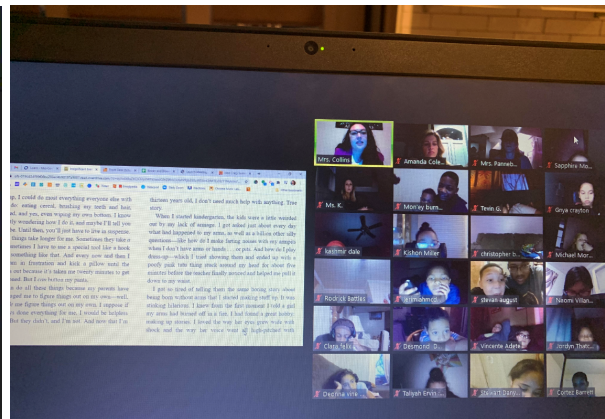
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Eastwood Hills Elementary

We value the diversity and difference of our students and community members. This school year, we were intentional about learning about ourselves and others and practicing anti-racist behaviors. The picture on the left showcases some of the work done by Lexi Crowley's Second Grade virtual class during the month of February.

Eastwood Hosted three virtual Curriculum Nights this school year, the first being Books & Brownies, where teachers modeled instructional strategies used during classroom readings to strengthen comprehension skills that can be employed at home. The picture below on the right shows EWH 4th and 5th Grade students listening to a story read by fifth grade teacher, Rosemary Collins.



For the past two year, Audrey Van Camp, the EWH Art Teacher, has prepared a [Virtual Art Show](#) to showcase the talent of EWH students. This video was shared with parents at the end of the school year and archives the beautiful artwork that Eastwood Hills Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students did during the 20/21 school year.

This school year we celebrated our Fifth Grade students with a drive-through graduation send-off. Families decorated their cars and drove through our bus lane, received by all of the Eastwood Hills staff as we cheered on our students and the future before them.



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Fleetridge Elementary

Fifth Grade Fun Day- This year we were able to celebrate both our in-person and virtual fifth grade students. This was a great opportunity to recognize their hard work and achievements in elementary school. Students had a pizza party in the gym, made homemade ice cream and then signed yearbooks and played on the playground.



First Grade Countdown- Every year our first graders countdown the end of the year with a letter of the day. Starting with Z, students participate in a special activity related to each letter of the alphabet. Below you can see our students dressed “A” for Aloha and “F” for Fancy attire.



Muffins and Marigolds-We had a great turnout for our Family Engagement Night. Students and their families drove through the circle drive at Fleetridge for fun activities and delicious goodies. Each student received a bag of muffins, marigold seed packets, clay pots and science and writing activities.

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Laurel Hills Elementary



2020-2021 School Year: This school year has challenged educators, students, and families. We have all learned how to adapt to our surroundings! We ended the school year with approximately 270 students attending in person and 120 students attending virtually. This year forced us to think outside of our “regular” systems to ensure all students were included, safe, and learning. In an effort to add some normalcy to the end of the school year, the staff at Laurel Hills revamped some traditional activities and events to adapt to our 2020-2021 school year. Additional information about the end of the year events is included in the summary below.

Talent Show: To finish the school year, interested students submitted videos of talents they wanted to showcase. In order to include both the virtual and in person learners, all talent show participants recorded their performance. The videos were shared with the Laurel Hills teachers and each class viewed the show on the last day of school.

Fun Day: Laurel Hills ended the school year with a Fun Day! Our Fun Day was modified this year, but it was still exciting and a success for students. Each grade level had an assigned time to go outside and rotate through the Fun Day stations. The stations included relay races, water games, an obstacle course, etc. The Laurel Hills PE teacher created a virtual Fun Day for the virtual students, as well.

Fifth Grade Recognition: Our fifth grade students had a virtual recognition this year. Each class held their own recognition and honored each student for completing fifth grade and heading the middle school. Extended family members were invited to attend the recognition event.

