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Positive Happenings throughout Roselle Schools – Dec. 2-6

Roselle Rams Defeat Roselle Park in Annual Thanksgiving Day Football Game

For the first time since 2016, the Roselle Rams defeated Roselle Park, by a score of 50-36, at the annual Thanksgiving Day football game. And for the first time in the history of the Thanksgiving Day game, the Roselle and Roselle Park bands performed a duet during halftime of Kanye West's "All of the Lights."

The 1989 State Championship football team and coaches were honored after the halftime performance, marking the 30-year anniversary of their tremendous win. The 1989 team has won the only state championship for football in Abraham Clark High School's history.

Way to go, Rams!

Grace Wilday Junior High School Hosts Blue Carpet Awards to Honor Students

Grace Wilday Junior High School hosted its Blue Carpet Awards this week, celebrating the accomplishments of students who exhibited the "six pillars of character development" during the first marking period.

The awards are hosted by Grace Wilday school counselors Jason Hernandez and Rebecca Richardson.

The six pillars of character development are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The students were nominated by the teachers and each team of teachers voted for a finalist. The team leader for each team presented the students with their awards.

The Grace Wilday Blue Carpet Awards will be presented to the students quarterly.

"The purpose of the Blue Carpet awards is to continue to increase school/student morale along with the school climate and culture," said Principal Tomeeka Hunt. We want to continue to award our students for their character development. Praising them in front of their peers and parents is another way to increase student morale and to be proud of their efforts, all of which will increase student achievement and close the achievement gap."

Leonard V. Moore Middle School Staff and Students Donate Thanksgiving Baskets

Faculty and students from Leonard V. Moore Middle School worked with the Roselle Police Department and the school's Parent-Teacher group to organize and deliver Thanksgiving baskets to local families in need.

The baskets comprised all the Thanksgiving classics, from mashed potatoes to stuffing.

Harrison Elementary School Hosts Pep Rally for "15 Days of Kindness Challenge"

This week, Harrison Elementary School kicked off its "15 Days of Kindness Challenge" with a pep rally that was enjoyed by both students and staff.

"This pep rally is meant to promote our kindness initiative and to get students thinking about what they can do to be kind to others," Principal Melissa Nevarez said.

Three Roselle Educators (Two from Washington Elementary School) to Be Honored at Roselle Chamber of Commerce Winter Gala on Dec. 10

Congratulations to Washington Elementary School Principal Marianne Tankard for being selected as the Roselle Chamber of Commerce's Educator of the Year and to Nicole Gaspar and Liliana Santos (Leonard V. Moore Middle School) for being selected as of the Teachers of the Year.

Each year, the Chamber of Commerce honors local business and community professionals at its gala. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Warinanco Sports Center, 1 Park Drive in Roselle.

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School Celebrates Perfect Attendance of Students

Dr. Charles C Polk Elementary School is happy to announce that for the first time, 40% of its students had perfect attendance for the first marking period.

On Dec. 12, Polk School will celebrate the students who had perfect attendance at its "Quarterly AttenDANCE."

"With this 'AttenDANCE' incentive, we are encouraging our students to be college and career ready," Principal Andreaa Harry said.

Kindergarten Success Academy Teachers "Dig Into Their Data" As Part of Professional Development

This week at the Kindergarten Success Academy, teachers engaged in a formal training session as part of their scheduled Professional Development on Dec. 5. As part of the training, the staff had the chance to "dig into their data," which involved unpacking their classroom and student data.

“Far too often, data collected rest in programs, folders and charts for compliance purposes. This training promoted the unpacking of student and classroom data,” said Principal Dr. Nathan Fisher.

“This training invited teachers to use their data as an active tool to increase student achievement in Math and ELA,” he said. “This opportunity to examine all forms of assessment and formative data was reviewed affording the teachers strategies and tips aimed at creative approaches to analyzing the various pieces of data in an effort to have informed instruction.”

Roselle Preschoolers Enjoyed First-Ever Friendsgiving Celebration

Preschoolers were joined by their teachers, families and even a minion to kick-off their Thanksgiving celebrations before the break at the first-ever Friendsgiving celebration.

Students and teachers brought in homemade dishes and desserts to create a memorable celebration.



Some snapshots from the Roselle preschool's first-ever Friendsgiving celebration.