

# RAMBLING ON



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## An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community!

Welcome to this week's *Rambling On*, the Return to Learn edition. The administration was thrilled to finally see the masked faces of students as we successfully completed our first week of in-person instruction. After having our doors closed for more than a year, we are excited with how well the transition is going and can already see how our students are benefiting from face-to-face interaction.

Students in both Cohort A & B did a wonderful job with social distancing and other safety measures to ensure this safe return to school.

Parents and students, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your school administrators. We want everyone to feel supported and comfortable during this important transition, as our school district continues to take steps toward "normalcy."

Now, let's talk about how our school administrators, teachers and students celebrated this week.

Many schools, such as Abraham Clark High School, Leonard V. Moore Middle School, Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School and Grace Wilday Junior High School, featured balloons, music and exciting activities to welcome back students.

"Our students have transitioned perfectly into the building, with all safety protocols implemented to ensure that students and staff are safe and sound. Welcome back, Wildcats!" said Grace Wilday Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

Harrison Elementary School staff dressed in capes and superhero shirts to welcome back their HES Super Stars, while Washington Elementary School went all out with a big "Welcome Back" and "We Missed You" sign featured on the front lawn for all to see.

"Everyone was overjoyed to be together again in our pristine and beautifully adorned learning environment. Parents reported that their children were so excited to return to Washington that they couldn't sleep the night before their first day back," said WES Principal Marianne Tankard. "The children were all smiles and so happy to see their school, their teachers and their friends."

Even our youngest students had an exciting first day back, with the Preschool setting up a photo station with signs that said "First Day of In-Person Preschool" and the Kindergarten Success Academy hosted a wide variety of activities as the perfect way to get our students excited to learn.

Meanwhile, congratulations to the winners of the 2021 National Women's History Month Essay Writing and Poster Contest! In celebration of Women's History Month, the Roselle Public School District sponsored its annual contest in March. This year's theme was, "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced." The essay competition was open to all Grades 3-12 students while the poster competition was open to all K-2 students. The purpose of the competition is to honor women past and present who fought for women's voting rights, rights to education, leadership roles, and gender equality.

The winners will be honored during our May Board of Education meeting on May 24.

"We would like to congratulate all the students who participated, and thank you to all the teachers who continuously motivate and encourage them. In addition, we would like to thank the ELA Department and the Visual and Performing Arts Department for their collaboration and the judges for this competition in ensuring that we celebrate all Women," said Miriam C. Malabanan, Supervisor of Language Arts and Social Studies.

We'd also like to take this time to congratulate Adrian Salamanca, for being named Rotary Club Student of the Month and Amnia Ass-Sayyid for being selected as ACHS Student of the Month. Way to go, scholars!



We're also happy to report that the district's last full week of virtual learning was jammed packed with fun, educational and engaging activities.

Leonard V. Moore Middle School held its first-ever virtual Science Fair last week which challenged students to conduct experiments and research at home. Congratulations to all of the winners, including the young woman who clinched first place: Kamilah Ochoa Diaz!

We were excited to see that Washington Elementary School's Virtual Spring Open House was well-attended ahead of in-person instruction. Thank you to all of our dedicated parents for being conversational and engaging.

Grace Wilday Junior High School band students finished up their lesson entitled "Music in Our Schools," which helped them to explore the significant place music holds in their lives by discussing their favorite songs, music that makes an emotional impact, and more. To view the lesson, [click here](#).

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School students involved with the Arts in Education (AIE) Grant Program held their final dance presentation last Friday. Polk School fourth grade students performed a Hip-Hop dance choreographed by Mark Wong, known by the students as Mr. Metal.

Please be aware that the virtual Board of Education meeting is Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. 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.

Make sure to follow our district social media platforms: @\_RoselleSchools and /Roselle Public Schools on Facebook for the latest and greatest RPS news and positive happenings. Each school has also launched its own Instagram/Twitter accounts. It is critical to follow your school on social media during this time of hybrid learning. It's just another important tool to help our district stay connected.

- Preschool - @RPK\_roselle
- KSA - @KSA\_roselle
- Harrison - @HES\_roselle
- Washington - @WES\_roselle
- Polk - @DCCP\_roselle
- LVM - @LVM\_roselle
- Grace Wilday - @GWJHS\_roselle
- ACHS - @ACHS\_roselle

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



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