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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings, RPS Community!

We hope the entire community enjoyed International SEL Day last week as schools across the district took advantage of this time to relax and focus on social-emotional learning. Schools celebrated with yoga and meditation, guided art activities, self-awareness games, listening to music and more.

We'd like to highlight that the Board of Education along with district leadership spent time prioritizing School Governance during a recent Board Retreat weekend on March 4 and 5. A commitment to professional learning was evident and our facilitator, Ms. Deborah Keys-Write, along with Board President Dr. Courtney Washington and district administrators, offered all in attendance a day of active learning.

Now, let's see what our scholars have been up to.

Congratulations to the 21 Abraham Clark High School students that were inducted into the RAMS Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS)! These same NHS students participated in the Read Across America week by visiting the Kindergarten Success Academy (KSA) as guest readers.

Congratulations to Dwayne Raymond for being selected as the ACHS Student of the Month and to Joseph Nam, Senior Rotary Club Student of the Month for March!

We'd also like to highlight that every Monday and Wednesday during the month of March, seniors have the chance to participate in a College and Scholarship Application Help Session in the Media Center to meet upcoming deadlines.

Grace Wilday Junior High School students in Mrs. Gedell's Language Arts classes have been learning all about argument writing, including tactics and convincing language, to add essays to their portfolio. Students were recently tasked with arguing whether or not Harriet Tubman should be placed on the \$20 bill.

In the end, the winning argument was to not place Tubman on the bill because it would be insulting to her legacy. Students felt that since she fought against the selling and trading of slaves, Tubman wouldn't want to be memorialized on currency, said Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

"The classes came up with some very interesting information and really used their resources and convincing vocabulary and tactics to make their points come to life," added Principal Hunt. "There were so many different points of view and the students got to explore different resources that opened their minds to the various ideas presented."



Leonard V. Moore Middle School hosted an awesome paint night recently where students, families and Board of Ed members gathered for a relaxing night of painting in celebration of Youth Art Month.



Harrison Elementary School students were captivated by Fundamentals of Hip Hop presenters as they not only captured their attention with movement and dance, but educated them in the origins of hip-hop. The presenters taught students about breakdancing and how it is a combination of acrobatics, gymnastics, martial arts and various cultural dances.



Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School wrapped up its Read Across America celebration with a fun crazy sock day that had all students and staff rocking their favorite socks.



Washington Elementary School hosted its 2nd F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Day of the year in honor of International SEL Day. Throughout the day, students participated in several different activities including working together to build a tower, yoga and meditation, practicing conflict resolution skills and more!

"The theme of this SEL Day was to find common ground and students took the opportunities to find new things they had in common with classmates. Overall, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Day was a blast and the students look forward to the next one," said School Counselor Jason Robbins.



KSA students also finished celebrating literacy in our schools through Read Across America. With crazy hat and pajama day, students had a great time.

"A special thanks to the Abraham Clark High School Honor Society for taking the time out to come and read to our KSA students some of the many famous Pete the Cat themed books," said Principal Sheila Williams.



Finally, a big congratulations to Dan Jakubowski-Lewis who qualified for the Nike National Invitational Track Meet held last weekend. He competed in the 60 Meter Hurdles, earning a 4th Place Medal and recording a Personal Best Time. Congrats, Dan!

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