



The Green Gazette

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Remote Learning Survey



Now that remote learning has been up and running for a few weeks, we need parent input that we can use to make adjustments if needed. If you haven't done it already, please take a minute to answer a simple, five question survey about remote learning in Raymond. You may complete it once for every Raymond student in your family. Responses are already being considered. Make

sure we know your thoughts, as we move forward and seek to continually improve the remote instruction that we provide to all students. Thank you!

[Raymond School District Remote Learning "Quick Survey"](#)

Please remember that, while our school buildings are closed, School District employees of all types are still working and available to help students and parents in any way we can! Please reach out to us if you are in need of assistance, using the usual contacts shown on our websites.

REMOTE LEARNING GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Don't forget that our library-media specialists have special resources to keep every student interested and engaged! They put together these [Remote Learning Tips](#) for parents; please take advantage and contact these amazing professionals if you want more ideas and materials to **enrich** your child's learning during this time (or any time)!



Remote School Board Meetings and Public Participation



The School Board expects to continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month while schools are closed due to the COVID-19 crisis. Agendas are posted at www.sau33.com/agenda. There you can also find the "Working Agenda," which includes links to any public documents provided to the School Board as backup to their agenda items.

The Board has made accommodations to allow its members, guests, and the public to participate remotely.

The meeting place will continue to be the Raymond High School Media Center and will be open to the public, with a limitation of 10 people in the media center at any one time.

However, the Board encourages residents who would like to provide input to do so by either emailing the School Board at schoolboard@sau33.com or by calling **895-6405** during the "Public Input" section of a regular meeting. You will be placed on speakerphone at that time.

Please know that these plans may change based on new information received. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Student Meal Account Refunds



If parents/guardians are interested in receiving a refund from your students' lunch accounts, please contact [Judy DiNatale](#), our School Nutrition Services Director. Mrs. DiNatale will coordinate with the Business Office to get those refunds to you. Please know that these refunds will require approval by the School Board, just as are all expenses that the District pays out.

Preschool Tuition

We will not be charging tuition for preschool while schools are in remote learning. Parents who have paid preschool tuition for the full month of March, the tuition for the second half of March will be applied to the first month we are back in session. If remote learning continues for the remainder of the school year, we will send refunds out to parents who should be receiving them.



Tech Support Hotline



Just a reminder...Our I.T. Department is offering a Tech Support Hotline during regular school hours at: **(603) 690-9005**

Use this number for:

- Tech support for parents and students
 - Tech support for teachers and staff
 - General Technology Info
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LRES Votes on Voting Day!



As families went to the polls in Raymond on March 10th to vote, students had their own special voting to partake in. Over the past two months, 4th grade students at LRES discussed ways they wanted to improve/make things better at our school. After many discussions, the students came up with 3 changes that they would like to make at LRES. The ideas were shared out at an All School Meeting back in February. Before the vote, 4th grade students created posters and displayed them all over the school, campaigned in classrooms, and shared messages using FLIPGrid.

All of their hard work led up to voting day on Tuesday, March 10th, where a ballot box was waiting for LRES

students at the voting site (IHGMS) for Raymond Citizens. Some students were able to experience voting alongside their parents, while others were able to vote the next day at school. 411 ballots casted were counted. The majority of students voted to make changes to recess! Staff will be taking the suggestions from students to improve recess for next school year.



This has been such a great experience for our entire school community. 4th grade students truly got to learn about using their voice to share ideas as well as use their persuasive words to share with students why they believed specific changes should happen at LRES. Our younger students learned what it is all about to hear ideas that are worth agreeing with and choosing between those ideas to determine what they felt was the best plan for changes to LRES next school year.

IHGMS - We can still meet for Principal's Coffee Hours!

Even though our schools are in Remote Learning mode and the Governor has issued a Stay At Home order, you can still meet with the principals of our schools on a regular basis though an App from Google: [Hangouts Meet](#).



For the duration of Remote Learning the IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour will be Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. To attend send an email to b.bickford@sau33.com requesting an invitation to the next Coffee Hour. You receive an email with an invitation and a link to click on at the date and time of the meeting. If you use Google Gmail, then the meeting will also be added to your Google Calendar. The link to the meeting can also be found in that calendar event. You can attend through a computer, smartphone or a tablet. Depending on the device, you may need to download the Meets app.

Join us each Thursday morning to get updates on our school, Remote Learning, etc. and ask all your related questions. Hope to see you on Thursday mornings!

RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL REMOTE INSTRUCTION PLAN



Dear Raymond High School Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Sununu has announced that all schools will be closed until at least May 4 due to the COVID-19 virus. While the Raymond School District has made a quick and successful transition to remote instruction, we are currently looking at ways to improve the experience for all involved.

Additionally, we have just learned that **the Seacoast School of Technology will be in session the traditional week of April vacation, but closed Wednesday, April 8th - Friday,**

April 10th. While this differs from our calendar at the moment, they have assured us that they will be flexible and accommodating for students.