Career Day: Our students also experienced a Career Day this spring. Students had the opportunity to dress like their interests. Students viewed some videos featuring careers from the different types of career paths. The upper grade students conducted some additional research on specific careers to gain a deeper understanding. The lower grade students completed some writing activities surrounding the featured careers. Additionally, the Laurel Hills counselor followed up with each classroom to provide some additional information and answer any lingering questions. This event was provided to both the in person and virtual students.

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Little Blue Elementary

Fourth Quarter PBIS Parties- This quarter, students enjoyed an outdoor celebration for their hard work in being safe, respectful, and responsible. This celebration included a picnic lunch, games outside and Kona Ice.

5th Grade Fun Day- 5th graders and their teachers participated in a day of fun to celebrate their years at Little Blue and completion of elementary school. Students had an extra recess, pizza, chips, and cookies and enjoyed time socializing with their friends. Superlative awards were given out as a grade and in each room.

Kindergarten Countdown- Every year kindergarten counts down the end of the year with a letter of the day. Starting with Z, students participate in a special activity related to each letter of the alphabet. In addition, we had a reverse parade for our virtual Kindergarten students and their parents to celebrate the completion of Kindergarten.

3rd Grade Culture Projects - For the first year, third grade students participated in creating and presenting about the culture of their families. There were standards from nearly every subject, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It was exciting to hear how different each family is, but also, how much we all have in common.

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Norfleet Elementary



The 2020-21 school year was like no other school year. The entire Norfleet staff worked as a team to focus on safety, learning, and building/maintaining relationships with students, families, and staff during the pandemic. We had four “first days of school” (virtual, return in person, virtual, return in person). All students learned virtually for 11 weeks during parts of the first semester and 30% of our student body learned virtually the entire year.

Our days started with temperature scans and sanitizing the hands of students. Social distancing was practiced throughout the building. We only seated 54 students at a time in our very large cafeteria. Students and staff did not share supplies unless we sanitized them first. Water fountains were turned off and we were thankful when Facility Operations delivered pallets of bottled water for students who did not bring one from home.

Our Title I Teachers moved to classroom teaching positions in order to keep our class sizes at 70% of DESE standards. Over 60 students transferred in or out of Norfleet so we could accommodate their family’s request for in person or virtual learning mode. Bus routes were condensed to 24 students per bus. Some students went on a waiting list for an in person class seat or a seat on a bus.

Teachers and staff collaborated more than ever. They expanded their knowledge of Zoom and Google Classroom, while also learning to use Nearpod, Raz+, and Edulastic in their instruction. Teachers learned to give the STAR reading assessment virtually. In May, teachers gave a new and very thorough math screener to all students so we could have a clear picture of how each student is performing in math.

We tried our best to maintain our Norfleet traditions in a Covid-friendly manner. Parent-Teacher conferences and other parent meetings were held virtually on Zoom. Winter and Spring parties moved to individual classrooms. Family Engagement nights were held virtually - each grade level hosted a different 30 minute family session in April or May that supported reading or math instruction. PTA held their Board and Unit meetings virtually, as well as the Book Fair. The spring book fair was both virtual and in person, as we hosted a Saturday walk up Book Fair at the front of the school. Career Day changed to Career Week and all speakers and activities could be done virtually. We celebrated students with good behavior at quarterly PBS parties, but the events were simpler and shorter. Fifth grade students were celebrated at a virtual 5th Grade Recognition event on Zoom, as well as a 5th Grade Fun Day outside. Field Day was modified this year and held during specials classes only, rather than all day.

The Norfleet Staff was thrilled to end their last work day of the school year with updated guidelines and being able to work together without masks or social distancing. It was nice to see everyone’s smiles as we closed out the memorable year, reflected on all we accomplished, and looked forward to the next school year.

