

Raymond School District Community Newsletter

The Green Gazette

September 2019

It's the start of a fantastic new school year in Raymond, and excitement is in the air! I am truly honored to continue to serve this community as Superintendent of Schools, and appreciate the tremendous support that exists in our town. We have amazing students, dedicated employees, parents that value education, and citizens who understand that the schools are the heart of our community; all of the important components that allow us to move forward and continually improve the services and supports we provide to our students.

This past summer, the Raymond School Board approved an updated Strategic Plan for our school system. If you want to understand the direction we are headed in, and how we intend to strengthen our organization over time, please take a look at the <u>plan</u>. Our vision:

Uniting our school district and community to prepare students for future success; ready for anything!

Sincerely,

Tina H. McCoy, Ed.D. - Superintendent of Schools

Opening Day for Employees

On August 26th all District employees gathered at RHS to prepare for the new school year by engaging in important professional learning activities together. The keynote speaker, Steve McGuire, was phenomenal! In the words of social studies teacher Pat Nardone, Mr. McGuire's opening day presentation was 'the best we have had in my 35 years of teaching". Other training sessions provided to employees related to emergency preparedness, bullying, workplace safety and much more!



Above and Beyond



Brittany L'Heureux was recognized as the recipient of the new **Above and Beyond Award!** She was chosen by the administration as an employee who consistently exceeds expectations, works outside of her assigned responsibilities, and supports her colleagues to help the Raymond School District move forward. Ms. L'Heureux was a teacher before she joined the Technology Department at Raymond High School. She has played a key role in our transition to competency based grading across the District, and is our resident PowerSchool (student database) expert! Brittany is also the District Social Media Coordinator and the School Board Clerk! She is a tremendous asset to all of our schools!

Extended Learning Opportunities to Expand at Raymond High School!

Ms. Holly Londo will be working to strengthen and expand opportunities for our students to engage in community internships and other real-world learning experiences outside of the classroom - for high school credit. We are incredibly fortunate to have her join our team. She comes

with fifteen years of experience working with high school students to help them refine their interests and gain hands-on experience and practical skills. Holly is becoming familiar with the community of Raymond, and will be reaching out to business and other stakeholders over time. No doubt she will play a significant role in helping to unite our schools and our community. Please join me in welcoming her to the Raymond School District!





Important Links for Parents

Bus Routes: Our Bus Routes can be found on our Transportation Page at www.sau33.com/transportation.

2019-2020 Calendar: Our <u>2019-2020 Academic Calendar</u> is available on our website under *Parents and Students*. You'll also find on our website an interactive Events Calendar for each school and the district. Click on the *Calendar* icon toward the top right corner of your school's web page to access this calendar.

Free and Reduced Meals Applications: It's that time again! A new application for free and reduced meals must be completed each school year. Even if you qualified for Free or Reduced Price benefits in June, it is important that you reapply for 2019-2020 as soon as possible. Application packets have been mailed to each household. You can also find the application on our <u>Food and Nutrition Services</u> web page.

Student Registration is *Overdue!*

Parents of returning students received an email and several notifications over the summer with a link to update your student's registration information for the new school year. These registration packets include important health information and certain permissions and notices that must be updated annually.

If you haven't already, please complete your student's registration right away! If you need any assistance accessing the online registration portal or completing the registration, please contact your child's school.



Important Presentation on Internet and Technology Safety

On the evening of September 12th there will be an important presentation for parents, or any adult, concerned about internet safety and technology use by children and youth.

Katie Greer is a nationally-recognized digital safety expert. She'll be updating parents on the latest tech trends, safety issues, and tips on how to help our kids have a healthy, productive relationship with technology.

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Raising Digital Natives:

What's New? What's Now? What's Next?

It can be daunting being a parent in these digitally-driven times, where our kids are born natives and as parents, we're desperately trying to keep up.

The Raymond School District Community welcomes nationally-recognized digital safety expert Katie Greer to update parents on the latest tech trends, safety issues, and tips on how to help our kids have a healthy, productive relationship with technology.

Come learn what's new, what's now, and what's next when it comes to your kids and technology.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 7:00 PM Location: Raymond High School Media Center

comes to your kids and technology. Thursday, September 12, 7:00 PM, Raymond High School Media Center.

LRES Building Committee

The Lamprey River Elementary School Building Committee has begun its important work! The group met at LRES on August 13th for the first time. After a very thorough tour of the school the committee selected officers. Carlos Maldonado was voted to serve as Chair. Ken Hajjar will be the Vice Chair, and Beth Clark will serve as secretary. Other committee members are Michael Manley, Shelley Roy and Richard Senecal. The next meeting is set for September 11th at 6:30 PM in the LRES media center. Thanks to all those who have kindly chosen to volunteer on this committee.





Beautiful and More Secure Entry at LRES!

We are exceptionally pleased with the new configuration of the entry at Lamprey River Elementary School. Visitors can now be 'buzzed in' to a lovely waiting room where they can check in and sit comfortably until it is time for them to enter the building. The entire area is much more secure and attractive. This project was made possible by a Public School Infrastructure Grant from the State of New Hampshire.

Secure Printing

In an effort to further safeguard student and employees information while also reducing paper and toner waste, our technology department has instituted secure printing (and copying) across the entire District. Employees must now log in with an ID badge or password to release print jobs or make copies. This helps ensure that important documents are never inadvertently left on the copier. It also prevents unintentional waste and duplication of documents. Thanks to our technology department for making this important step a reality!



Job Opportunities

We're still accepting applications for positions throughout the district, including para-educators and substitutes for many positions including teachers, custodians, and food service.



Please visit our <u>Job Opportunities</u> page to apply online and help us spread the word about our current openings!



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

School Closed - Labor Day

Monday, September 3

Raymond School Board Meeting

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

LRES Building Committee Meeting

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

Internet/Technology Safety Presentation

Thursday, September 12, 7:00 PM, RHS Media Center

RHS Principal's Coffee Hour

Monday, September 16, 10:00 AM, RHS

Raymond High School Open House

Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 PM

Raymond School Board Meeting

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

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, September 19, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Open House

Thursday, September 19, 6:00 PM

LRES Principal's Coffee Hour

Friday, September 20, 9:00 AM, LRES

Raymond High School - Homecoming

Friday, September 20

School Closed - Staff In-Service Day

Friday, September 27





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