

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Raymond, New Hampshire



GREEN GAZETTE NEWSLETTER

November 2022

From the Superintendent

Hard to believe that it is already November. With November comes the issue of weather impacting the school day. With remote learning now an option there is the debate of a snow day or a remote day. Looking at the calendar our last day of school is June 13th, a Tuesday. If the weather cooperates it would be my goal to have three snow days so we could end on that Friday and students would not have to come back on the following Monday. In NH we typically average 5 to 6 snow days. If things go as planned that would mean two or three remote days.

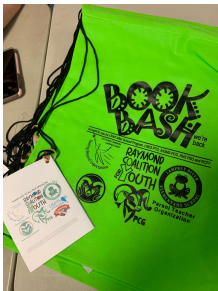


We have had a very successful start to the school year. As I have mentioned before we still are continuing to struggle with staffing. If you know anyone or you might be interested in a position please reach out.

Thank you.

Terry Leatherman,
Superintendent of Schools

Book Bash



Thank you to all who participated in our Book Bash on October 20th. We had a great turnout with lots of different stations and activities for families to participate in. **This event was the first of a series of family nights being planned throughout the course of the year. Stay tuned to future newsletters for our next event!**

Patrick Arsenault,
Director of Youth Services

Preschool Screening

Preschool screening is a brief assessment of a child's development, usually lasting 60 minutes or less. The screening protocol used by The Raymond School District is the Dial-4. A vision and hearing assessment are also part of the screening

procedures.



Screenings will be held:
November 18, 2022
January 20, 2023
April 7, 2023
June 2, 2023

Who can sign up? Raymond Residents 3-5 years of age who are not currently enrolled in our public school system

To book your appointment call Linda Mahoney (603) 895-4299 x1106

[Click here](#) to see the full brochure.

Wellness Committee and Wellness Policy

We are forming our District Wellness Committee, which will include parents and community members. Email j.heywood@sau33.com if you would like to be a part of this committee.

Our Wellness Policy, which addresses nutrition guidelines, school meals, food sales, fundraising, and more [can be found here](#).

Raymond School District WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The Raymond School District invites Raymond parents and community members to submit a letter of interest to be a part of our District Wellness Committee. This Committee monitors the district's nutrition and activity components in relation to national and state guidelines, establishes measurable goals, reviews and makes recommendations to the Wellness Policy, and reports annually to the School Board to advise them on the implementation and results of our Wellness Policy.

This Committee meets several times throughout the year. This year's schedule has yet to be determined and will be set by committee members. If you would like to be a part of this Committee, please email j.heywood@sau33.com or send a note to the address below:

Wellness Committee c/o Jennifer Heywood
Raymond School District
43 Harriman Hill Road, Raymond, NH 03077

LRES Welcomes Families to our Open House & Brings Awareness During Red Ribbon Week

October was a very busy month at Lamprey River Elementary School. Families joined us the first week of October, to visit classrooms, the book fair, and connect with our community partners. It was a great evening for all of us to build connections with one another, and provided opportunities



for shopping in our library to promote literacy. Open house is a great time for our families to visit their child's classroom and to learn about the curriculum. Students are always excited to show their families where they go to learn! The book fair is traditionally a huge success. It is a great way to showcase for our students the importance of and love of reading. Families also had the opportunity to connect with the local Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, RCFY, the LRES PTO, and our Food Service Program staff.

During the last week of October, LRES celebrated Red Ribbon Week. This is one of the nation's largest drug prevention campaigns. At Lamprey River Elementary School, we partnered with the Raymond Coalition For Youth and the other two schools to raise awareness in our school community. Students participated in dress up themed days that included a pajama day, wear red day, sports day, RCFY shirt day, and a school spirit wear day. The students learned about medicine safety in their Health classes this week.

Lastly, the staff at Lamprey River Elementary School are very thankful to our community for your partnership in education. Our students are learning and growing each and every day. It takes the support and collaboration of our families and community partners to make this learning journey a success for our students. We are thankful for all of you!

Laura Yacek,
LRES Principal

Fall at IHGMS

It has been a very fast paced school year here at IHGMS! We are already one quarter of the way through the year and our first trimester will be ending in just a few short weeks! We had a tremendous turnout earlier in the fall for our Annual IHGMS Open House and will be looking forward to a similar turn out for our first round of Parent/teacher conferences that are scheduled for December 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Our National Junior Honor Society had their annual "Cookie Walk" fundraiser at Open House and once again they were sold out well before the end of the event. This is one fundraiser that is enjoyed by students and parents alike! Even our district administrators get in on the fun and delicious cookies! Without the support of our wonderful community we could do these kinds of activities to support our students. The funds raised are in turn either donated to other charitable organizations or used for the NJHS's induction ceremony later in the year.



Just recently we had district wide activities focused on Red Ribbon Week. This is a way for the Raymond Community to show its united front against drugs. In partnership with the Raymond Coalition for Youth (RCFY), Raymond School District provided



Red Ribbon Week t-shirts for all staff and students. There were optional activities identified throughout the week to help celebrate and educate.

Red Ribbon Week began after the murder of DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985 by drug traffickers in Mexico City.

Understanding the danger of his job, Kiki was determined to make a difference despite the fears held by his family. In honor of his memory and his legacy to fight against illegal drugs, those who knew him began to wear red badges. The first official Red Ribbon Week occurred in 1988.

