

RCS ANNOUNCES “SAFE WALK” CAMPAIGN, RETURN OF ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Roseville Community Schools is excited to announce the launch of the Safe Walk to School campaign, a new initiative aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of students as they travel to and from school each day. The district also announced the return of the 6-Cess program, which encourages and recognizes consistent student attendance.

The Safe Walk to School campaign formed out of a recommendation from the district’s Attendance Committee, looking for proactive ways for the community to get involved with helping students get to school safely. “As a community, it is vital that we work together to create a safe environment for our children,” said Superintendent Mark Blaszkowski. “With this in mind, we are asking all parents, guardians, and community members to be vigilant during school arrival and dismissal times.” Blaszkowski said that he simply asks the community for help by keeping an eye and ear out as students are traveling to and from school. “We ask our residents that if they observe any suspicious behavior or activities around our schools, we strongly encourage you to report it immediately to the Roseville Police Department. Your proactive involvement can make a significant difference in keeping our children safe.”

The district has also produced yard signs for community homes and businesses to further promote the initiative. “The signs will help raise awareness of our campaign and serve as a reminder for everyone to stay alert,” Blaszkowski added. Yard signs are available at each of the schools as well as the administration building. If you would like a sign, please contact the Superintendent’s office at (586) 445-5505.

The district’s 6-Cess program celebrates students who have less than six absences per semester, both excused and unexcused. The program was created in 2016, serving as a successful attendance incentive program throughout the schools for several years before the pandemic shut it down. “The 6-Cess program is an incentive-based initiative and does not affect student grades,” said Blaszkowski. “It is designed to motivate and reward students for their efforts to be in

school regularly, contributing positively to their learning experience.” He adds that with the understanding that illnesses and emergencies happen, the goal of the 6-Cess program is to promote the importance of being present as much as possible.

Blaszkowski said that research consistently shows that students who attend school every day are more likely to succeed academically and develop essential life skills. “According to recent studies, students who miss just two days of school per month are at a significantly higher risk of falling behind in reading, math, and other core subjects. Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10% or more of the school year, can lead to students being up to two full grade levels behind their peers by the end of high school. This gap in learning can have long-lasting effects on a student’s future, including lower graduation rates and reduced opportunities for college and career success.”

Schools offer weekly, monthly, and yearly 6-Cess incentive opportunities to students, which can include classroom trophies, extra recess, raffle prizes, pizza parties, ice cream treats, and more - all designed to recognize and celebrate consistent attendance in a fun and engaging way. Kaiser Elementary Principal Kelly Grider said that recognizing attendance more frequently has improved attendance. “We use attendance tracking to document and track the percentage of students present by classroom. Each Monday, we announce the classrooms with the highest attendance from the previous week during our morning meetings and the winning class receives the “ACE” bear, symbolizing “Attendance Counts Everyday.”



“Safe Walk to School” sign in front of the Roseville Fire Department.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



The safety and security of our students, staff, and parents are always a top priority for our district. We were recently awarded a State of Michigan Health and Safety Grant, allowing the district to add a window film that gives the school an added layer of protection from dangerous individuals. The work at Roseville Middle School has been completed and Roseville High is next on the list. We hope the state continues to fund these types of projects so we can do this for all our buildings.

The district has also applied for the Filter First grant to address the state mandate of filtering all drinking fountains. The Filter First grant application will provide funding needed to meet state-mandated filtered water requirement at each water fountain/bottle filler throughout the district. The cost to do this project, covering all of our buildings, is approximately \$800,000. It will be a huge hit to our budget if we do not receive the grant.

Safety may be first, but our purpose is to educate students and prepare them for whatever their future holds. To be successful, we need students to be present physically and mentally. How can you help? Students need rest to be prepared for the next day. Make sure you send your child to school every day. Read to them and/or have them read for a minimum of 20

minutes every day. Practice basic math facts, such as multiplication, division, adding, and subtracting. Ask what they learned at school and do not accept the “nothing” answer. Be positive about school. In an effort to make school more relevant, we offer college or career paths at the secondary level. We offer coursework that is interesting to them, including CTE classes, visual arts, music, and our newly added drone and guitar courses. The district provides opportunities for all students.

People skills are also essential to our students’ success. Our district is committed to supporting these essential life skills. We have Student Assistance Specialists, Restorative Practices staff, and school counselors at our secondary level to support students. The district has made a conscious effort to get students to work together and learn how to communicate with others. As Mitch Albom said, “Life is with people, you need to get involved.”

Roseville has committed a century to the education of our community, and we look forward to the next 100 years. You can help by requesting a Safe Walk to School sign, being the eyes and ears of the community.

