



Raymond School District Community Newsletter

The Green Gazette

March 2020

Superintendent

Tuesday, March 10th is an important day for the District and the Town! **Voting will take place at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School from 7 AM to 7 PM.** Please make an effort to come and cast your ballot on that date. Every single vote matters! Major issues to be decided pertain to the [School District Operating Budget](#), allocations to [Capital Reserve Funds](#) and [potential Energy Efficiency Projects](#).



There are all sorts of exciting things going on in the Raymond School District! We are so proud of the accomplishments of our students and the dedication of our employees. In partnership with people like you, we are helping the children and youth of Raymond thrive in a multitude of ways! Read on to learn more, and thank you for your ongoing support of education in Raymond.

School Board Positions on the Ballot



You'll see two School Board positions on the ballot on March 10th. One is for a three-year position, currently held by Michelle Couture. Mrs. Couture has not submitted her name to appear on the ballot as a candidate for a School Board position. We thank her for her service and appreciate her valuable input over these past three years.

The other position is a one-year position, for a seat currently held by Melissa Sytek. Mrs. Sytek has chosen to run for re-election to this one year position; you will see her name on the ballot for this one year term.

Voters may choose to vote for a candidate who has submitted their name to be considered on the ballot, or may choose to write in the name of someone whom they would like to be elected, regardless of whether their name appears on the ballot.

Business

Since we developed a donation procedure in regards to the Food Service Program last year, we have received many donations to help out our students. It has been greatly appreciated and every little bit helps. If you are interested, please contact Marjorie Whitmore at 895-4299 x. 1110 or Judy DiNatale at 895-6616. Thank you.



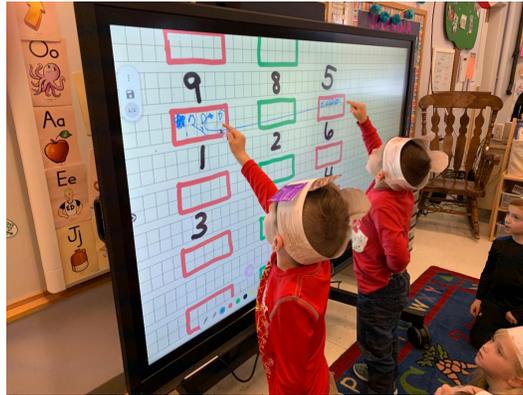
Summer Custodian Positions Available

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR
SUMMER 2020 CUSTODIAN POSITIONS



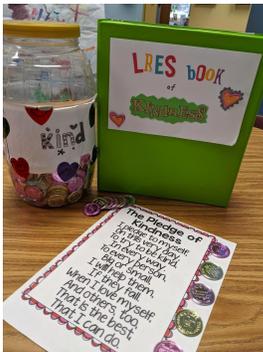
Raymond School District is looking for summer help for cleaning, painting, moving and landscaping at all school locations. Part-time, no nights or weekends! \$10.00 per hour. To apply and view the entire job posting, visit www.sau33.com --> Job Opportunities.

Putting our New Technology to Work!



Lucas Sullivan, Camden Derbyshire, Parker Ankiewicz, and Markus Colby use the newly installed Promethean board to complete a few math problems.

Celebrating Kindness at LRES



The character trait **Kindness** was celebrated at LRES during the month of February.

Each year here at LRES, we dedicate the last week to focus on specific school-wide kindness activities. We take this time to unify as a school to celebrate the kindness that is happening here at our school each and every day!

Students take The Kindness Pledge. They also shared a kindness challenge checklist with their parents and completed them at home. We had a bulletin board dedicated to staff and students recognizing random acts of kindness. We wanted to celebrate friendships during kindness week so we had friendship lunches during the last week of February.



During our All School meeting, administration recognized students who were going above and beyond to show kindness. These students were nominated by the staff at LRES. This was a great month of spreading kindness like confetti at LRES!



