

# RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Raymond, New Hampshire



## GREEN GAZETTE NEWSLETTER

October 2021

### From the Superintendent

“For every obstacle there is a solution. Persistence is the key.  
The greatest mistake is giving up.”

-Dwight D Eisenhower

I would like to thank the staff and parents for their efforts and patience as we continue to work to provide the best educational experience possible for our students. Re-acclimating ourselves to fulltime in person learning has had its challenges. I cannot stress enough that we can't rush this process of returning to normal. There is no quick fix to filling the gaps created during our closure, remote, and hybrid days of last year. Each day, each week, and each month we are in school demonstrates our ability to work through the challenges of this current educational landscape we find ourselves in.

There was a time in my personal and professional life I was prone to quick reactions, quick planning, and quick decisions in order to complete the task. Too often, I made things worse by not slowing down and planning my steps. Experience and an eagerness to learn from my mistakes has caused me to slow down, strategically plan, and make decisions based on data and the situation I was facing. Today, I am a better district leader based on my 'go slow to go fast' philosophy.



I ask as a community we adopt this concept of 'go slow to go fast' this year. Each day, each week, each month is a celebration of the consistent efforts we are all putting into this school year. We have, and may still, run into challenges created by a pandemic that is still overshadowing our community and district. Our best course of action is to remain proactive, adhere to the protocols we have in place, and keep lines of communication open between school and home.

Together we will forge forward and continue the work necessary to have a successful school. We will make it through this year by 'going slow to go fast.' One day, one week, and one month at a time.

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# JOB FAIR

The Raymond School District is pleased to announce that we will be holding a Job Fair at the Raymond High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. If you are unable to attend we encourage you to apply online! We currently have immediate openings for the following positions [here](#):

Technical Support Specialist  
Special Education Teacher  
Para-educators  
Title I Tutors  
Computer Teacher  
School Custodians  
Reading Specialist  
STEM Interventionist  
Language Arts Teacher  
Teacher Substitute  
Para-educator Substitute  
Nurse Substitute  
Custodian Substitute  
Cafeteria Worker Substitute

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](http://www.sau33.com/jobs). More information [here](#). Aren't looking but want to help? Simply share this with someone you know who may be interested. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE BEING FORMED**

The Raymond School Board is establishing an advisory committee regarding the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Raymond School District.

This advisory committee will be participating in the search for our next Superintendent of Schools.



Parents, community members, and Raymond School District employees are invited to submit a letter of interest to serve on this committee.

Letters of interest must be received by 12:00 PM on Monday, October 18, 2021.

Letters may be sent to the Raymond School Board, c/o Jennifer Heywood, via email to [j.heywood@sau33.com](mailto:j.heywood@sau33.com), via fax to 895-0147, or mailed to:

Raymond School Board  
Superintendent Search Committee

## From Student Services

### Wish to Refer Your Child to Special Education?

To obtain a referral you may contact your building special education facilitator or you may contact Linda Mahoney, Student Services Secretary at 895-4299 ext. 1106 or [L.mahoney@sau33.com](mailto:L.mahoney@sau33.com).

### Preschool Screening

Our first Preschool screening is November 19, 2021. Screenings are for those parents that have concerns about their child's development and question whether the child has an educational disability. To schedule an appointment you may contact Linda Mahoney, Student Services Secretary at 895-4299 ext. 1106 or [L.mahoney@sau33.com](mailto:L.mahoney@sau33.com).

### Parent Advisory Committee

Please join the Director of Student Services to discuss the overall service delivery in the Raymond School District. Please contact Linda Mahoney, Student Services Secretary to get on the list of participants at 895-4299 ext. 1106. Linda will take your name and email address so a link to the meeting can be sent to your account. (Please Note: This time is not to address student-specific questions/concerns)



October 20, 2021  
Zoom Call  
1:30-2:15

### LRES Traditions

Our students are so happy to be back at school full time! It is wonderful to walk around the building and see students and staff engaged in learning and teaching, seeing students play with one another, laugh, and have fun. As we head into fall, we have seen many of our old traditions at LRES back on our calendar.



The PTO had its first family fun event on September 23rd - Night Under the Stars! The students enjoyed being out in the front lawn with their friends and families, listening and dancing to music and enjoying popcorn. Thank you to our PTO for hosting this event!