Sincerely, Mark Blaszkowski



In mid-October, the RHS Culinary Arts program held their “RHS Chopped Challenge” competition, a collaboration with the News & Broadcasting class. Several teams of three battled through preliminary rounds, with two teams making it to the Friday finals. The team of Sophia Blanks, Cobie Bell, and Jolene Myers reigned victorious after the multi-day competition, earning a trophy and their name on a plaque which will be displayed outside the kitchen. Future competitions will include a holiday edition in December and a Winter/Spring series after the new year.



SUMMER LEARNING

Over 500 students experienced an additional five weeks of awesome learning this summer! Our Extended Learning Summer Program students mixed their daily curriculum with a trip to the RHS planetarium, a fun summer field day, and an introduction to some unique animals through a visit from the The Little Creatures Co. RCS once again hosted their Girls’ STEM Camp the last two weeks of June. The girls enjoyed hands-on learning, including making circuits and soldering, designing an assistive technology device, and making a toy accessible for a child with disabilities. They also learned how to build and program a robot, how to use power tools, and how 3D printing works. They also had a Q&A session with four female STEM professionals who went through Roseville Community Schools. RCS also hosted many students in the MISD KinderConnect and First Fundamentals programs, the middle school Math Mindset and ELA camps, as well as the traditional credit recovery courses.



ALUMNI CORNER

Madelynn Amara attended Alumni Elementary, Kment Elementary, Eastland Middle School, and Roseville High School. One of her favorite memories from elementary school happened during her fourth-grade year at Kment. “Mrs. King made us all “stone soup” in reference to the book we were reading. She also brought her mom in that day, so it was awesome to hear stories from her life. Mrs. King always made learning fun and did activities that have made an imprint on me for years to come.” While at RHS, she was a multi-sport athlete, playing volleyball and soccer all four years. She was also a member of the news and broadcasting team her junior and senior years. After graduating from RHS in 2021, Madelynn left for bootcamp for the Air National Guard. “I’ve been in for about three and a half years now. I am also working on my associates degree at Macomb Community College.” In the Air National Guard, she serves as an In-Flight Refueling Specialist, also known as a boom operator. “I fly on the KC-135 Stratotanker and refuel fighter, cargo, and intelligence aircraft in the air through a big pole attached to the aft portion of the aircraft, known



as the boom. As a boom operator, we are another set of eyes to the pilots during critical times of flights, carry passengers and load/unload cargo aboard our aircraft.” She added that she had a desire to join the military since her sophomore year at RHS, connecting with a family member at Selfridge. “I decided aviation would be an interesting avenue to take.” Madelynn also credits a strong support system through her family. “My mom, brother, and stepdad have a huge role in my life. Karaoke has been our go to family activity.” She has an Australian cattle dog/corgi mix named Ollie. “He has been my best friend since the moment we got him.” Madelynn said that she loves nature and spending her free time outdoors. “I never thought as a 21-year-old I would be into bird watching, but that has become one of my favorite hobbies.” In addition to Mrs. King, Madelynn also named Mr. Mattison, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Collias as some of her favorite teachers. “You have all taught me to work hard and to go after my dreams. The advice and lessons you have given me are things I’ll cherish forever. Roseville High School prepared me to adapt to new situations and to be able to connect with all walks of life.”

Do you know of a former Roseville student who’s doing great things? Let us know!
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DRONES & GUITARS

Roseville High School has added two new courses to their already robust curriculum this year. "Introduction to Drones" introduces students to unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), also known as drones. This course covers design and maintenance, common flying strategies, and how to read and understand preflight weather reports. Students learn how to fly, navigate courses and obstacles, take images and video, and learn how to safely follow all FAA protocols. RHS also introduced a "Guitar" class this fall. Students learn the fundamentals of acoustic guitar performance and apply learned skills to a variety of musical styles. Students learn how to read standard musical notation, not tabs, as part of this course.



PANTHER DAY '24

Roseville Community Schools kicked off their 100th year with the fourth annual Panther Day, held at Roseville High School on August 17. The event featured the Black vs. Red Football Game, a Punt, Pass & Kick competition hosted by Roseville Junior Sports, school supply drive sponsored by Jeffrey Nissan, performances by the RHS cheer teams and the RHS marching band, as well as vendors, food trucks, and bounce houses. It was a fun-filled event for the entire community!