School of Excellence in the Making

From Bob Bickford, IHGMS Principal: Recently the NH Excellence in Education organization reached out to principals asking us to apply for Middle School of Excellence recognition, more commonly known as the Middle School of Year through the “EDies”. We, the entire school, have been working really hard to improve with a focus on a quality education for all of our students. After conferring with some of my colleagues here I decided to put in an application.



The application and selection process revolves around five competencies:

- The curriculum and instructional practices are presented in a rigorous, relevant and engaging learning environment.
- The school organizes community members, ensuring they all have a role in building the school’s climate and culture.
- The school’s vision, mission and goals are clearly articulated, well communicated and guide practice.
- The school has an effective system for utilizing data and information that supports personalization.
- There is a culture of empowerment among students, staff, teachers, administration, and community members.

Our application was viewed favorably by the selection committee and we were invited to present to them, an opportunity to bring our application to life. We had five school days to ask for volunteers and pull together our presentation. Our presentation team was (as seen above) Katie Bronson, 5th Grade Special Education, Becky Hadik, Special Education Coordinator, Lydia Cramer, 9th grade, Dana Zulager, parent, Sarah Arsenault, Library/Media Specialist, Gwen Reed, Grade 7/8 English Language Arts Lab, and I. The team did an excellent job of sharing their stories from IHGMS in relation to the School of Excellence competencies.

Although we were not selected to continue in the selection process, the committee believes we are doing all the right things and has encouraged us to apply again in the near future as we continue to develop our plans and programs to continually improve our school and improve student performance. We have lots to be proud of and we will continue to move forward!

RHS Featured Student Jayme Brannan

Jayme Brannan, a sophomore at Raymond High School, has been involved in the Civil Air Patrol for almost five years. He currently holds the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant and is the current Cadet Commander of the Seacoast Composite Squadron within the New Hampshire Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. As the cadet commander, Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Jayme Brannan



mentors and supervises his staff of twenty cadet officers and NCOs as they help shape the future of the 45 member cadet corps. Within his own CAP career, Jayme primarily focuses on Emergency Services, earning his Urban Direction Finding and Ground Team Member 3 ratings.

Jayme joined the Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 2015 here in New Hampshire, with the Seacoast Composite Squadron. While advancing in his career, he has attended and staffed several leadership academies, focused on providing education and training for cadet airman and junior NCOs. While serving at his local squadron, Jayme has worked his way up the ladder, serving as a flight sergeant, First Sergeant, Flight Commander, and now presently at the squadron's highest cadet position, Cadet Commander.

Through the Civil Air Patrol, Jayme has developed as a young leader in many ways. Through extensive training and testing in Leadership, Aerospace, and Search and Rescue he has acquired many important skills.

Jayme is also an active student here at RHS. He is the junior class president and an honor roll student. Congratulations, Jayme!

SST Culinary Program - The Ingredients for Success

Gabrielle Powell, Hannah Paquette and Samantha Roy are enjoying their time in SST's Culinary Program. In addition to having the opportunity to work with friends they each shared they have learned so many things. Although the chocolate unit was a favorite of Gabrielle's, it was hard for these Culinary Proteges to narrow their list of favorite activities down much further. However, the "Class Challenges" received a unanimous vote of stressful.

Modeled after Food Network's "Chopped" and "Cutthroat Kitchen" students are given mystery ingredients that are challenging to prepare. "As a former guest judge, I can attest, they combined frightening ingredients into delectable and tasty flavor combinations," Sharon Wilson, Principal of SST.



Hannah Paquette, Gabrielle Powell and Samantha Roy have all the ingredients for success.