We were also able to hold our traditional Open House night on September 30th. It was wonderful to invite our families into our building to see their child(ren)'s classrooms, spend time with their teacher(s) and attend the Scholastic Book Fair!

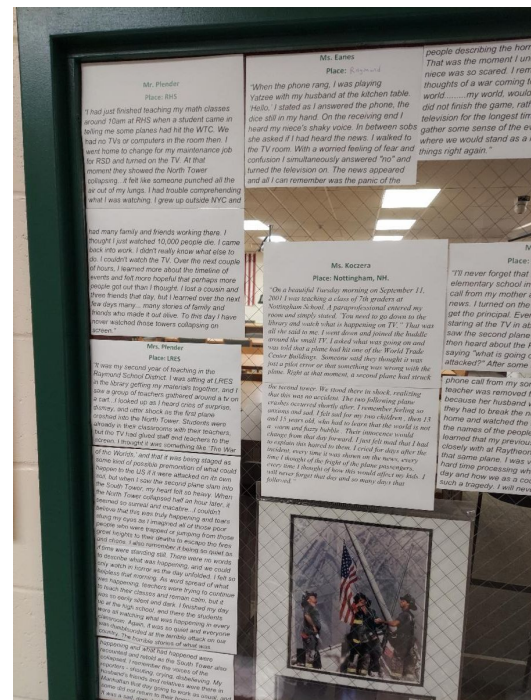
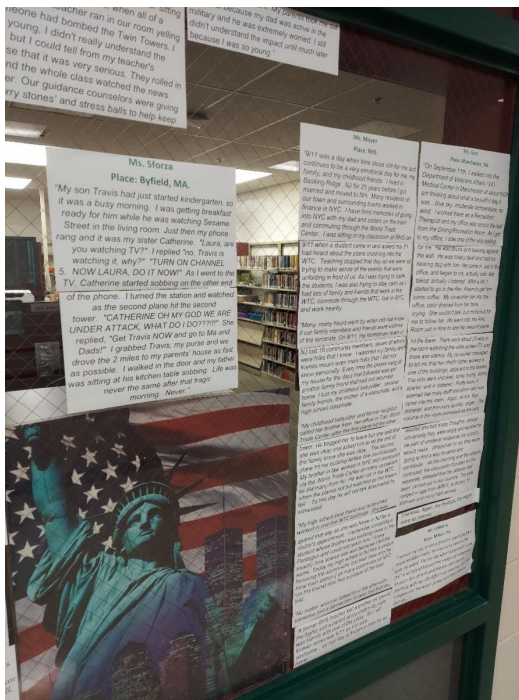


As a school community, we are very excited to be able to plan field trips for our students this school year. Field trips enhance the learning opportunities for all students. We are looking forward to our 3rd grade teachers and students sharing their field trip experience with the community, at our next school board meeting. Thank you to the Raymond community for your continued support as we do our best to "return to normal".

Laura Yacek  
LRES Principal

## RHS 9/11 20 Year Memorial

A display "Where We Were on 9/11/2001"



Continuing Efforts to Strengthen Supports for All Students





In order to more quickly connect students to additional social/emotional and academic supports Raymond School District is implementing universal school based screening. This data will be used in addition to other relevant data such as attendance, discipline, and nurse visits. This brief screening of all students by teachers looks to identify themes across buildings as well as students who may require additional support to promote wellness and academic engagement.

We look forward to sharing high level details with our school community and will reach out to caregivers/families as appropriate for students identified for additional support. Those with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Director of Student Behavioral Health [Jessica Caron](#), LICSW

## LEAP at Deerfield Fair

LEAP has earned a blue ribbon from 4-H/UNH-Cooperative Extension at the Deerfield Fair! Our members worked hard to build scarecrows to fit with this year's theme. One of our scarecrows is a cow which ties to the cow our elementary program "adopted" this year. We also want to take the opportunity to thank Dr. Rick Alleva, who has played a huge part in the establishment and growth of our program since 2006. Rick has contributed to LEAP by helping with grants, facilitating professional development opportunities for our staff, and recruiting volunteers (including himself) to come to our sites to share their knowledge and expertise in many areas such as mindfulness and gardening. Rick retired at the end of June this year but will continue to be a part of our program. I'd like to welcome Mike Harris to the LEAP fold as he replaces Rick on our Advisory Committee. Thank you Rick, Mike, and 4-H for the opportunity to showcase how awesome LEAP is at the Deerfield Fair this year!



