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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

We hope that our students, families, faculty and staff enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. The break always provides a welcomed opportunity to relax, recharge and spend quality time together.

Let's start off this week's newsletter with some well-deserved congratulations to our hardworking high school seniors who have already been accepted to some amazing universities (and it is only early December!).

Congratulations to:

- Alexis Staten on her acceptance - and \$88,500 in scholarships - to Seton Hall University's Advanced 3+3 BA/JD Program. In addition, Alexis was accepted to Montclair State University and University of New Haven and awarded the Presidential Scholarship at both schools.
- Marly Pierre on her acceptance to Wilkes University, Miles College, and Elizabeth City State University.
- Lusia Chaquea on her acceptance to Eastern University and receiving the Eagle Scholarship Award.
- Brandon Dieujuste on his acceptance to the University of Montana.

We expect much more good news from the Class of '21, as they will represent Roselle all over the country and perhaps around the world. We can't wait to celebrate your success!

Over the past couple of weeks, the entire district has embodied the spirit of giving through several food and toy collections/distributions. Seeing our RPS Community continue to find ways to support each other even during this time of virtual learning is both heartwarming and indicative of the true strength of our district.

Grace Wilday Junior High School staff, after receiving a very generous donation from Virtu Financial Inc., organized a food distribution event on Thursday and Friday this week which provided groceries to more than 500 students and their families.

Students from Leonard V. Moore Middle School's Generation on Kids Care Club, along with the Roselle Police Department, hosted The Great Toy Giveaway on GivingTuesday this week.

The Great Toy Giveaway, a part of Kids for Peace, is a unique peer-to-peer giving program that provides students the opportunity to put their compassion into action by distributing toys to children in need. Toys were distributed throughout the day to the preschool, Kindergarten Success Academy, Harrison, Washington and Polk elementary schools. For COVID safety precautions, each school had a designated pick up time and face masks were required.

The KSA also joined the preschool in a joint food drive and collected more than 90 items - everything from canned to boxed goods - and donated the items to the food pantry at the Heard AME Church.

At Washington Elementary School, Miss Martin's second graders crafted and completed a team challenge that required all of the students to be on time and fully engaged in all of their daily conferences for an entire week. In addition, all of the students had to complete 100% of their assignments and submit them on time. Washington Elementary School is proud to announce that Miss Martin's second graders achieved their goal, celebrating with a fun-filled pajama day!

At Harrison Elementary School, the students and staff kicked off their December Kindness Challenge. Throughout the month, students will be showing some form of kindness through various activities such as reading a book that focuses on kindness and writing thank-you notes.

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School Title I/Basic Skills teacher Mrs. Cistaro and school counselor Miss Martin recently hand delivered reading intervention packets to her Title I Students. Students will use these hands-on materials during their small group live instruction with Mrs. Cistaro. The Polk community was also able to distribute 38 family Thanksgiving meals and another 30 turkeys to support other community members last week.

As always, we remind our families to 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.

Staysafe and Roselle strong, and remember "ALL STUDENTS MATTER,"



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