CULINARY YEAR 1 - SST





The RHS College and Career Day is happening on April 8th. This event is an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions about careers and colleges of interest. We're thankful to have so many business and college representatives joining us, including:

Ace Hardware
 Canobie Lake Park Events
 Croydon Mountain
 Communications
 Empire Beauty School
 Endicott College
 Great Bay Community College
 Hannaford Supermarket
 Husson University (pending)
 NH School of Mechanical Trades
 NH National Guard
 NH Technical Institute
 Novocure
 Paul Mitchell School
 University of New Hampshire
 United States Air Force
 Universal Technical Institute
 Granite State College

Author - Bob LeMoine
 City Year
 Electrical Contractors Business
 Association
 Jewett Construction (pending)
 Johnson & Wales University
 Lakes Region Community School
 Lasell University
 Lindt Chocolates
 People's United Bank
 Plymouth State College
 Raymond Animal Hospital
 Raymond Community Television
 Raymond Fire Department
 United States Marines
 United States Navy
 University of New England
 St. Joseph's College

Absolute Resource Lab
 Commercial Driving School
 IBEW Electrical School Institute
 of Professional Practice
 Manchester Community College
 Mainstay Technologies
 Nashua Community College
 National Aviation Academy
 New England College
 Raymond Police Department
 Rivier University
 Southern NH University
 Saint Anselm College
 Tuckaway Restaurant (pending)
 University of Mass Boston
 University of Southern Maine
 Walmart Distribution Center
 York Community College

Reach High Scholars

As the snow flurries continue to fall, the Reach High Scholars Program seniors are beginning to receive college admission decisions, with the bulk of the acceptances and financial aid awards due in the second half of March. They will then have until the end of April to make their final enrollment decisions for next fall.



For the seventh consecutive year, RHSP and Academic Approach are offering their SAT Boot Camp for all interested juniors. The format for the course has been revised to include an important element of one-on-one tutoring. This more individualized approach allows each student to progress at her or his own pace. It is offered with pricing comparable to the group approach of prior years, although individual tutoring is normally available only at much higher rates. Participants in the course should be well-prepared for the NH SAT I test on April 14th, which is mandatory for all juniors in the state. We recommend that students take the SAT I test again in May or June.

We are excited that a number of juniors, sophomores and freshmen have completed applications for boarding summer academic enrichment programs. In addition to students applying for Summer@Brown at Brown University, a few juniors have applied to the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's and more than a handful of sophomores have applied to Exeter Summer at Phillips Exeter Academy. The excitement and anticipation of these students awaiting acceptance letters is contagious. We look forward to our students being accepted and enrolling in these life-changing opportunities which are made possible by significant contributions by RHSP supporters to the three institutions.

Many underclassmen have taken advantage of RHSP's college trips. We continue to encourage students to visit 15-20 colleges with the intention of applying to 8-10. In addition to the trips last fall, we recently took a trip to Dartmouth College and have trips planned for February vacation week to Boston College, Brown University, Colby College and Bates College. More importantly, RHSP parents are doing college tours with their students, which has important advantages in developing a family consensus on the colleges to which the students will apply.

Lastly, as we continue to work on additional academic enrichment offerings at the middle school, our 8th grade RHSP members have their first cultural event over the February vacation. A group of students will be attending a theatrical performance of The Secret Garden at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Curriculum

Uniting our school district and community is part of Raymond's vision to help prepare our students to be ready for anything! We have been able to build connections by engaging students in creating and supporting extended learning opportunities (ELO) that occur outside of the physical school building and outside of the usual school day in which students demonstrate achievement. Our ELO coordinator Holly Londo has already been able to pair up over 50 students to engage with local Raymond businesses! These partnerships allow our students to own their learning, through self-selecting opportunities to cultivate their interests. We plan to continue to expand our wonderful community partnerships, especially in the area of health care. If you have interest in partnering with Raymond High School to offer our students opportunities to apply their learning in a authentic environment please contact our ELO Coordinator, Holly Londo h.londo@sau33.com or Curriculum Coordinator, Mike Whaland m.whaland@sau33.com



LEAP at LRES and IHGMS



On Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 AM, our LRES LEAP STEAM group will be launching Estes Rockets off from the middle school soccer fields! Our STEAM group has worked hard to construct these rockets and are looking forward to getting them up into the air. These rockets can launch over 1,000 feet! Anyone is invited to come join us and watch the show.

