

RAMBLING ON



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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

Could that snow be melting out there? Could spring be finally around the corner?

There is certainly a lot to celebrate, so let's get started.

We'd like to kick off this week's newsletter with a big thank you to our students for making the first-ever "Movie and Muffins With the Superintendent" a great success. The "Our Friend Martin" program, part of the event, was the perfect instructional tool to highlight Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement as Black History Month comes to a close.

We'd also like to applaud our administrators and teachers for celebrating Black History Month with meaningful daily educational activities to remind our students that Black culture and history matter. As we look to Women's History Month in March, we are pleased to see how influential women will be celebrated.

It is now our pleasure to highlight our February "Students of the Month" in this edition of the *Rambling On*.

Congratulations to:

- Malachi Adams, Roselle Preschool
- Alex Sueiro, Kindergarten Success Academy
- Abigail Tapia Aduato, Harrison Elementary School
- Angelo Hurtado, Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School
- James Lewis, Washington Elementary School
- Jordan Thompson, Leonard V. Moore Middle School
- Paola Martinez Ramos, Grace Wilday Junior High School
- Daniela Villacorta, Abraham Clark High School

And, while we are busy celebrating success, allow us to offer congratulations to Joely Silverio, recently accepted to Bloomfield College with an annual scholarship! We wish you the best of luck as you move onto this exciting new chapter next year.

As we wind down Black History Month, one of the greatest programs we offered was at Abraham Clark High School. Students attended a virtual assembly performance that featured Hip Hop Fundamentals, an award-winning team of professional break dancers dedicated to music education. The group's Hip Hop performances addressed issues of racism, segregation and the struggle for freedom in the American Civil Rights Movement, through dance and interactive activities.

The high school's "Living Wax Museum" also took place virtually this week, an event honoring historical and modern day African American heroes.

Students at Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School performed a dance routine for their teachers, compliments of Edwin Griffin and the physical education department. The students had a blast while demonstrating an African dance to the rhythm of drums.

Leonard V. Moore Middle School Vice Principal Dana Ockimey lauded students in a special way to end Black History Month by highlighting student accomplishments, both big and small. Students were asked to send in a photo of themselves and their accomplishment to be highlighted on the school's Schoology account.

A reminder to Washington Elementary School students, the virtual Family Movie Night will begin at 6 p.m. tonight. Tonight's feature will be "The Princess and the Frog," to highlight Tiana, the first Black Disney Princess. We hope you enjoy it!

Some Washington Elementary School students also had the chance to have fun last week during the "Movie and Muffins" event.

"Evidence of the success of Dr. Fisher's event is reflected in numerous reports and photos shared by delighted Washington families. They enjoyed their virtual visit with Dr. Fisher as well as, of course, their muffins and the movie," said Principal Marianne Tankard.

Harrison Elementary School students received a surprise with their supplies this week as the school gears up for a school-wide "Crafternoon" event. Students now have all of the tools and craft materials they need to join their teachers via Zoom next week to create something special.

As part of the district's new Wellness Wednesday initiative, Grace Wilday Junior High School staff participated in a fun, virtual scavenger hunt activity. They were given clues and tasked with taking selfies with the items once they figured it all out.

"We found only one problem: the GWJHS staff suffered from stomach aches because of all the laughter and fun," said Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

As always, please follow our social media platforms: @_RoselleSchools and /Roselle Public Schools on Facebook for the latest RPS news and positive happenings.

Staysafe and Rosellestrong, and remember **"ALLSTUDENTS MATTER,"**



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