

Raymond School District Community Newsletter

The Green Gazette

March 2020

Superintendent's Virtual Coffee Hour

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Please join in the discussion by emailing invite@sau33.com to request an invitation to this virtual event!

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Student Services

An Informal Discussion

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Voter Information

Our Voter Information web page contains information that continues to be updated throughout the budget and voting season. There you'll find information about each warrant articles, as well as a sample copy of the School District ballot.

Visit <u>www.sau33.com/voterinformation</u>.



Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM **VOTE** at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School!

School Culture Climate Survey for Parents/Guardians



In order to gather school perception from staff and families across a variety of relevant topics Raymond School District recently engaged in the NHDOE school culture and climate survey. We express our deep gratitude to the 180 staff and 250 families who completed the survey this past November. Helping the district better understand the current relationship dynamics between staff and families, the district has formally discussed results to identify areas of priority to action plan around.

Raymond School District has prioritized the survey element of meaningful family engagement. With such a broad topic, action planning specifically targeted the contributing factor of communication. We look forward to partnering with our families and staff to learn more about the effectiveness of current communication methods as well as ideas for improvement. This will be done through surveys and focus group discussions.

The additional insights gathered from these activities will be used to identify 1-2 communication strategies to use with staff and families. Raymond School District welcomes your feedback and looks forward to engaging in these efforts to strengthen meaningful family engagement through increasing effective communication about students academic achievement and social, emotional and behavioral health wellness.

We welcome parents and guardians of our students to partner with us by taking this brief <u>survey</u>.

Each school looks forward to reviewing their building specific results and engaging in similar action planning.



LRES Celebrating Read Across America!

This year Read Across America will be a month-long celebration at LRES! During in school days, students will have the opportunity to dress up for various daily themes, participate in trivia, and see other students' favorite books with book flags hung in the halls. Fully remote students will have dress up days, participate in remote reading Bingo, and see book flags virtually! All students will participate in Lamprey



River Elementary School's March Madness Book Challenge.



On Fridays, all students will have virtual story time where they will listen to 2 books read to them by staff, then they will vote on their favorite book. Fridays will also be time for engaging in shared reading experiences with the whole family. Students will be enjoying stories in a fort, with flashlights, and at their favorite "destination" (using their imaginations, of course!) Sharing a love of reading with friends and family is the highlight of all our Read Across America events! Staff are creating a slideshow for students,

showcasing them reading their favorite books in fun ways!

During Read Across America month, students will also be able to support the school library by participating in a Read-A-Thon! Students will be challenged to read everyday for two weeks to raise money for the library. The library is hoping to raise money for STEAM supplies, book browsing shelves, and to expand their nonfiction section of the library with more "just right books" for students to read.





Thank you to our PTO for providing book bags for all students! Your generosity and support of our programs is greatly appreciated. We are very fortunate to have a great PTO!

Spirit Week at IHGMS!

Although this year's Spirit Week looked a little different from previous years, the goal of the week remained the same, which was to have some fun and make an honest attempt to lift the "spirits" of our students and staff.

The week started with students, faculty, and staff choosing to dress in their favorite decade wear or being creative and going crazy with out-of-this-world hairdos. The week ended with a choice to arrive at school in your most comfortable pajamas or twinning it up with a friend just to wear stunning matching outfits.

Students also enjoyed a little friendly competition each morning as each grade battled each other to be the first to answer the daily trivia question.







During lunch, students listened to and sang some of their favorite tunes, and some even showed off their dance moves, which no doubt was valid proof to the expression that "music brings people together".

The Pandemic has been an emotional challenge for all of us and although this year's Spirit Week events were comparably small to our typical February celebration of school pride,



they did help bring back some semblance of normalcy in a time that's anything but normal.

With that said, there is nothing small about the hard work it takes in becoming the D3 Tri-County Champions! What a way to end Spirit Week. Congratulations! This will be a year to remember!

For more photos of Spirit Week, please go to lber Holmes Gove school's official Facebook page.