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Robinson Elementary

Super Hero Drive-Thru: *WHAM!* In celebration of National Superhero Day, Robinson Families participated in a no-contact Superhero ELA and math event. *POW!* Families were able to stay in their cars, drive the perimeter of the building, and wave to staff members who were dressed in superhero capes and masks. *BANG!* At the end of the route, each student was given a fancy superhero backpack full of treats and learning activities to enjoy at home. *BOOM!* 175 students/140 families participated in the event that was a *SMASH!*

Fun Day: Students enjoyed Robinson Fun Day 2021 on the hottest day this spring! During recess and specials, classes rotated to exciting stations: water balloon toss, relay race, tug-of-war, dance party, parachute, ring toss, obstacle course, ultimate rock-paper-scissors, and life-size tic-tac-toe. Lots of water and popsicles helped to cool off participants young and old.

Staff Appreciation Week: Staff members were treated to five days of special treats. Muffins on day #1, “*Muffin to do but appreciate you!*” Inspirational notes on day #2, “*Take note, you are appreciated!*” Tacos on day #3, “*Let’s taco ’bout the best staff!*” Bright yellow treats and supplies on day #4, “*You bring sunshine to Robinson!*” Ice cream bars on day #5, “*Bar none, you are the best!*”

Principal’s Breakfast: Each month, students were recognized at a virtual Principal’s Breakfast. Donuts were delivered to the homes of virtual learners, so all participants were able to snack while playing fun games during the Zoom meeting. Students who showed the following character traits were recognized: responsibility, perseverance, self control, patience, and integrity.

Virtual Paint Night: Robinson art teacher, Shelby Vanbuskirk, facilitated Art Night 2021 via Zoom. Those who participated purchased a kit that included paint brushes, acrylic paint, and a small canvas. 300 participants followed step-by-step as Mrs. Vanbuskirk directed. The finished project was a whimsical gnome painting.

Spirit Days: Robinson students and staff show school spirit every day, especially during monthly spirit weeks! Tie-Dye Day, Pajama Day, Star Wars Day, and Hat Day were just a few of the fun spirit days enjoyed by all of our students--virtual and in person learners.

Fifth Grade Farewell: Robinson fifth graders participated in a variety of activities during Fifth Grade Fun Day. Students enjoyed pizza and cookies for lunch while watching a special video that included farewell messages from staff members. Virtual learners were able to join the fun via Zoom, and together the group competed in clever minute-to-win-it games and challenges. It was a special way to end this special school year.

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Southwood Elementary



The 20-21 School year at Southwood Elementary

Southwood Retreat: We began our school year with a SW Retreat. We fellowshiped, collaborated and planned for a year of discovery. We all came up with one word we would work on for the year.

Chromebook check-in: We began the year making sure we had the Chromebooks checked out by the virtual learners and checked –in at the end of the year. Southwood came up with a specific new team called the Roadrunner Routers. This team was responsible for checking out/ cooking Chromebooks, greeting families. This hard working team are the ones to call for distributions to take place. The 20-21 school year.

Boo Drive Thru: For Halloween, we did a Boo drive through. Families were able to drive through as staff members handed out candy. We had over 100 participants, students laughed and smiled as we viewed several-interesting costumes. **PTA:** Our PTA was great this year. Events in which money was raised for Southwood: Penguin Patch, Trash bags, School Store - \$3661.00. Restaurant Nights: Panda Express, Papa Johns, McDonalds - \$1090.00, Amazon Smile: \$18.00. For a Total: \$4769

Spirit Wear: This was our first year having Spirit Wear for Southwood. We raised approximately \$500. **Spirit week for the Chiefs & collection of items:** We celebrated our KC Chiefs by having a spirit week as well as we collected and donated toiletry items for women to Sheffield's Shelter.

Orchards at Southwood: Southwood planted orchards in the schoolyard. This was a staff effort, which we collaborated with Giving Grow for the trees. Southwood has a Garden Club who will water and maintain the area.

