



# RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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To: All Staff, School Board Members  
From: Jeannie Richards, Superintendent  
Date: February 5, 2010  
Re: Raymond's Best Kept Secrets: Psst.....Pass it on!

Best Kept Secrets — “Over 40 students earning credit on the Alternative Learning Option of Plato (online credit recovery.)

1. Congratulations to our Food Service Department. They received a score of 99% for the NH Health Department Inspection held on Monday. This is an excellent rating and speaks to the thorough work of the food service staff in all our kitchens.
2. Thank you to Davinney Brazeau for her great presentation at the School Board meeting highlighting “Our Students, Our Schools.” Over 100 students go out for sports each season with a range of 106 to 167; winter season being the top choice this year.
3. Last year, each building participated in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund raiser Jeans For Genes. Each adult in the building was able to wear jeans on Wednesday for the donation of \$2.00. We will participate again this year on April 21, Wednesday. A flyer will be distributed closer to the date.
4. The middle school staff participated in a team building activity on Monday which added to the outside beauty of IHGMS—a snow sculpting competition. Congratulations to the Grade 5 Instructional Team for their Olympic gold. The Unified Arts and The Special Services Teams shared silver. The Grade 6 Instructional Team won the bronze. Grade 5 created a “Treasures” Chest to honor our new core reading program.
5. Thank you to Randy Lacasse for his newly designed midterm performance evaluation. With rubric in hand, his students performed in front of a jury of students and staff at IHGMS. By all accounts, this was a very well-received performance based on competency assessment. It was very meaningful for his students.
6. The RHS Art Department is pleased to announce two award recipients in the prestigious Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. The contest involves competition between all New Hampshire High School Art programs. Shawna McGahey received a Gold Key for her ceramic piece “Cow” and Haley Deeb received a Silver Key for her pencil drawing “Growth”. Keys will be presented at an awards ceremony at Pinkerton Academy on February 13th. Congratulations to Kathy Mutch and her very talented students!
7. An illustration by LRES Grade 3 student Leah Gustin has been chosen to be featured as part of the NH Philharmonic concert in March. As part of her artwork being selected, it will be projected on a screen with other students’ artwork around the state during the concert. Leah will also win a free ticket to the show to see her artwork. The show will take place March 14, 2009 at the Palace Theater in Manchester. We are all very excited for Leah.
8. Four Raymond High School students are ranked in the top 10 bowler athletes. The next state tournament will be held February 20th. Go Rams!

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9. Christine Moses, one of our parents who has volunteered much time and energy with the RCFY After School Program we run at IHGMS, has just been named New Hampshire Unsung Hero Award 2010. Congratulations, Christine!
10. The RHS Music Department is proud to announce that senior Kevin Campbell has been accepted into the Keene State College Music Department. Kevin is very excited. As far as we know Kevin is the first graduate in nearly 20+ years that has been successful in the audition process for a post secondary degree in music!
11. Last night, LRES hosted over 120 families at their Math Night for student and families. This Math Night was sponsored in partnership with LRES staff, the PTO and the District FEAT Team. It was a huge success with many happy and excited students enjoying math games and challenges. Thank you much to all. Over 17 LRES staff participated in the event. Thank you much! The next Math Curriculum Night will be hosted by IHGMS on March 25th.
12. One of our JAG students, Kayli Souther, will be serving as a page in the NH Legislature for a week later this month. What a great experience. We wish her well.
13. The official state average dropout rate is 6.9%. Raymond's official rate is 5%.

*Please remember to send me your information and news about District happenings at any time for all staff to read in the Weekly Update.*