From March 2nd-4th, LEAP will be undergoing the "Continuous Improvement Process for After School", which is a visit from after school professionals who have minimal knowledge of what our programs have to offer. The intention is to gain this outside perspective and to take their recommendations to strengthen our existing program. It is a requirement of all New Hampshire 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant recipients that are in their 3rd year of their current grant cycle. We look forward to welcoming our guests and all of the valuable feedback they will be providing! If you are interested in LEAP at LRES or IHGMS, you can contact Pat Arsenault at p.arsenault@sau33.com

Come Join Our Team!

The Raymond School District has posted openings for 2nd shift Full-time Custodian and Elementary School Full-time Cafeteria Worker. The custodian position offers enrollment into the New Hampshire Retirement Pension System plus medical, dental, vision, FSA, life, 403b and paid leave. The cafeteria worker position offers school hours, and no nights or weekends! As a 6.5 hour per day position, you will be offered medical, dental, vision, life, FSA, 403b and paid leave. Please go to www.sau33.com/jobs to view our current postings and find out more information.



Free and Reduced Meals Application Reminder



Generally fall is thought of as the time for Free & Reduced price meal applications. We do the paper copy mailing as school starts, and notices appear in all kinds of opening communications. The expiration of last year's status is only a few weeks into the school year, so that brings in re-applications as well.

However, applications may also be submitted and processed at any point in the school year, right up to the last day of classes. This reminder appears on monthly menus, and in several other places periodically. It bears mentioning again, as winter months sometimes bring a "second wave" of applications. Seasonal jobs ending, or weather related job shut downs can impact household income. Any time a household's financial status changes, they are invited to check the eligibility chart and apply for Free & Reduced price meals at school.

Applications are available to download and print on the [Food & Nutrition page](#) of the District website, or we will be glad to send home a blank paper copy from the Nutrition Service department. Please feel free to contact Judy DiNatale, Nutrition Service Director at 895-6616, x2345 or j.dinatale@sau33.com. All applications are processed the same day that they are received by Nutrition Services. We are glad to answer any questions and can assist in guiding folks thru this process. All applications are processed the same day that they are received by Nutrition Services.

Student Services

This month there was a meeting at the state level to discuss Medicaid and the "Emergency Rule" that was instituted at the end of August. All of the vested parties are in attendance at this meeting. The major discussion was to be around changing who can "sign off" on the Medicaid forms for special education. There is a major push to change the wording from a physician to a licensed practitioner. If this wording passes and it becomes law, then we will not need to have your doctor sign off on all medicaid paperwork. We will be allowed to have our school personnel sign the document so that we can obtain money from Medicaid. We expect to know the result by the end of February.



Athletics Update



Noah Slater has set the new pin fall bowling record at RHS with a total of 11668 pins! Independent Gymnast, Anya Cunningham, competed in the NHIAA State Meet and finished 4th on the floor exercise. She also qualified to compete for All Around Gymnast at New England's which will be held in Connecticut in March. Our bowling team was seeded 5th in the State heading into the NHIAA Team Bowling Championship; and we have 4 team members competing in the Championship Flight of top 32; and 2 team members competing in the Medal Flight of 64 for the NHIAA Individual Bowling Championship. Our boys and girls basketball teams have finished up their seasons and are looking to be NHIAA Tournament bound; and our cheer team is gearing up for their competition season with the NHIAA State Tournament being held on March 11th at Pinkerton Academy.



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Upcoming Events

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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.

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

RHS Winter Semi-Formal

Saturday, March 7, 6:00 PM, RHS Cafeteria

VOTING DAY

Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM, IHGMS Gymnasium

No School - Staff In-Service Day

Tuesday, March 10

LRES Building Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM, LRES Media Center

LRES Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, March 12, 9:15 AM, LRES

RHS Monster Instrumental Concert

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM, RHS Gymnasium

RHS Principal's Coffee Hour

Monday, March 16, 10:00 AM, RHS Main Office Conference Room

RHS Monster Choral Concert

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 PM, RHS Gymnasium

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, March 19, 9:00 AM, IHGMS Conference Room

IHGMS Rafflemania

Friday, March 27, 5:00 PM, IHGMS Gymnasium



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