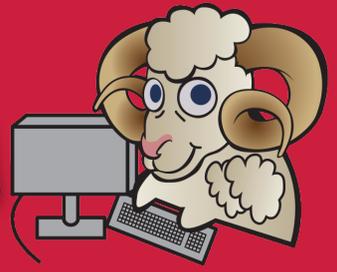


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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

We hope that our students and families were able to enjoy some quality time together during last week's break. While it may not have been filled with the large dinners we have all known and loved, it is important that our immediate families can still come together and count our blessings.

One thing I am very thankful for is the very first episode of "60 Seconds With the Superintendent," released last week. [Check it out here](#) to learn the latest and greatest RPS news and to stay up-to-date with the district's administrative goals. We look forward to producing these quick and informative segments on a regular basis as just another online tool to keep our community connected.

Speaking of virtual communication, please make sure to check out the 21st Century Program Open House, which can be accessed [here](#).

There's a lot more good news to highlight this week. Let's start with congratulations to some members of the Roselle Rams Varsity Football Team.

Jared McRae has been offered a scholarship to University of North Carolina, Eric Dukes has accepted a full football scholarship to Bryant University and Joshua Shervington has received two offers from Culver Stockton College and Trinity International College in Illinois. Congratulations to these three outstanding athletes and scholars! We look forward to seeing what else you achieve on the gridiron and in your higher education.

At Grace Wilday Junior High School, counselors coordinated an important virtual Red Ribbon Week Celebration this week. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually. Grace Wilday kicked off the week with a virtual assembly where all students learned about drug abuse and the latest concerning issues regarding addiction.

Many students participated in the Pledge to be Drug Free activity, signing the pledge and posting their photo to the Grace Wilday Red Ribbon Week Slide Show. Students in the drama and art classes worked on slogans, posters and video messages about drug prevention. The week concluded with a contest, in which teachers designed bulletin boards with the theme of Drug Prevention. We look forward to knowing the winner of the best Red Ribbon Week Bulletin Board Contest!

Washington Elementary School went to the dogs this week. Well, sort of! Karen Potocek, the Humane Educator at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, provided students with highly engaging virtual presentations on kindness and empathy towards animals this week. Through a virtual and interactive storytelling lesson, students shared feelings of compassion for dogs, cats and our other fuzzy friends. Students exercised their empathy and participated in instructor-led discussions and reflections, according to Patricia Bryden, Title I/Basic Skills Teacher.

"Our students were profoundly impacted by their time with Ms. Potocek, and skillfully represented the lessons they learned in their reflective writings and drawings," she added.

Some of our Roselle preschoolers worked on social-emotional activities this week. Students listened to the story "The Color Monster," teaching our students about different emotions and using varying colors to represent each emotion. The story explored the many different emotions students may feel on a day-to-day basis and associated them with colors for an easier understanding.

"Students loved this story, helping them identify their own emotions better. They created their own 'Color Monster' using colors to reflect and represent their emotion for the day," explained Principal Carla Wynter-Darius.

On another note: just a reminder that the next virtual Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. As always, be sure to follow us on all of our social media platforms @_RoselleSchools and /Roselle Public Schools on Facebook to stay up-to-date with all the late-breaking RPS news.

The students are doing great; we couldn't be more proud of them!

Stay safe and Roselle strong,



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