SW Read across America Spirit Week: Southwood celebrated read across America. District leaders and staff from the Raytown School District came and read to our classrooms.

Trauma Informed: The staff had a special guest by the name of Amy Bates who spoke to our staff about trauma and what to look for in students. **Black History Program.** Southwood had its first Black History program. The whole school participated with a project or had a story. District members were interviewed and asked to share memories or thoughts about Black History. **PBIS Assembles:** Southwood had three quarterly PBIS assemblies. Students in all grades were recognized for their academic and behavior achievements.

BINGO for BOOKS: Our parent engagement activity included Bingo for books. Families played Bingo virtually and won books. There were over 150 people in attendance. Every student was able to win a book. There was also a photo booth to help remember the memories.

Writing Workshop: Southwood staff received professional development on writers workshop, a building goal. A small group of teachers attended additional sessions in which they learned helpful strategies of how to teach writing.

Fifth Grade Recognition: Southwood Fifth graders had a recognition program before departing to middle school. There were over thirty, fifth grade students who attended Southwood from Kindergarten to fifth grade. Those students received a special shout-out during the event. **Southwood Roadrunner Award:** Staff ended the year with having an awards luncheon. Staff members voted on staff members such as the nicest person, the faster temperature taker, etc. Many fun categories. We ate announced winners and ended the 20-21 school year with big smiles.

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Spring Valley Elementary



This past school year was one filled with many firsts. Despite all of these firsts at Spring Valley, our students and staff overcame each and every challenge, change, obstacle or situation with grace, patience, kindness and perseverance. It was amazing to witness each day within our walls. In May we celebrated students and staff in a variety of ways.

Principal Chew & Chat: Throughout May, students in grades K-5 were nominated by their teacher as displaying safe, respectful and responsible behavior throughout the year to participate in a breakfast with Mrs. Gabbert. Our counselor, Mrs. Jordan, assisted in getting our virtual students to join and visit with their in person friends as well. It was great to witness friendships rekindling after being apart for over a year. In Person students enjoyed donuts and juice while their virtual friends were mailed a personal card with a message and a coupon for a free Blizzard. Students loved getting to participate and enjoy visiting with each other.

PBIS Incentive - Eat, Paint, Play, Win: Students who displayed Safe, Respectful and Responsible behavior during the 4th quarter participated in our Eat, Paint, Play and Win Incentive. In person students visited stations where they enjoyed a grilled hot dog by our very own Grill Master Harvey, chips and bottled water. They painted rocks to add to our courtyard garden. They participated in Balloon Toss and Standing Pool Noodle Race games. Virtual students who qualified participated in a virtual version with a snack, creating a clay model animal and playing in a scavenger hunt. Students voted this as Spring Valley's BEST incentive!!

Kindness Challenge: Students participated in a Kindness Challenge in March and requested that it return because they were not done with being kind. Classrooms competed to do acts of kindness and record or take pictures of their work. Students in all grades participated. The classrooms or grade level with the most points enjoyed a popcorn or popsicle party.

Field Day: Field Day looked a little different this year compared to past years, but our team rocked it out of the park with fun for our students. We had dry stations that included Ski Ball, Indoor Mini Golf, Frisbee Golf & Outdoor Chalk Time. Our outside wet stations included Bucket Relay, Ice Cream Cone Relay, It's Raining, It's Pouring and Hula Hoop Toss. Students ended their outside time with a popsicle. Fun was had by all who attended as the rain stayed away!

K & 5th Grade Celebrations: Although we were unable to have in person celebrations with our families and students, we had virtual celebrations where our virtual students and families joined our link. Kindergarten teachers videoed their students stating what they want to be when they grow up. Parents and staff enjoyed seeing the students' responses. It was a hit! Our 5th grade celebration was enjoyed by all who attended and joined virtually. Our counselor, Mrs. Jordan, created a video that displayed each 5th grade student stating what they loved and would miss at Spring Valley. Having both of our celebrations virtually were not ideal, however, this did allow us to create some special videos that will be treasured by families and staff alike.

