

RAMBLING ON



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An Update from the Administration

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Greetings RPS Community,

A very warm welcome to this week's edition of the *Rambling On!* We hope that our students and families are still doing well as we continue to learn in this virtual space. Just a reminder that our schools will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and a "Day of Service."

Let's start with a shout-out to the Labat family from Washington Elementary School who generously donated so many books to the school's little free library as well as the one located in front of the Board of Education offices on Locust Street. Thank you to the Labats for sharing their books with the community! They will be put to very good use.

This week, fourth graders at Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School participated in their first formal hip-hop dance class through the 20-day residency Artists in Education (AIE) grant program. This is very exciting for all involved.

This important funding brings teaching artists to students via Zoom to teach the fundamentals of hip-hop dance while also informing them of the style's rich history. The program will allow our students to promote their critical thinking, problem-solving, cooperation and teamwork during this time of virtual learning.

"The students are engaged in individual interactive practices associated with music, dance, math and literacy," said Principal Andreea Harry. "These wonderful dance classes are focused on addressing the whole child."

In preparation for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, students at Harrison Elementary School learned about the civil rights leader and his accomplishments through fun, interactive and inspiring activities. Activities included research, reading poems and creating flip books.

Second graders at Harrison have also been focusing on multiculturalism by taking trips around the world. Students received virtual passports to learn about the different cultures and traditions of places such as India, Mexico and Africa, through virtual lessons created on the Schoology educational platform.

To end the trips, Principal Dr. Melissa Nevarez said the students always "board the plane, buckle up and land at Harrison on Google Maps." What a creative way to teach our students about different cultures virtually.

The district's Technology Department is proud to report that all Abraham Clark High School classrooms have been equipped with ClearTouch interactive boards to support remote instruction and learning in the 21st Century.

"With these interactive boards, our teachers and support staff are continuously receiving professional development opportunities facilitated by our instructional technology department to build capacity and enhance teaching and learning," said Principal Terry Shareef. "In addition, our students and teachers continue to have access to a wide range of web-based learning tools that operate in conjunction with Schoology for a better overall learning experience."

Leonard V. Moore Middle School celebrated National Dress Up Your Pet Day on Jan. 14 in the cutest way with a pet photo contest. Both students and staff submitted pictures of their furry and feathered friends dressed in their best costumes. Stay tuned to see who will be named the best-dressed pet (extra points for tuxedos)!

A reminder to all Grace Wilday Junior High Schools families that there will be a hoodie and mask giveaway, sponsored by Golconda Temple No. 24, on Friday, Jan. 22 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The contactless pickup is only open to Grace Wilday students, while supplies last.

As always, please follow 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.

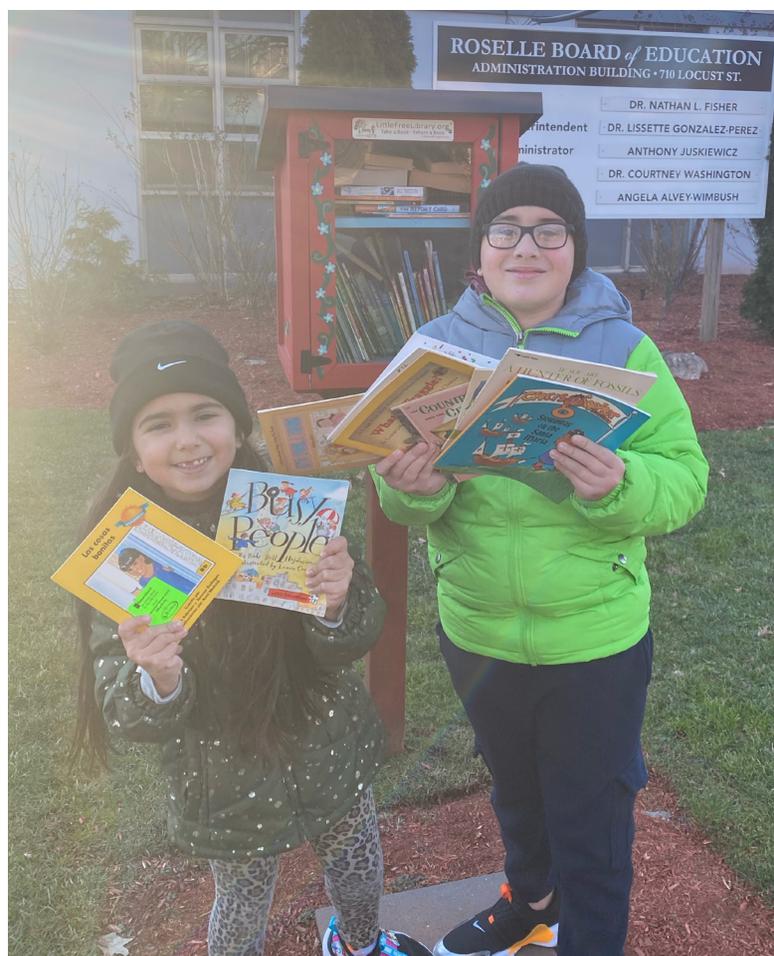
Stay safe and Roselle strong, and remember "ALL STUDENTS MATTER,"



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LV Moore's Best Dressed Pet Contest

