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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

We hope that our students and families are doing well after yesterday's snowstorm. It's a perfect day for sledding, and to help out with some of the shoveling.

Just a reminder that Winter Recess begins next week on Thursday, Dec. 24 with classes resuming on Monday, Jan. 4.

Our 21st Century Program has partnered with the New Jersey Performing Arts Center for a free virtual Kwanzaa Festival on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The all-day event will celebrate culture, community and creative expression. [Click here to register.](#)

Abraham Clark High School welcomed a new vice principal this week, Ms. Erin Posbergh. She is an experienced vice principal and former physics teacher who recently relocated back to New Jersey from California to be near family.

"We are glad to have Ms. Posbergh join the administrative team and look forward to all that she has to offer the students and staff of ACHS," said Principal Terry Shareef.

Welcome, Ms. Posbergh, to the RPS family!

Grace Wilday Junior High School finished up its second-annual Winter Scholastic Book Fair, ongoing since Nov. 30. Being tasked to host its book fair virtually this year, the Grace Wilday staff - particularly Mrs. Chelsea Gedell, Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator and ELA teacher - rose to the challenge by incorporating the book fair into Schoology lessons.

ELA teachers included a Scholastic preview in their lessons, providing students an opportunity to see the featured items for this year's book fair. A spirit week was also hosted, comprising various book-related activities, such as Scholastic surveys, literature games via Kahoot, scavenger hunts and students posting their favorite book to show off the importance of reading.

Way to go, Grace Wilday!

Students from the Washington Elementary School Super STEAM Team have been exploring atomic structure, electricity, magnetism, critical thinking and coding for the past three months and are now embarking on a new multi-month challenge. The incredible students have started building a Raspberry Pi 3 Quad-Core computer.

The Super STEAM Team's learning journey will be shared via student essays, photos and videos, which will be posted on Washington's website.

"Judging from what we have witnessed with the WES Super STEAM Team, the future is in great hands!" said Principal Marianne Tankard.

Just a note that Washington's virtual Polar Express Literacy Night has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Dec. 22 because of the snowy weather.

Last Friday evening, Harrison Elementary School and its PTA hosted a Winter Extravaganza drive-thru event for students and their families. Students received some books, treats and toys as they drove past different stations. At the last station, Santa was there to wave at the cars. What a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

"The event was a great success and everyone was able to safely provide our families with some enjoyment this holiday season! It was also so nice to see our students' smiling faces," said Principal Dr. Melissa Nevarez.

Congratulations to three talented Leonard V. Moore Middle School students - Gabriela Cornejo, Kamilah Ochoa-Diaz and Sebastian Garzon - for having their artwork published on [CelebratingArt.com](#), a national online student art publication. We are so proud of these young artists!

This week at Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School, student engagement gifts were picked up by the local mailman to be delivered to students who participated in the school's after school program last week. A cart load of parcels was picked up, including cards to be sent to the North Pole from students.

"We would like to thank our local mailman who has helped us throughout this time," said Principal Andreea Harry. "He has been a conduit for delivering much needed supplies and materials to all our students. On behalf of Polk School's students and staff, we would like to thank him for all his support!"

The administration is diligently working on the next edition of *The Rambler*. Keep an eye out as the newest edition of the district's print newsletter should be arriving in mailboxes in January.

As always, we remind our families to continue following 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.

As the last edition of our weekly newsletter for 2020, we would like to wish our entire RPS community a happy and healthy holiday season. We hope our students and families are able to enjoy the break, and we very much look forward to connecting with everyone in 2021.

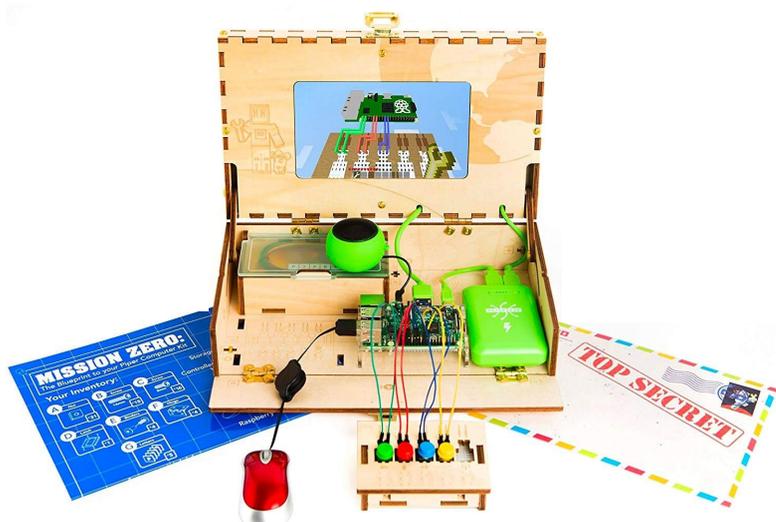
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**Washington Elementary School's
Super STEAM Team is Building a Computer**

