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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community!

We hope that our students and families are doing well and enjoying this terrific sunshine.

As we look ahead to the end of the school year, the District has been diligently planning its **Students' Targeted Academic Rally (S.T.A.R.) Summer programs**. Roselle Public Schools is hosting a variety of initiatives over the summer to meet the academic and social emotional needs across all grade levels. We encourage students to participate as all of these terrific programs are free and include lunch. For more information and to view the full list of programs, [click here](#).

We'd like to start off this week's newsletter with a huge congratulations to Grace Wilday Junior High School student Faith Alexander who has been awarded the National Junior Honors Society (NJHS) Outstanding Achievement Award for 2021. Faith was one of only 500 students selected nationwide and one of 34 in New Jersey. Recipients of the NJHS Outstanding Achievement Awards receive funding for a 529 savings account which will be applied to the college of her choice, along with a medallion and pennant.

"Job well done to Faith on your accomplishments! We are so proud of you!" exclaimed Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

Faith is also one of the students accepted into the Kean University Scholars Academy Class of 2021 and will be attending the dual enrollment program at Abraham Clark High School next year.

Harrison Elementary School celebrated College and Career Week, connecting students virtually each day with speakers representing different professions. Some included state troopers, a food scientist, nurses and social workers. Students also participated in an academic assembly, "Corey the Dribbler," which inspires youth with the "4R's 4 Success" - respect, responsibility, ready to learn and reading is power.

"The assembly was a fun way to continue to promote our character-building practices. Corey, previously a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, not only shared some of his dribbling tricks with our students, but he also had a wonderful message regarding respect, education, attitude, and no bullying," said Principal Dr. Melissa Nevarez. "Students were engaged. They were even able to see their physical education teacher, Mrs. Mercado, successfully perform the Diamond Trick with her basketball, which was amazing to watch."

With hybrid learning now in full swing, our schools have been keeping our students busy, taking advantage of the in-person time with each cohort.

For example, Washington Elementary School's Gardening Club was busy preparing for a fruitful 2021 growing season this week. Thanks to the school's indoor seed-starting station and generous contributions from Groundwork MicroFarm in Elizabeth, student gardeners are planning a robust harvest of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peppers, basil, celery and eggplant.

"Although we missed out on last year's spring and summer garden, the students are doubling their efforts this year and we couldn't be prouder," said Principal Marianne Tankard.

The club is also planning to release thousands of ladybugs into the garden before the end of the year. The ladybugs are essential pollinators and will help to protect the garden against harmful insects like aphids, according to our own green thumb expert, Principal Tankard.

As always, please follow our district 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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