

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Raymond, New Hampshire



GREEN GAZETTE NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

From the Superintendent

It's hard to believe we are in the month of May and we are looking at the final weeks of the 2021-2022 school year. This year tested our tenacity as a school district in multiple ways. We faced the challenge of re-entering the year facing staff shortages, outbreaks of COVID in our buildings, jumping between remote instruction for quarantined staff and students, and the social emotional adjustments of returning to in-person instruction for students, staff and parents. It was our ability to adapt and adjust to the many situations this school year threw at us that kept our schools open and students in our seats.

As the superintendent, I have a great deal of gratitude for the support and commitment I have received from parents this year as we struggled at times to get to where we are now. This community has supported the district through all the struggles we have faced this school year with a high level of patience. There were moments of frustration for both staff and parents, but I never felt that our parents blamed the district. When issues reached me and I spoke with parents, I found our parents to be understanding and cooperative.



Our buildings are planning for regular year-end events with the hopes we can end this year with a sense of normalcy that we have lacked for two years. I already see parents stepping to the plate to support these celebrations by offering their support to our administrators. Our success as a district is associated with the relationships we have with our stakeholders. We cannot do this work without the support of our parents and community.

This school year was about two words for me: having the **tenacity** to push forward and **gratitude** for the parents and the community who helped me by supporting our work.

Dave

LRES Celebrates Earth Day!

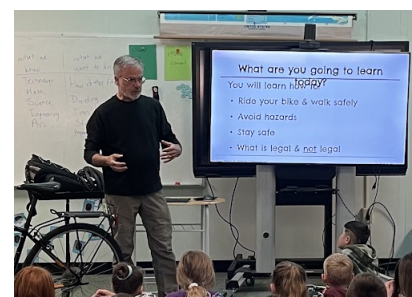
Students and staff at LRES celebrated Earth Day with a full day of activities and community presentations. On the Wing, a raptor rehabilitation and education program from Epping, NH, brought some amazing raptors to share with our students. Ms. Sarah from the Dudley Library joined us and provided a presentation and craft about bees! Third grade students learned bike and walking safety, during a presentation from the Bike-



Walk Alliance of NH. With the beautiful weather, all students planted Marigolds in their own biodegradable pots, spent some time journaling (in a recycled journal that they made) when they visited the beach and trail, and had a picnic lunch. To end our day, students and staff enjoyed a special donated “dirt treat” from Tuckaway Tavern!

Spending the last day before spring break with a focus on enjoying all that our Earth has to offer was a great experience for our staff and students. We want to thank those partnerships that joined us and/or donated yummy treats, along with the LRES staff and PTO who worked together to plan this wonderful day!

Laura Yacek
LRES Principal



District Student Intervention Team



This year the Raymond School District has reinstituted the District Student Intervention Team (SIT). This team serves as the steering committee for our implementation of multiple tiers of support for students academically, socially and emotionally. This team strives for consistency and vertical alignment PK-12. The work of this team is to ensure that members of the Raymond School District proactively provide our students with age appropriate, multi-tiered levels of support ensuring that strong relationships with our students are built and genuine connections are made. Lastly, this team wants to ensure that data drives our decisions.

Along with increasing consistency across buildings around SIT processes, this team has taken steps to prepare to implement a comprehensive threat assessment model as identified in the current strategic plan. To do so this team has partnered with the National Association for Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment ([NABITA](#)) for training and consultation. Thus far, this team has attended an all day training to conduct Structured Interviews for Violence Risk Assessment (SIVRA) to strengthen our approach to students at risk of violence to themselves or others. Next, this team and other district leadership will complete a full day training to learn how to bake this into process and procedure into day to day building and district operations.

We look forward to seeing how the efforts of this team support students at a variety of levels both academically, socially and emotionally and promote overall safety in our buildings. If you have any questions regarding the District SIT or our next steps please contact [Jessica Caron, LICSW, Director of Student Behavioral Health](#)

Jessica Caron
Director of Student Behavioral Health

Update on 21CCLC Grant

The deadline for learning the status of our 21CCLC grant has come and gone with no announcement made yet. We have been informed that there was a delay in the review process and to expect an announcement at the end of May. We know that people are already looking ahead to fall to plan for their children's after school programming, and we want you to know that as soon as we learn the status of our grant proposal, we will make an announcement. Fingers are still crossed for good news!



Patrick Arsenault
Youth Program Development Coordinator

Come Join Our Team!



The Raymond School District has many opportunities for the community to be employed with the District. Examples are: Teachers, Social Workers, Paraeducators, 2nd shift Full-time Custodians, Cafeteria Workers, Coaches, Substitutes and more. Some positions offer enrollment into the New Hampshire Retirement Pension System plus medical, dental, FSA, life, 403b and paid leave. Many positions offer school

hours, no nights or weekends! Please go to www.sau33.com/jobs to view our current postings and find out more information.

Spring Sports

Spring Sports have started and all teams were excited to get out on the playing surfaces in the early preseason! The Spring season is a pretty quick one with the regular season winding down at the end of May and tournaments held at the beginning of June. We always keep our fingers crossed in the Spring that the weather cooperates with getting all our events in. Transportation continues to be an issue and I wish to thank the parents/families of our student-athletes for getting them to their destinations for away events!



Information on athletic events can be found at <https://raymondathletics.bigteams.com/>

Davinney Brazeau
Athletic Director

Reach High Scholars Summer Enrichment Program

Reach High Roundtables ("Roundtables") is a summer academic enrichment program for rising 8th-10th graders in Raymond and nearby towns. The classes are for curious, motivated students who are interested in fun academic challenges. In 2016, the Reach High Scholars Program took over the direction of Roundtables, which was operated during its first six years by Phillips Exeter Academy ("PEA").

