

# RAMBLING ON



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## An Update from the Administration

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Greetings, once again RPS Community!

As we continue to diligently work on our anticipated opening of schools next month, we'd like to remind everyone that the district is offering no-cost COVID-19 drive up testing. The service will be available on March 27 and April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the entire Roselle community and RPS faculty/staff. To register, [click here](#).

Please be aware that there is a special virtual Board of Education meeting Friday night, March 19, at 7 p.m. to discuss and vote on the adoption of the 2021-2022 Tentative School Budget. Members of the public who wish to attend the remote/virtual Zoom meeting should dial 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 908-298-2040, Password: 1906 or [click here](#) for the Zoom link.

There are also new episodes of "60Seconds with the Superintendent" that discuss reopening plans and provide an overview of our high school's involvement with the Kean Scholar Academy. [Click here](#) to view.

Ahead of the April 19 return to learn, Abraham Clark High School students had the opportunity to come into the building this week to receive in-person support during Wellness Wednesdays. Students discussed social/emotional issues, while interacting with their peers and teachers via a socially distant set-up.

Last Friday, Grace Wilday Junior High School SEL Sports & Culture Club students enjoyed a special visit from NFL Pro Bowler John Niland via Zoom. Niland spent more than an hour talking with students and staff members about the importance of sports and approaching every situation with a positive attitude. Students even got to see his ring from Super Bowl V!

"John shared his philosophy of never accepting the word 'no' and allowing it to have a place in his vocabulary or his mind. He spoke about the importance of preparation and resiliency. Our students really enjoyed the discussion," said Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

Speaking of sports, Harrison Elementary School is participating in its March Madness Book Tournament with one book already making it into the championship, "Pacho Nacho."

"The students are excited about reading the books and voting every week. We can't wait to see who wins this week's book tournament bracket," added Principal Dr. Melissa Nevarez.

In honor of Women's History Month, Leonard V. Moore Middle School's Student Council and Generation on Kids Care Club have been interviewing female staff members to highlight in their daily morning video announcements. What a great way to stay connected and learn more about the tremendous women who are part of our school community!

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School held a well-attended virtual Open House this week to discuss reopening plans with the school community. More than 100 parents joined administrators, school staff and faculty, and board members for an informative night, as we all look forward to getting back together, safely.

"The meeting was very informative. Both district and school leaders were able to pivot and focus on what is needed to be successful in the new normal to support positive student outcomes," said Principal Andreea Harry.

Inspired by their research regarding heroic women chemists, Washington Elementary School's STEAM students explored the hands-on world of chemistry through interactive online lab experiments this week. The virtual lab allowed students to gain experience working with Bunsen burners, flasks, infrared lamps and more high school and college level materials, concepts and equipment.

"Using critical thinking skills while delving into real world chemistry experiments empowers our students to recognize how the chemistry around them can help protect the environment and create a sustainable future," said Principal Marianne Tankard.

An important reminder that the next regular virtual Board of Education meeting will take place on Monday, March 22. We hope you can log in; visit [www.roselleschools.org](http://www.roselleschools.org) for details. And as always, please follow our social media platforms: @\_RoselleSchools and /Roselle Public Schools on Facebook for the latest and greatest RPS news and positive happenings.

Stay safe and Roselle strong, and remember "ALL STUDENTS MATTER,"



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