GET TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS

MICHELLE LUTOSTANSKI - DORT ELEMENTARY



Michelle Lutostanski just started her 13th year of teaching. She spent a few years teaching in Flint and Detroit before moving to Roseville where she has been teaching for the past ten years. Over the years, she has served as a substitute and a kindergarten aide, and has taught kindergarten, fourth and fifth grades. She spent several years at Patton Elementary before settling in at Dort Elementary, where she currently teaches first grade. Lutostanski said that the favorite thing about teaching is seeing student growth, both academically and in terms of maturity. She said she also enjoys building relationships with students and co-workers. "It is neat to be able to see former students as they grow up and be able to continue that relationship with them, and I love when former students become fifth grade helpers and return to help out in my classroom at the end of the day. I am also very thankful for the friendships I have made with co-workers over the years." One of her favorite class projects goes along with the apple unit for science in the fall. "After learning about the life cycle and parts of an apple we taste test different types of apples and graph the results. We also make applesauce in the crockpot for a special snack." Lutostanski earned a degree in elementary education from Baker College and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Western Governors University. Outside of the classroom, she is married and has three children. "This year, I have a kindergartener, a third grader, and a senior, so it is a special year for us with lots of fun memories." She also enjoys watching her kids play sports, reading, exercising, and watching reality television.

MAUREEN MAILHOT - ROSEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Maureen Mailhot has been teaching for 16 years. She started in education teaching at a charter school in Flint for eight years. She taught fourth grade for two years and third through fifth grade science for six years before moving on to a charter school in Southfield, where she taught sixth grade science for five years. She landed at Roseville Middle School four years ago where she has taught seventh and eighth grade science since. Mailhot said that she really enjoys incorporating hands-on learning into her teaching. "Making models of lessons being taught and using lots of color to help with the whole brain learning, and I also love to play games in class to review key points of the lessons we've learned." She added that her favorite things about teaching are when the lightbulb goes off on a student after they learn a hard concept and when she is able to connect with students beyond the classroom." Mailhot attended Grand Valley State University, earning a bachelor's degree in science with an emphasis on exercise science. She is also working on her master's in education in elementary science from Wayne State University, which is near completion. Outside of the classroom, she is married to husband, Tracy, and has two children - son Owen, eleventh grade, and daughter Sloan, sixth grade. They also have a rat terrier/pit bull mix named Nola. Mailhot said that she enjoys camping with her family and visiting Disney parks. She added a few other fun facts about herself. "I was on my college dance team at GVSU, I'm highly competitive, and I love anything 80's!"

WALLY FILIPIAK - ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Wally Filipiak is now in his third year at Roseville High School, teaching Auto Tech to all levels of high school students. He got connected to RHS after a phone call from Assistant Principal Kate Reith. "She worked as an administrator with my wife before she came to RHS. I had worked on her vehicle at one point. She called me out of the blue one day and asked if I'd be interested in interviewing. I said yes and the rest, as they say, is history." Filipiak said that he enjoys seeing the progress the kids make as they journey through the program. "I like working with the kids, especially when they have gone from the prevocational class to the ADV class, and they are working independently from the introductory hands-on instruction." He added that he is enjoying collaborating with the students on a project vehicle. "We are currently working on a 1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 and beginning to restore the mechanical function of the vehicle that has not run since 1993." Filipiak attended Macomb Community College and before bringing his knowledge and experience to RHS, he was a Ford Drivetrain Master Certified and ASE Certified Technician. Outside of the shop, he is married and has two daughters, a high school senior and a first grader. He is also an avid softball coach, coaching the Texas Glory 18u travel team, as well as Allen Park High School's varsity team. Filipiak was also a working musician and private guitar/bass instructor for twenty years, attending the Berklee School of Music online.

A LOOK INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS...



Steenland third graders worked as teams to measure the movement of a wind-up toy.



Senator Veronica Klinefelt presented a 100-year proclamation to RCS in September.



Patton students rocked their Walk-a-Thon in early October.



Kaiser teachers hung out with Mario and Luigi at Macomb Mall's Back-to-School event.



Fountain GSRP students enjoyed a visit from the fire department.



Eastland Middle School staff and families enjoyed Open House in mid-September.



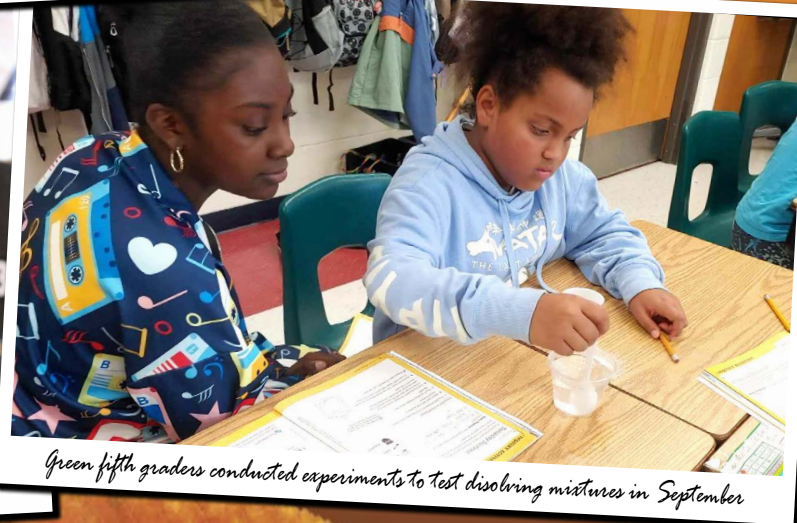
RHS students made connections during the 4th annual Career Fair in early October.



