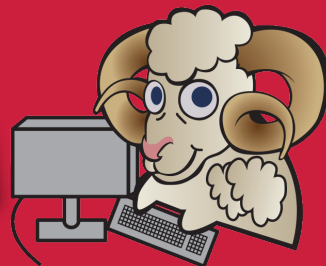


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## An Update from the Administration

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Greetings, RPS Community!

Welcome to our Valentine's Day issue of the newsletter. There's certainly a lot of love out there for the Roselle Public Schools!

Please be reminded there will be free ESL/ELL courses being offered at the Chestnut Street Community Church this month starting Thursday, February 16th and running into the spring. All materials are included at no cost. The course meets every Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. for six weeks. The course is open to residents ages 16 and up. Call or email today to reserve your spot at 908-259-4841 or [csc4square@gmail.com](mailto:csc4square@gmail.com).

The district is once again hosting an essay contest in honor of Black History Month, in collaboration with the Concrete Rose Project. We encourage all students to participate!

The essay contest is open to all students grades 1-12 and there is a special poster contest for our kindergarten scholars. All entries should be submitted to [mmalabanan@roselleschools.org](mailto:mmalabanan@roselleschools.org) by February 24th. For details, [click here](#).

Last week, scholars across the district enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school! At Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School, the students and staff dressed to impress and showed how they would look as 100-year-old people.

"Students were engaged in various activities to celebrate this wonderful day. It was amazing to see how the students and staff celebrated this fun milestone for the 2022-2023 school year," said Principal Melissa Allison.

The students and staff at Polk School also sent our crossing guard, Mr. Graham, a get-well card to tell him how much we missed him and wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Graham was elated to receive the kind words and cards from the Polk School's students and staff.



Our young scholars at Harrison Elementary School learned some moves last week with a wonderful Black History Month program from Soul Step. Students enjoyed learning all about the history of step dance and its importance to African American culture.



Washington Elementary School kicked off its Sports Club and Drama Club last week. The Sports Club meets twice a week for students in grades 3-4. Drama Club meets three times a week for our young thespians in grade 4.

"Outside of physical fitness, the Sports Club addresses an abundance including emotional well-being, character building, self-confidence, time management, social orientation, teamwork skills, prolonged health, learning and development, and leadership skills," said Principal Mitzi Sierra. "The Drama Club promotes communication skills, teamwork, socialization and self-confidence. The benefits are physical, emotional, social, and they help to develop a healthy appreciation of culture and the arts."

Leonard V. Moore Middle School kicked-off Black History Month by decorating the classroom doors around the school building. Each door highlights people in Black history who have made an impact. The decorated doors are being showcased all month long.



Black History Month celebrations are also underway at Grace Wilday Jr High School with classrooms participating in a door-decorating contest with an upcoming school wide assembly/ culminating event on February 22. Scholars will also be participating in a spoken-word poetry jam on February 28. Moreover, there are daily announcements marking famous African-American leaders and visionaries throughout history.

And now to high school sports.

Abraham Clark High School Girls basketball opened the UCIAC Tournament with a big win over Kent Place, 48-20. Girls basketball fell in the 2nd round of the UCIAC Tournament to #3 seed Cranford, 64-51, and the record stands at an impressive 13-6.

Varsity Boys basketball grabbed an early lead and cruised to victory over Cranford, 76-53 in their opening round game in the UCIAC Tournament. The boys knocked off #6 seed Union, 78-73, to advance to the UCIAC Quarterfinals vs Linden, which ended in a loss, 86-61. The Boys basketball team raised their record to 20-3 on the season.

We could not be prouder of both teams this season.

Bowling scored an impressive victory 3-0 over Stem Civics to end their regular season at 12-4.

Wilday Girls basketball lost to South River Middle School 36-11, dropping their record to 2-7 on the season. Wilday boys basketball played well from the start as they defeated South River Middle School 54-36, raising their record to 7-2.

Wrestling won back-to-back matches - another first for the new program - defeating Keyport 45-27 and followed up with a 51-24 win over JP Stevens of Edison.

Shane Jackson from the Boys Basketball team has been selected as the Union County Boys Athlete of the Week and Zoe Boston of the Girls Basketball team has been selected as the Union County Girls Athlete of the Week. The announcement will post on the sports conference website at [unioncountyconference.com](http://unioncountyconference.com) on February 16th.

Congratulations to our dedicated student athletes!

Make sure to follow @RoselleSchools and /Roselle Public Schools on Facebook for the latest and greatest RPS news and don't forget to also follow our district schools on their social media platforms.

As always there are great things continually happening throughout the entire Roselle Public Schools. Please know we continue to strive for **"Excellence through Equity"**, so let's **Stay Roselle Strong**, and remember our focus is on **"Every Student Every day!"** because **"All Students Matter!"**



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