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Weekly Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

As our third week of virtual learning comes to a successful close, we know that this continues to be a difficult time for our district. We understand that there are many challenges that come with virtual learning, but we would like to remind everyone that we will get through this together.

That being said, "we want to remind everyone that if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact principals and teachers either via phone or email. We have seen a few instances over the past couple of weeks when live instruction has been disrupted because of expressed concerns from parents/guardians and even some instances in which parents are answering questions online that have been posed to students."

We know that virtual learning can be demanding on students and parents, but please remember to remain respectful to our hardworking teachers.

A reminder that i-Ready assessments for grades K-10 will begin next week. It's important that we accurately track the progress of our students so we ask that parents allow their children to complete the assessment alone.

Now, let's talk about all the great things going on in our schools.

Let's begin by congratulating Grace Wilday Junior High School students Jacqueline Apantenco and Tiziana Barreto for being honored with the 2020 National 180 Student Awards, an accolade that recognizes only 15 students across the country who have overcome significant obstacles to become thriving successful learners. Thanks to their teacher, Ms. Tonya Comas, these students were able to exceed their academic goals.

The district would also like to congratulate the Abraham Clark High School students that recently had their creative writing entries published for the Young Writers Mission Contamination Competition.

Students at Leonard V. Moore Middle School have been doing a great job with staying connected by starting each day with the "L.V. Moore Morning News" show. The morning program consists of students submitting videos that feature school announcements, world news and other important information.

"Our incredible students are learning important technology and public speaking skills, as well as responsibility and integrity, as they continue to build our school community from home," said Art Teacher Mira Septimus.

This week, students at Harrison Elementary School began their lessons for Hispanic Heritage Month - which officially started Sept. 15 - by learning about different Hispanic cultures. Second graders used Google Slides to navigate and explore various Spanish regions. Throughout the month, the students will use an interactive maze to learn more about Latin America.

Third graders at Harrison have been busy researching facts about Spanish-speaking countries along with people from Hispanic countries who have influenced the United States. Students have been gaining important knowledge on many influential people and are reporting back the information they obtained, according to Principal Dr. Melissa Nevarez.

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School Principal Andreea Harry congratulated her staff this week as they've had many challenges to overcome with virtual learning.

"Polk School teachers tackled these challenges head on and thought of different ways to reach out to all our students. It required some ingenuity and using various methods, but the Polk School staff are up to the challenge," she said.

We want to once again extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone, from our teachers to our students and to our families, for their patience and determination during this pandemic. Virtual learning is still uncharted territory for most of the country, but by working tirelessly together, we are making it through.

Be sure to follow us on social media @RoselleSchools for daily updates and happenings.

As always, stay safe and Roselle strong,



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