RHS Update from Principal Steve Woodward

February saw Ram Nation at its very best. It was great to welcome the students back into the building on Monday, February 8. Even though we are currently running a hybrid model schedule, it is important to get students into the building and participating in activities as often as possible. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel and look forward to the day when everyone is in the building together.

The same day we returned to the building, there was a massive fire at the Sunview Apartments. Despite the tragedy that displaced a number of our students, it was great to see the Raymond School District and community come together to provide aid to all victims of the fire. The community's response was amazing and by the end of the day on February 8, the Raymond High School gym looked like a Walmart. Kudos to all who donated items, the students, faculty, and school board members who helped in the gym all week.





The Penguin Plunge occurred on Saturday, February 13 and, for the third year in a row, Raymond High School led all other high schools in the state for the amount of money raised for the Special Olympics. RHS raised over \$37,000. It looked different this year and instead of going to Hampton Beach to jump in the Atlantic Ocean, the event was held at RHS with the help of the Raymond Fire Department,

who hosed students down with water. A huge thank you to Mr. Hayes for

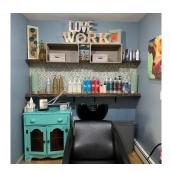
organizing the event and to the 108 students and staff who raised money for the event.

While we may have been remote for a period, it is heartwarming to know that when we returned to school we hadn't missed a beat. Whether helping out community members or the Special Olympics, it was a great month to be a Ram.

Thank You to Our ELO Community Partners

37 Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), 8 career paths, and 30 students; this would not be possible without our community partners and their willingness to guide, mentor and provide opportunities for student career exploration. Here are a few examples of the community partners that support student interests and experiential learning. The ELOs would not be possible without their support, thank you!

A Doo for You (Raymond): A Doo for You hair salon owner, Lisa Dufour, is the newest business partner eager to open her doors to our students. We look forward to collaborating and placing students in her location within the Cosmetology field.





Palmer and Sicard Inc. (Exeter): Palmer & Sicard Inc. President, Mark Hodsdon, and several members of his staff, have graciously welcomed one of our students, Lexi Hovatter, into their business. They have gone out of their way to best match her interests in developing skills with on the job training as an apprentice that will fulfill her goals towards obtaining a Gas Piping License. "Palmer and Sicard provide expertise in

plumbing, pipefitting, HVAC, sheet metal, fabrication of piping and sheet metal systems, mechanical design and service."

Dee's Cat & K9 Design (Fremont): Dee's Cat & K9 Design owner, Dee Houle, has been mentoring student Kylie Slater since the beginning of the school year. Kylie has been learning the trade of dog and cat grooming. These skills will assist her with her career goals to continue in the Animal Science field.



Would you like to mentor a student within your business? Please contact ELO Coordinator Holly Londo, h.londo@sau33.com, to discuss.

Tech Support Hotline

Just a reminder that we have a Technology Support Hotline!



Hotline 603-690-9005 Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:00pm

Webinars for Parents

We would like to thank our parents and community for their continued support during our remote and hybrid learning. To support hybrid and remote learning we are continuing our partnership with Demonstrated Success to offer our Parents As Educational Partners webinar series.



Title: Learning the Mathspeak of Your Child's Math Program

Date: Wed, March 3

Time: 5-6pm

Description: "Fact families, number bonds, addends, arrays..." It all sounds like a foreign language! How do you make sense of the grade expectations in math for your child? Join us as we decode the language of math standards and popular curriculum materials into language you can understand and use while supporting your child in mastering grade-level math skills.

Registration Link:

https://dashboard.gotowebinar.com/webinar/7775193588067478283

Discount Code at Check-out: (Contact School or m.whaland@sau33.com)

Title: A special Social-Emotional Forum

Date: Wed, March 17 Time: 6:30-8:00pm.

Description: In the wake of the pandemic, many kids are struggling with loneliness and disruption to their routines. In response, we have organized this opportunity for parents to hear from and talk with a panel of experts about the social emotional wellbeing of students ages 5-12. Panelists will share their thoughts on how schools can support the social and emotional health of students. Then they will answer your pressing questions about what you can do at home to best support your child and her/his emotional health.

