


# RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

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To: All Staff, School Board Members  
From: Jeannie Richards, Superintendent  
Date: February 12, 2010  
Re: Raymond's Best Kept Secrets: Psst.....Pass it on!

Best Kept Secrets — "Teacher initiative and camaraderie."

*"People learn best through active involvement and through thinking about becoming articulate about what they have learned."*

1. Phillips Exeter Academy is working with us to pilot our enrichment class at IHGMS in Math and/or English. This would be called Raymond Roundtable with PEA. This course would serve current grade 7 and 8 students. Sessions would use the Harkness Method and would run for 11 sessions in July. Any parent interested should contact Ellen Small. Another information meeting will be held with Grade 7 and 8 students.
2. IHGMS student Sabrina Vail has been selected as the state's top Middle Level youth volunteer in the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Sabrina will receive a \$1,000 reward, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for a series of recognition events in May. She is also being considered for the President's Volunteer Service Award.
3. March 4th and 5th - Dinner at the RHS POPS. A spaghetti dinner at 5:45 followed by the RHS Community Band and Chorus at 6:45. Proceeds will go towards transportation to The 2010 Heritage Festival in Nashville, TN. Contact Randy Lacasse to reserve tickets. (\$7/\$5)
4. A "Celebration of Education" will be held at the Sunday, March 7th Manchester Monarchs game at 3:00 PM. The event will recognize and honor teachers with a complimentary ticket, a program listing all educators in attendance, and a special gift. Watch for vouchers to be distributed at the schools. The deadline to return a voucher order form is February 26th.
5. Daffodil Days—Alison Lacasse is coordinating the Daffodil Days fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The last day to order is February 19th. Flowers will be delivered the week of March 22nd. Order form is attached. 
6. Recent press release attached. Please remember to lock your classroom doors and office areas at the end of your work day. Our buildings are used by the community at night in pre-determined designated areas which will be opened for them. There are designated exterior doors to use as well.
7. Yesterday, the 7th grade students took part in day long activities on "Tolerance". The students rotated through lessons and activities on bullying, relationships, labeling others, cyber-bullying, and stereotyping. The sessions were run by teachers and guidance staff. In addition, the students had a chance to meet and talk with Doug Whilhem, author of The Revealers. This book is a popular book read by the 7th grade students in their Language Arts class. All of the discussions were lively and well received by the students. This was a very successful activity developed by our staff!

Happy Valentine's Day!