As our understanding and skills grow regarding remote instruction, we will communicate out any changes or tweaks we make to the process. While we would prefer that the students be in the building, we want remote instruction to be meaningful and beneficial for our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have ideas, concerns, questions, or anything else that comes to mind.

Sincerely,

Steve Woodward, Principal

ELO's and Remote Learning

Several students have opted to participate in remote Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's). Although the students are not interning within a specific business of career interest, the expectations and their extended learning experiences have been equally as profound and eye opening. The goal of remote ELO's is to generate thought provoking journal prompts throughout the week regarding the students "new" classroom experiences. They have reflected upon such issues as the challenges of acclimating to the unique learning environment, maintaining social relationships and what they're doing to balance fun into their schedules! Students that participate and meet all the ELO requirements until the remainder of the school year will receive .5 elective credits.



Reach High Scholars



In these tumultuous times, the Reach High Scholars Program is reassessing ways to carry out its mission to provide opportunities and resources to RHS students to enable them to reach higher in their educational pursuits than they otherwise would have imagined possible.

RHSP brings together two constituencies: (i) student members in RHSP and (ii) highly competitive colleges ("HCCs") with financial resources that enable them to provide excellent academic opportunities and significant need-based financial aid. Dozens of

RHSP members have attended those colleges in the past ten years.

The existence and long-term goals of our two constituencies have not changed as a result of the Covid-19 virus. The world around them has.

[Click here to read more](#) about how RHSP is adapting its initiatives to the current environment.

Curriculum

Congratulations to our Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Mike Whaland! Mike recently defended his dissertation, entitled: **Why Rural Teachers Stay: Examining Teacher Retention and Attrition in New Hampshire's Rural Schools**

Description: 'If rural schools and communities are to be sustainable, they need to keep their teachers. This study examined teacher retention and attrition in rural New Hampshire schools. Based on the review of literature, teacher working conditions, overall job satisfaction, and

community engagement informed the conceptual framework that guided this study. This qualitative, multi case study was conducted to better understand why teachers choose to stay employed in rural New Hampshire schools, and how the state's different rural contexts influence teacher retention. The study included three schools located in different rural regions of New Hampshire. Each was considered through sampling procedures to best represent their specific rural context. A cross case analysis was conducted to account for generalizations across all contexts. Results from this study revealed insights into why teachers choose to stay employed in rural New Hampshire Schools. This study illuminated the unique sense of place of each school and how each rural context is affected by, and addresses teacher retention. These findings suggest how to effectively maintain a highly competent and consistent teaching staff. This could prove advantageous for the continued sustainability of rural schools, rural communities, as well as the state of New Hampshire in general'.



Congratulations, Dr. Whaland!

An Update from our Youth Program Coordinator

On Saturday, March 7th, LEAP braved a brisk and windy morning to fire off Estes Rockets that were assembled by Ms. Samsel's STEAM club over the winter. We got off to a rough start with a couple of faulty elements, but with the help of Ms. Samsel and her family, we were able to troubleshoot and fix the problems! All rockets were successfully launched from the lower field at IHGMS, with all but one rocket being recovered (I think it drifted all the way to the common!) Attached is a video of one of our rockets taking flight!



During this time of social distancing, LEAP remains active with our members. We are available online from 3:00-5:00 for IHGMS and 3:30-5:30 for LRES. Our priorities are to offer additional help during what is still considered out-of-school time as well as maintaining student-staff connections as well as keeping students connected to each other. We are also utilizing Google Classroom to offer optional activities and resources that align with the goals of 21CCLC programs. If you have any questions or would like to learn more how your child could benefit from our remote services, you can email me at p.arsenault@sau33.com **As we enter what would've been our 4th session, we are opening up our assistance to all students in LRES and IHGMS.** Hope to see everyone soon! - Pat Arsenault

School Nurse Office Hours

Starting next week (April 5th), our school nurses will

have regular "office hours" during which parents can email and get a live response.

The times are 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Kelsey McDermott (LRES): k.mcdermott@sau33.com

Monique Gauthier (IHGMS): m.gauthier@sau33.com

Mark Hastings (RHS): m.hastings@sau33.com



Athletics Update



With remote learning extended to May 4th, the NHIAA and TCL will be adjusting the revised start date for spring athletics in order to conform with this new timeline.

So far, the NHIAA has set the following Spring Sports Dates:

May 4, 2020: First date to practice

May 13, 2020: First date to play

Student Meal Online Ordering

As you may know, the Raymond School District is offering free emergency breakfast & lunch meals to students in our community during school's closure due to COVID 19. Beginning Tuesday afternoon, March 31st, we are opening up online ordering of meals for students.

If your student(s) need meals during this time and you live in Raymond, please place your order for emergency meals online by 6 AM the last "school day" before pick up day. This will help us ensure that we know how many to prepare. This means that orders for Monday pick up are needed by 6 AM Friday, orders for Wednesday pick up are needed by 6 AM Tuesday morning.