Knerst Elementary students had a blast at the NED Show Assembly in early October.



RHS Link Crew helped the incoming students lift off during 4th grade orientation.



Green fifth graders conducted experiments to test dissolving mixtures in September.



RMS 6th graders participated in icebreaker activities on the first day of school.



The RHS marching band and cheer team helped celebrate the opening of Chick-fil-A.

R HOMEcoming 2024

IT WAS A PICTURE-PERFECT DAY FOR ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S 2024 HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 11
 This year, the homecoming parade featured three grand marshals: Ernie Whitt (1970 Brablec graduate and retired MLB baseball player), Dorothy Romano (1946 RHS graduate and oldest living RCS graduate), and Robert Taylor (1976 Brablec graduate and City of Roseville Mayor). The Panthers football team crushed L'Anse Creuse 53-7, and Michael Chude and Keyonna Scorpio were crowned 2024 RHS Homecoming King and Queen. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate 100 years of Roseville Community Schools!



As part of his work towards becoming an Eagle Scout, Roseville High School Junior Lucas Sides spent some of his summer days building a gaga ball pit at his former elementary, Kaiser. The students are having a blast playing their new playground game.



On September 21, the Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation held their 21st annual golf outing at Rammler Golf Course. Through golf outings, volunteers, hole sponsors, and the 120 golfers, the RCSSF raised \$7,500 to benefit the RHS Class of '25. The next RCSSF event will be the annual Winter Gala on March 8.



The bell is back! The iconic trophy was awarded to the annual winner of the Roseville High School Wildcats vs Brablec High School Cougars football game from 1969-1989! It has now found its permanent home next to the RHS football field where it is rung before each football game.



Dort PTO hosted their first annual "Fun Run" in late September. Students were bused to Roseville High School to run laps around the track, take pictures with Petey the Panther, and connect with high school run buddies. The students raised over \$700 for the school. Earlier in the month, members of the RHS football team visited Dort to greet staff and students as they arrived to school.



RCS continues their Teacher of the Month initiative for year three! This year, honored teachers will receive gift cards from some great local businesses, a Tamaroff Total Care package from Jeffrey Nissan, and some RCS swag. Thank you to this year's sponsors: Evangel Christian Churches, K. Mathes Insurance Agency, Jeffrey Nissan, Texas Roadhouse, Stonewood Smokehouse, Macomb Mall, and Mega Shine Car Wash.



In October, The Roseville High School Panthers football team continued their yearly tradition of honoring a staff member in October. The student athletes presented a handwritten note and jersey to a staff member who has impacted their lives. The chosen staff member wore the jersey on Friday, October 18, the day of the Panthers' 21-19 victory vs. Romeo.



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November 8: Half Day (End of 1st Marking Period)
 November 27-29: Thanksgiving Recess
 December 23 - January 3: Holiday Recess
 January 20: No School
 January 23-24: Half Days (End of 1st Semester)
 February 17-18: Midwinter Break
 February 25: No School (Professional Development)
 March 5: Middle School Conferences
 March 13-14: Elementary Conferences
 March 24-28: Spring Recess
 April 4: Half Day (End of 3rd Marking Period)
 May 6: No School (Professional Development)
 May 26: No School
 June 10-12: Half Days (End of School Year)

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The Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation began with a dream and a goal when it was established by the Roseville Kiwanis Club in 1963. The dream was to touch the lives of Roseville's young people; the goal was to raise funds to aid them in their continued educational quests.

In 1984, the Roseville Board of Education joined the the ongoing project. Today, citizen volunteers, educators, business representatives, and local leaders assist in the process of raising funds and allocating scholarships to deserving recipients. This year, we awarded 63 \$1200 scholarships to recipients.

In April 2022, the Foundation officially became a 501c3 organization. This allows additional opportunities to receive donations from individuals and companies wishing to donate to a charitable organization. If you own, work for, or know of a company looking for a charitable organization to donate to, we would greatly appreciate you sharing the Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation name with them.

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