Registration link:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJluceyrrz0rEtVfuFug2cXmZGsV6FEaTwG2

These sessions are designed for parents with students in grades K-8 and free of charge using the passcode found in the Lamprey River Elementary and Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Newsletter

You can always watch a past webinar when it's convenient for you. To replay, simply click one of the titles below and enter the passcode, if prompted.

If you are not sure where to access your password please feel free to contact me at m.whaland@sau33.com or your child's school.

LEAP Program - Bench Update!



We have achieved our goal of 500 lbs of plastic recyclables! We are now in the process of procuring the bench for placement on the LRES playground. We will announce when we will have our unveiling when a date is determined. In the meantime, don't throw away your recyclables just yet, because the LRES PTO is starting a 2nd round to get a bench for the kindergarten playground! Keep dropping that soft plastic off in the bins outside of LRES so we can get that 2nd bench!

Classroom Monitors Wanted

If you love working with children, we welcome you to join our Classroom Monitor team today! As we undergo this unique school year, the Raymond School District is in need of a dynamic individual to monitor and support students in the classroom setting.



This individual will independently monitor the classroom environment while students are receiving remote instruction from the teacher. Hiring at elementary, middle and high schools. This is a part time, temporary position, and must commit to 4 days per week Monday-Thursday, scheduled for 6.5 hours per day; purchase of service agreement. No fringe benefits are associated with this position.

\$18 per hour!

If you or someone you know is looking to gain rewarding employment that gives back to the local community, please apply online at www.sau33.com/jobs. Can't be a Classroom Monitor but want to help? Simply share this with someone you know who may be interested. We look forward to hearing from you!

Athletics Update



At IHGMS, all four basketball teams competed in the Tri County Tournament with the Girls A Team being crowned the Division III Champions! At RHS, our independent athletes in wrestling and gymnastics have completed their seasons with Dominic Robinson recording his 100th win in wrestling and Anya Cunningham finishing in the top

10 at the gymnastics state meet. The basketball, cheerleader and bowling teams have completed their regular seasons and are in great shape as they head into their NHIAA Tournaments at the beginning of March. Congratulations to all on a great winter season!

Parent Advisory Committee

Just a reminder that Director of Student Services, Michael Hatfield is looking to form a parent advisory committee.



If you are interested in partnering with him, please reach out via email at m.hatfield@sau33.com.

Next Preschool Screening - April 9th



Concerned about your child's development?

Preschool screening is a brief assessment of a child's development, usually lasting 60 minutes or less. The screening protocol used by The Raymond School District is the Dial-4. This is for children 3-5 years old, not already a member of our school district community.

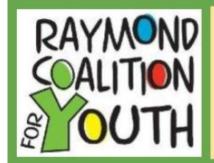
A vision and hearing assessment are also part of the screening procedures. Please contact Linda Mahoney at 895.4299 x1106 or I.mahoney@sau33.com to schedule your child's appointment.

From Raymond Coalition for Youth

The Raymond Coalition For Youth has been promoting positive healthy choices for youth since 2002. Please visit www.rcfy.org for updated information and resources.

We have recently learned about some very concerning information regarding youth prescription drug concerns in our area and invite you to learn more on our website or visiting our YouTube page.

Please contact our office if you have questions. info@rcfy.org 603-895-7061



Please visit <u>www.rcfy.org</u> to learn more about issue impacting our youth.

RCFY is your community connection to updated information and resources. We are always looking for new people who are interested in getting involved! info@rcfy.org

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Events are subject to change. Please check our Events Calendars at www.sau33.com.

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 6:00 PM, Remote

IHGMS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Thursday, March 4, 9:00 AM

School Closed - Staff In-Service Day

Tuesday, March 9

Superintendent's Virtual Coffee Hour re: Student Services

Tuesday, March 9, 10:00 AM

VOTING DAY

Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM, IHGMS

LRES Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 PM, Remote

LRES Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Friday, March 12, 9:00 AM

RHS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Monday, March 15, 10:00 AM

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 6:00 PM, Remote

IHGMS Principal's Virtual Coffee Hour

Thursday, March 18, 9:00 AM

