

ROSELLE SCHOOLS Bulletin



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Weekly Update from the Administration

Dear Roselle Families,

We hope you are well, as we are quickly nearing the end of the school year!

We are now working on a plan to honor our Class of '20. Our up-and-coming graduates deserve all the honor that we can bestow during this challenging time. We want to assure you that the administration and staff is diligently working to create a plan that gives a warm and appropriate send-off to our esteemed graduates.

Along with plans on how best to award diplomas, the administration is hard at work planning for the upcoming school year, 2020-21. We continue to update and strengthen the curriculum, while devising individual school schedules, as we try to prepare for what will become the "new normal" in public education.

And here is some terrific news: We're happy to announce that Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School has been selected for the Artists in Education (AIE) Residency Grant Program for next year. The AIE program, pending funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is designed to place highly-qualified professional artists in schools for up to 20 days to teach and inspire students.

We would like to thank Principal Andreaa Harry and Amanda Nagy-Harrison, the district's Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, for their efforts in obtaining this very competitive award. We cannot wait to see how the program will be used at Polk School.

There have also been some unique virtual learning activities that have caught our attention this week.

The Kindergarten Success Academy recently hosted a virtual field day that had all of its staff, students and their families outside and moving. Kindergarteners from Ms. Derosa's class also wrote their teacher special "we miss you" messages this week as they are so eager to return to the classroom.

"Mrs. Derosa received several posters and notes from her students that were quite moving and reflective on the impact of a classroom teacher. Although learning is in this virtual space, Mrs. Derosa incorporates rigor into her lessons and activities. She's very deserving of these kind messages," said Dr. Nathan Fisher.

In other news, The Leonard V. Moore Middle School Art Club began the Getty Museum Challenge by recreating famous works of art, including portraits of Frida Kahlo and Van Gogh's Starry Night. Art Teacher Mira Septimus and the art students have challenged the rest of the RPS community to join in the fun and recreate their own works of art. If you do paint or sketch a piece, please share it with Ms. Septimus by



emailing mseptimus@roselleschools.org.

Our preschoolers continue to learn about different shapes, specifically what balls are used in different sports and why some float and others don't. This activity had our preschoolers spending time outside with their families, playing plenty of catch, we are sure.

Polk Elementary School's fourth-grade staff created an instructional adventures slideshow for their students using their personal emojis and Bitmojis. Each slide - featuring the teachers' Bitmojis and personally designed virtual classrooms - included information regarding assignments and fun activities. It can be viewed [here](#).

"This is an example of the great and innovative work Polk School staff is doing to motivate and challenge Roselle Public Schools students. It's just absolutely amazing," said Principal Harry.

We cannot express, once again, how proud we are of our Roselle Schools community during this time. Each week, we are so appreciative of the innovative ideas and activities that keep our district connected. From the administration to the staff, to the students and their families, we are truly making the best of this, together.

Stay safe,



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