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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

Welcome back! We hope that our students and families had nice, safe, fun-filled holidays.

Make sure to check out the latest episode of "60 Seconds with the Superintendent" ([Ep5 60 Seconds](#)) for important updates from district administrators and to stay up-to-date with the latest, greatest RPS news.

On Jan. 6, the district warmly welcomed Dr. Cynthia Atkins, Ms. leesha Turnage and Ms. Jennifer Salters as new Board of Education members. At the meeting, Dr. Courtney Washington was also elected as board president and Ms. Angela Alvey-Wimbush as board vice president. The administration is excited to work closely with the 2021 Board of Education to ensure that the district is providing seamless instruction to all students as we move into the second half of the school year.

We're happy to report that our district has had a strong start to the new year as our schools continue to host vibrant virtual events that keep our students connected and engaged.

Abraham Clark High School held its second-annual Alumni Return Day last week, which brought together ACHS alumni and current junior and senior students via Zoom. Alumni from 2001, 2017 and 2019 discussed everything from life on campus to academic coursework and general college survival tips. The popular event was once again presented by the ACHS Counseling Department.

"It was such a wonderful event and was so nice to see our young alums, as we learned about their successes," said Susan Nogaj-Matteson, Director of School Counseling & Guidance.

Also last week at ACHS, Ms. Liza Duncan, ESL Teacher, and her Transitional English students deserve a shoutout for continuing to find creative ways to learn online. The class used an app, known as "Book Creator," to create short narrative stories based on their current course readings.

"ACHS students continue to strive forward and increase their technology skills to improve teaching and learning especially during the challenges of virtual learning during Covid," said Principal Terry Shareef.

What a great way to bring creativity to the classroom!

We would also like to congratulate the five sixth-graders from Leonard V. Moore Middle School who have been accepted into the Spring 2021 Union County Teen Arts Program. The program provides students of Union County with an opportunity to showcase their creative abilities to the public at-large.

Grace Wilday Junior High School participated in a "Mask Up" challenge last week which virtually brought together the entire staff and student body to promote proper face mask usage. The challenge included writing "thank you" notes to healthcare workers and resulted in a donation of more than \$60 to healthcare workers. Way to go, Grace Wilday!

Now, let's quickly highlight something that happened before the break. Washington Elementary School did a great job promoting collaboration between different grade levels as a second and fourth grade class joined together via Zoom to read the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Clement C. Moore.

"The students were absolutely wonderful and enjoyed every minute of their multi-grade level virtual collaboration, which is so important during this time of virtual learning," said Principal Marianne Tankard.

As always, we remind our families to continue following us on our social media platforms @RoselleSchools and /Roselle Public Schools on Facebook. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to the administration or your student's principal via email as soon as you can.

Stay safe and Roselle strong, and remember "ALLSTUDENTS MATTER,"



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Congratulations to LV Moore 6th grade students who have been accepted into the Union County Teen Arts Program Spring 2021.

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