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Weekly Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

Allow us to start off with some exciting news! More than 90% of our district has been successfully logging on to Schoology each day.

We want to commend our students and families for their ongoing hard work and commitment to their school work. We know this has been a challenging transition to virtual learning, but we continue to move forward each day as a district. We are quick to identify problems and develop solutions, as we move toward 100% participation each day in our learning platform.

As a reminder to parents and students, all schools have created Open House videos that have been posted on each school's website. The videos can be accessed by visiting www.roselleschools.org. Additionally, our new segment "60 Seconds with the Superintendent" will be launched this month. Stay tuned for further information on our latest initiative to keep us better connected.

It is also very important to mention that free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch is available for pick-up at Abraham Clark High School from 6:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

iReady assessments for grades K-10 began last week, and we're happy to report that schools have already had a successful start.

"Students are encouraged to do their very best on the assessment. We also started preparing everyone for the assessment a week prior in order to help motivate students," said Harrison Elementary School Principal Dr. Melissa Nevarez.

To reiterate, it's important that we accurately track the progress of our students through these assessments. So we ask our always helpful parents to allow their children to complete these assessments on their own.

The 21st Century Afterschool Program also began on Tuesday at Harrison, as well as Washington Elementary School, Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School and Leonard V. Moore Middle School. Free dinner is provided to students in the program.

More exciting news last week: fall sports began at Abraham Clark High School! Student athletes in football, soccer, cross country and tennis have been gearing up for the fall season and even started competition.

All games must adhere to the state's guidelines regarding outdoor gatherings. Due to the limited capacity guidelines put in place, only families of the participating student-athletes will be permitted to attend games. Important guidelines also include mandatory face coverings and proper social distancing inside all athletic facilities. A disappointing side note: the eagerly-anticipated varsity football game that was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3 against Johnson Regional was canceled.

In other news, Grace Wilday Junior High School's Instrumental Music and Strings students had the opportunity to pick up their instruments recently as well as meet their music teachers, while following social distancing guidelines.

"Although students are tasked with learning to play virtually, they are working well with their assigned instruments and have adapted very well to the challenge," said Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

We eagerly await their first concert, when it is safe for them to perform together.

Students at Leonard V. Moore Middle School were still able to celebrate International Day of Peace recently through the school's digital Pinwheels for Peace project. By making these pinwheels, students learned how to design and make their very own animated GIFs.

The Kindergarten Success Academy participated in the 2020 New Jersey State Schools of Character Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, when the school was honored for its superb character education program. Way to go, KSA!

Roselle preschoolers participated in their first virtual Show and Tell, which featured the theme, "All About Me!" The activity had the students demonstrating self-confidence by discussing their own actions and efforts, actively engaging in activities that express their individuality.

We are pleased to see that from week to week, our educators continue to find creative ways to stay in touch with our students.

Please note that Friday, Oct. 9 is a full professional development day for staff and the district is closed on Monday, Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

As always, please be sure to follow us on social media @RoselleSchools for daily updates and happenings.

Stay safe and Roselle strong,



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