How to place an order:

1. [Click here](#) to access our order form in MySchoolBucks.
2. Enter the number of meals you need along with all the students' names.
3. Select the day(s) you wish to pick up meals. *Note: If you select multiple days, you will need to pick up meals on each day selected. You will not be able to pick-up meals for the entire week on one day.*
4. Click *Order Now* to confirm and place your order.
5. Pick up your meals between 10:00 AM and Noon at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School for each day that you selected.

Ordering emergency meals online is completely free – you will not be charged any amount when placing an order or when you pick up your meals.

Other important information

Details on Pick up:

Please park at the curb and proceed up to pick up your grab and go bags from the table in front of the gym doors. You will be asked the names of your students to match the pre-order list.

In observing good social distancing practices, kindly wait in your car until the people in

front of you finish before approaching the table.

Details on Meals:

Breakfast will consist of grains, fruit or juice and milk.

Lunch will consist of protein, grains, fruit, vegetables and milk.

If you have any questions, please contact us at our current office in the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School. The phone number there is 603-895-3394, extension 4109. You can also School Nutrition Services Director Judith DiNatale at j.dinatale@sau33.com.

As families become accustomed to online ordering, we are working to determine how meal delivery can be coordinated. Please watch for updates in the near future.

RCFY's Virtual Video Project



RAYMOND COALITION FOR YOUTH
VIRTUAL Video Project

You could win a \$25 Gift Card and help RCFY support the businesses that support our work all year long.

The Raymond Coalition For Youth invites youth, young adults and families to create a short video highlighting the people and things that help us most, when we need it most.

Who is your person?
Who or what helps you get through tough times?
Who or what gives you strength?

Videos will be shared and highlighted on our social platforms to help inspire others!

For directions and more information on how to participate please visit www.rcfy.org
If you have questions please contact Christine at cbostaph@rcfy.org

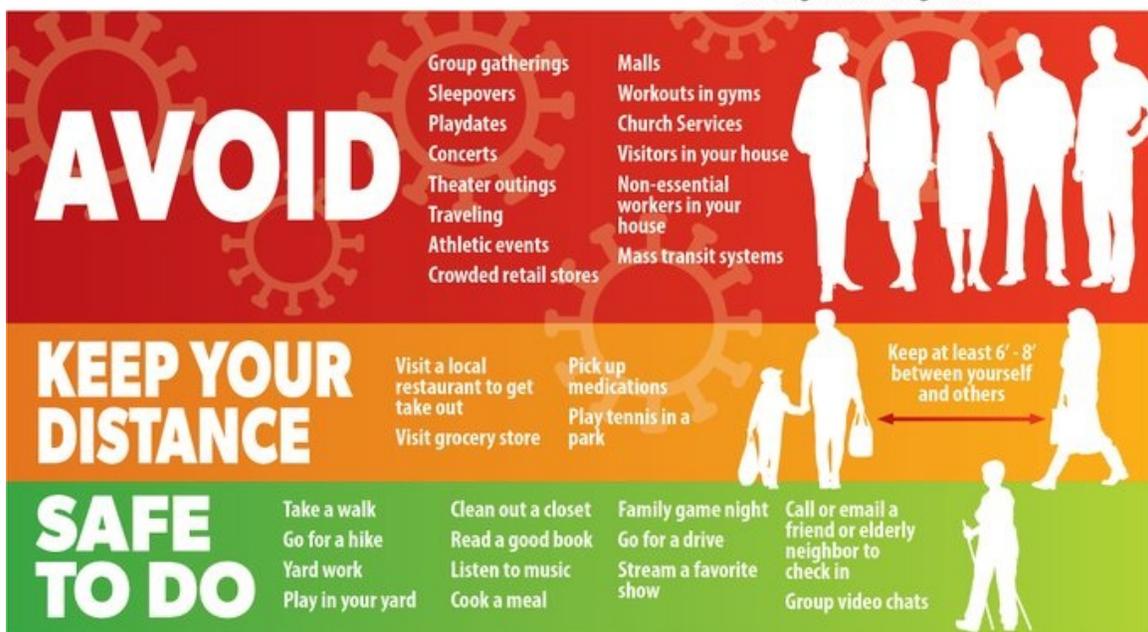
Raymond Coalition for Youth is hosting a [Virtual Video Project](#): Youth, young adults and families are invited to create a short video highlighting the people and things that help us most, when we need it most. For directions and more information on how to participate please visit www.rcfy.org. Questions, contact Christine Bostaph at cbostaph@rcfy.org.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.

Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.



AVOID

- Group gatherings
- Sleepovers
- Playdates
- Concerts
- Theater outings
- Traveling
- Athletic events
- Crowded retail stores
- Malls
- Workouts in gyms
- Church Services
- Visitors in your house
- Non-essential workers in your house
- Mass transit systems

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

- Visit a local restaurant to get take out
- Visit grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Play tennis in a park

Keep at least 6' - 8' between yourself and others

SAFE TO DO

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Yard work
- Play in your yard
- Clean out a closet
- Read a good book
- Listen to music
- Cook a meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Stream a favorite show
- Call or email a friend or elderly neighbor to check in
- Group video chats

Upcoming Events

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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

Raymond School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

Raymond School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center



Visit our website