Roundtables will be taught at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School, using Harkness round tables, by teachers from Raymond and PEA. It uses PEA's renowned Harkness Method--a student-centered learning style based on a student's questions and observations. The students learn to take responsibility for their education, to listen to one another, and to explore the potential of their academic and intellectual abilities.

Classes are collaborative and student-led, so learning hinges on each student's commitment and enthusiasm. They meet mornings for 50 minutes, for twelve consecutive weekdays in July. Dates this year are July 7,8, 11-15, 18-22, with a graduation ceremony the evening of July 22nd. Enrollment is intentionally low so that each student receives individual attention and has an opportunity to contribute. There are approximately 12 students in each class and many take more than one course.



This year there will be offerings in Language Arts, Mathematics, and The Teenage Brain (with elements of psychology and neurobiology). The fees for classes will be: one course: \$250; two courses: \$440; three courses: \$600 (a saving of \$150). Greater reductions are available for families receiving financial aid, detailed in the application.

Who makes a good candidate for Roundtables? A student who wants to be there! A student who might enjoy a book club, a student who likes puzzles, a student looking for challenges and opportunities for reaching higher in their academic pursuits.

More than 350 students have participated in Reach High Roundtables.

For further information and an application, please contact Sarah Nelson, Executive Director, at snelson@reachhighscholars.org.

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From Raymond Coalition for Youth

[Raymond Coalition For Youth](#) News and Invitations

Our next [RCFY meeting](#) is May 14th, All are welcome.

RCFY [Youth Action meetings](#) at Raymond High School are on Tuesdays at 2:15.

[Operation Raymond Clean Up](#) is happening now. Sign up for supplies if interested.

Interested in learning more? We would love to talk to you more about RCFY. We are looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events and who might have interest in getting involved with the [Board of Directors](#). Contact 603.895.7061 or info@rcfy.org to express your interest.



From Miss Raymond Scholarship Program

Looking for Contestants

Winners receive
Sashes
Crowns
Trophies
Scholarships for all JMR and MR Contestants



2022 Miss Raymond Scholarship Program

Informational Meeting
Monday
May 9, 2022
6:00 pm
Raymond High School
Café

Qualifications:

This program is for young ladies who are **Raymond** residents.
Homeschool and **Private School** students are welcome.

Little Miss Raymond Contestants must now be in **Grades 1-3**

Junior Miss Raymond Contestants must now be in **Grades 4-7**

Miss Raymond Contestants must now be in **Grades 8-12**

This is not a school sponsored event
For more Information visit or message us on our FB page: "Miss Raymond Scholarship Program"
Or email the director at: missraymondnh@gmail.com

2022-2023 School District Calendar

Raymond School District Calendar

2022-23 School Year

		August 2022 (3)					January 2023 (20)				
		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
8/23 - New Teacher and New Para In-Service	REA (6)	1	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5	6
8/24 - District In-Service		8	9	10	11	12	9	10	11	12	13
8/25 - Staff In-Service		15	16	17	18	19	16	17	18	19	20
8/26 - Staff In-Service		22	23	24	25	26	23	24	25	26	27
8/29 First Day of School Grades 1-12		29	30	31			30	31			
		September 2022 (18)					February 2023 (18)				
		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
9/2 Staff In-Service	REA (21)				1	2			1	2	3
9/5 Labor Day		5	6	7	8	9	6	7	8	9	10
9/16 First Day for Preschool and K		12	13	14	15	16	13	14	15	16	17
9/12 Staff In-Service		19	20	21	22	23	20	21	22	23	24
9/30 - Staff In-Service		26	27	28	29	30	27	28			
		October 2022 (20)					March 2023 (20)				
		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
10/10 Columbus Day	REA (20)	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3
		10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10
		17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17
		24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24
		31					27	28	29	30	31
		November 2022 (17)					April 2023 (15)				
		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
11/8 Staff In-Service	REA (18)		1	2	3	4	3	4	5	6	7
11/11 Veteran's Day Observed		7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12	13	14
		14	15	16	17	18	17	18	19	20	21
11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break		21	22	23	24	25	24	25	26	27	28
		28	29	30							
		December 2022 (16)					May 2023 (22)				
		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
	REA (16)				1	2	1	2	3	4	5
		5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12
		12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19
		19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26
12/23-1/2 Holiday Break		26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31		
		June 2023 (9)									
		M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
					1	2					
		5	6	7	8	9	5	6	7	8	9
		12	13	14*	15*	16*	12	13	14*	15*	16*
		19*	20*	21*	22*	23*	19*	20*	21*	22*	23*
		26*	27*	28	29	30	26*	27*	28	29	30

 Scheduled no school days for students

 *Possible snow/emergency make-up days

Approved by Raymond School Board April 20, 2022

First Day of School Grades 1-12: August 29

First Day of School for Preschool/Kindergarten: September 6

The following in-service days are work days for paraeducators: August 23 (new paraeducators only), August 24, August 25, August 26, and September 12

[Click here](#) to see the calendar in pdf.

Upcoming Events

Subject to change.

Please check school calendars at www.sau33.com.

RHS Celebration of Excellence

Thursday, May 12, 6:00 PM

LRES Principal's Coffee Hour

Friday, May 13, 10:00 AM, LRES

School Board Meeting

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

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, May 19, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

IHGMS Band Concert

Wednesday, May 25, 5:30 - 8:00 PM, IHGMS Gymnasium

School Closed - Memorial Day

Monday, May 30



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