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Westridge Elementary

Fourth Quarter PBIS Parties- This quarter, students took part in an outdoor celebration for their hard work in being safe, respectful, and responsible. Students could participate if they had zero recovery visits or one visit could be “bought back with Eagle dollars. This celebration included games outside and a special treat.

Virtual PBIS Parties- Virtual students had the option to party as well. Grade levels were invited to school to participate in the celebration during their own time, separate from the in person celebrations. In addition, those who could not attend received a special prize bag.

5th Grade Fun Day- Each year 5th graders have a special event celebrating all their hard work and achievements in elementary school. Although each year is slightly different, these days always include the tradition of making tie-dye shirts and painting their hands to place on the walls. This year we were able to include dance parties, pizza, and games. Virtual students were invited to attend and those who couldn't make it had the chance to connect with in person students and participate over Zoom.

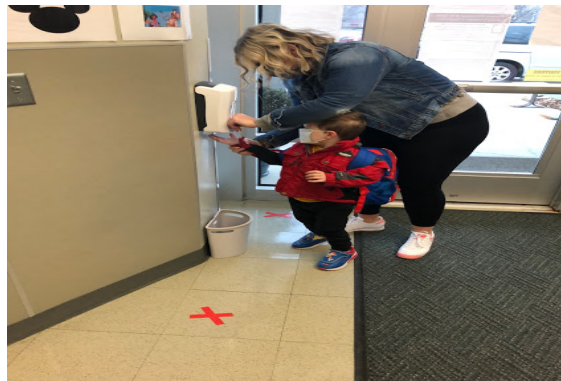
Kindergarten Countdown- Every year kindergarten counts down the end of the year with a letter of the day. Starting with Z, students participate in a special activity related to each letter of the alphabet. In addition, we have an end of the year celebration with parents and students over zoom reflecting on all the hard work and accomplishments they've had.

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New Trails Early Learning Center

This year we started with our students in person in September. The students did a great job of wearing masks and social distancing. They learned the new routines and adapted well. Our goal was to try and create all the same experience for our young learners while following the guidelines. We wanted to make sure our students had a great first experience.



Teachers remained focused on our goals and making sure children were ready for kindergarten. Elementary staff came and observed each child, held virtual planning meetings and IEP meetings. We celebrated Trail of Treats, Chiefs, Teacher Appreciation, Water Day, Picnic and Moving On. We videotaped the classes singing and sent those to parents along with a collage of pictures celebrating the class of 2034.



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Three Trails Preschool

The 2020-2021 school year has been a year of uncertainty, new procedures and challenges that none of us could have anticipated. Three Trails has focused on building safety, connection and problem-solving with our students and families during these uncertain times. Despite these challenges, Three Trails continued to hold a standard of excellence, finding new ways to connect providing opportunities for students and families.

Moving On: Three Trails hosted Moving On at Raytown South High. For the first time during the school year students were able to perform for their families.



Conscious Discipline Virtual Professional Development: The new learning platform allowed for all staff to participate in Conscious Discipline resiliency training. Teachers completed modules that provided staff the tools to help cope with the challenges from quarantining, virtual instruction, and challenges students and families were experiencing due to Covid.

Virtual Field Trips: Kansas City provided creative opportunities for students to have experiences that were limited during COVID. Three Trails students were able to virtually visit the Kansas City Zoo, see a concert with Mr. Stinky Feet, participate in a learning opportunity from KC Young Audiences and have guest readers from the Raytown Rotary and Dr. Anthony Moore.



Community Involvement: COVID did not allow for the traditional partnership with the community and families. Three Trails hosted a book drive with donations from the Raytown Rotary as well as Raytown families. With these donations, to help create "Hawklet's Nest", a new lending library at Three Trails. Families also donated many treats to help celebrate the 100th day of school.