As the leaves fall and the days get colder we can be thankful for a very productive start of the school year with continued success as we move forward. Happy Fall Everyone!

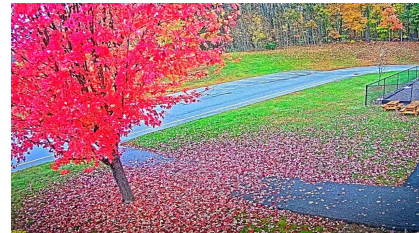
Bob Bickford,
IHGMS Principal

RHS Mid Autumn Update

As we enter mid autumn it seems appropriate to reflect on some of which makes our community so special.

Last week the community came together with the coordination of the Raymond Coalition for Youth to honor/celebrate Red Ribbon Week. In addition to a wide array of activities within our school and the Raymond community, a group of Rams traveled to Manchester Friday to attend the Raymond Coalition for Youth annual summit.

Our Open House and Coffee with the Principal meetings have provided much needed time to connect our school with parents. We truly are partners in supporting the needs of our students and can only be successful with open lines of communication. Thursday the 17th we will have another opportunity via Parent Teacher Conferences. This is the best time to arrange one-on-one conversation with your student's teacher. Please reach out to a.roman@sau33.com if you have not received the instructions for how to select an appointment time.



As we wrap up the regular season of Fall Athletics and move into the Post Season, I am thankful to our dedicated coaches for their support and guidance for our student athletes. Some teams may have earned more wins than others, but I can honestly say that I am proud of each and every team for how they played and how they conducted themselves on the fields, courses and courts. Special thanks to Bill Hayes for setting expectations and leading with heart and humor.

Finally, October 31st was the first official day for Joanne McCann, our new Assistant Principal. Joanne hit the ground running and has already forged important connections with students, faculty, staff and community members. Having a full staff at RHS means that we have more members of the RHS family and more people to support our incredible students.

*Bravo to our art students and teachers for
their fabulous Deerfield Fair exhibits!*



LRES



IHGMS



Nutrition Services Update



Nutrition Services updated our Point of Sale Software on October 20th. The new software brings updated security and features to the meal program. We continue to introduce new meal items. At the high school, our chefs have been experimenting with Egg Rolls such as Cheeseburger Egg Roll and Charcuterie Boxes. The Charcuterie Box includes a variety of meats, cheeses and whole grains paired with fruit and vegetables to make a complete meal. Middle school and elementary are working to bring meal munchables as additional options for students. Some of the varieties are a Bagel Munchable, Make your own Pizza Munchable and Soft Pretzel Munchable.

Are you looking for a part time job that gives you flexibility and an opportunity to be on the same schedule as your students? The Raymond Nutrition Services has openings for occasional kitchen subs. Come join us in preparing fresh, healthy and tasty meals for our students. Experience is not required. Please reach out to Tasha Ball Director of Nutrition Services for more information 603.895.6616 x2345 or t.ball@sau33.com

Tasha Ball,
Director of School Nutrition Services

New Substitute Pay Rates

Thinking about substituting in our district?
The following substitute pay rates took effect on
October 24:

Substitute Custodian \$14.00 per hour
Substitute Cafeteria Worker \$12.00 per hour
Substitute Paraprofessionals \$84.50 per diem
Substitute Teacher Non-certified \$100.00 per diem
Substitute Teacher Certified \$105.00 per diem
Substitute Nurse \$150.00 per diem



Visit www.sau33.com/jobs to apply!

Exploring Career Opportunities through the Extended Learning Office

Recently, students participated in two career exploration field trips, Construction Career Day and Job Corps. The Construction Career Day provided opportunities for students throughout NH, to drive heavy machinery, climb lineman towers, weld and several other hands-on trades exhibits.

Students also toured the Job Corps Program in NH, and spoke with staff and students regarding skill building options in the trades programs.



Our College and Career Connections Series continues to bring in diverse groups of individuals and programs to heighten student awareness regarding various colleges, trades, Military, apprenticeship and employment opportunities.

In November, some of our guests will include University of Southern Maine, Rivier University, a professional photographer, EMT/Firefighter, Merrimack College, Husson University, Keene State College and a Hospitality discussion with the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant staff.

If you would like to come in as a guest or welcome students for a tour of your business site, please contact Holly Londo, ELO Coordinator, h.londo@sau33.com.

Holly Londo,
ELO Coordinator

Report Card to the Community

Our 2021-22 Annual Report Card to the Community can be found on the School District website. This report includes statistics, demographic information, notable events, and other information about the 2021-22 school year.

[Click here](#) to see the 2021-22 Annual Report Card to the Community.

If you'd like a copy of the report mailed to you, please call 895-4299 x1103 and we'll be happy to send one out to you.



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

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 PM, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, November 3, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

Strategic Planning Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 5:00 PM, IHGMS Media Center

School Closed - Staff In-Service Day

Tuesday, November 8

School Closed - Veterans Day

Friday, November 11

Superintendent's Coffee Hour: Working in Public Schools

Tuesday, November 15, 9:00 AM, Longbranch Restaurant

School Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, RHS Media Center

IHGMS Principal's Coffee Hour

Thursday, November 17, 9:00 AM, IHGMS

Strategic Planning Meeting

Monday, November 21, 5:00 PM, IHGMS Media Center

School Closed - Thanksgiving Break

November 23-25

RHS Principal's Coffee Hour

Wednesday, November 30, 9:00 AM, RHS



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