## National School Lunch Week



October 11-15 is National School Lunch Week 2021. This year's theme is **"Go Wild for School Lunch!"** In addition to menus of student favorites this week, we will have easy activities to salute the theme. A **Mini-poster Round Up** will be happening at LRES, with a coloring page available to each grade to get creative on. At both IHGMS and RHS, we will have a **Wild for School Lunch Post –It Round Up** to create a message wall about favorite items and aspects of Lunch time.

Even though meals are free this year, Free & Reduced eligibility applications are important to the district. The annual carry over period is about to end. If you have not yet reapplied, please either visit [our website](#) to download a printable application and instructions, or go to [myschoolapps](#) to complete the process online.

## From Raymond Coalition for Youth

Bring your expired medication, non-perishable food item, milkweed pod for a free raffle ticket!

# FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

*Bringing Our Community Together!*

*Please join us for a family friendly fun day of free activities.*

**Saturday  
October 23  
10:00 —2:00**

**Lamprey River  
Elementary**

### 1K/3K Fun Run/Walk



Registration opens  
at 9 am

Run starts at 10 .  
An opportunity to  
get out side, have  
fun and explore  
the Rail Trail,  
Riverside Park and  
more great outside  
space right here in  
Raymond.

### Furbearers

Exhibit

NH Fish and Game

### Touch A Truck



Raymond  
Recreation

### Face Painting

### STEM

### Dinosaur Van

Girl Scouts of the Green  
and White Mountains

### Bike Tour

Rail Trail Exploration for  
beginners and advanced  
riders. Helmet and bike  
required

### Scavenger Hunt

Nature Eco Trail  
Conservation Committee

### Pumpkin Painting

provided by  
Miss Raymond  
Scholarship  
Program



### Archery , BB gun, and Gaga Pit

Scouts

### Disc Golf

Demo



### Medication Take Back for safe disposal

Dispose of unwanted  
prescription drugs  
Provided by RCFY and  
Raymond Police

### Out Door Camping and Fire pit set up

Boy Scout Troop 3

### Bike Obstacle Course

Prudential Insurance

Details [www.raymondnh.gov](http://www.raymondnh.gov)



RAYMOND  
COALITION  
FOR YOUTH



Concession stand available  
for food purchases by  
Troop 101 & Miss Raymond





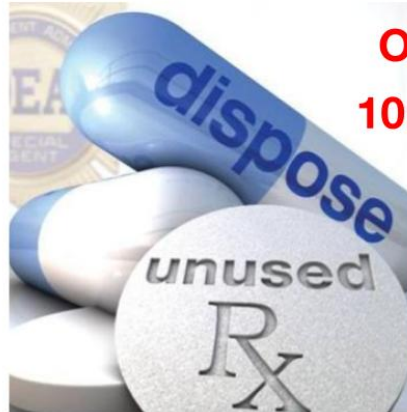
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**TAKEBACK**



**Practice Medication Safety**

It's that time! Bring your unused and expired medication for  
**SAFE, FREE DISPOSAL**



**Saturday**  
**October 23, 2021**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Lamprey River  
Elementary  
School**  
33 Old Manchester Rd  
**Raymond**

We accept all medications, for humans and pets, as well as unused needles.  
Thank you for properly disposing of these medications and helping us to keep  
our environment, youth, and community safe.



**Questions?** (603) 895-7061 info@rcfy.org  
www.rcfy.org



**WE ARE COMMITTED TO A SAFE & DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY!**

## Upcoming Events

*Events are subject to change. Please check our Events Calendars at [www.sau33.com](http://www.sau33.com).*

**School Closed - Columbus Day**

Monday, October 11

**District Job Fair**

Wednesday, October 13, 2:30 - 4:40 PM, RHS Dining Area

**School Board Meeting re: Department Budget Presentations**

Wednesday, October 13, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

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Thursday, October 14, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**Regular School Board Meeting**

Wednesday, October 20, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour**

Thursday, October 21, 9:00 AM, Remote and at IHGMS

**Policy Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 21, 10:00 AM, SAU 33 Office

**School Board Meeting re: Assessment Data Review**

Tuesday, October 26, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

**School Board Meeting re: Budget**

Wednesday, October 27, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

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