



ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

District Newsletter
Fall 2025

MITCHELL NAMED NEW RMS PRINCIPAL, WILLIAMS RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Roseville Community Schools is proud to announce Michael Mitchell, Ed.D., as the new principal of Roseville Middle School beginning this fall. In addition, Aja Williams has been named head coach of the Roseville High School Girls Basketball Program, moving up from junior varsity.

Mitchell began his teaching career in 1998. He spent the next ten years teaching science and social studies at several schools, including St. Juliana, Regina High School, and Lake Orion Community Schools' Learning Options High School. In 2005, he joined Arts Academy in the Woods, where he taught a variety of science and social studies courses. For the past twelve years, he has served as the Academy's principal/lead administrator, overseeing all academic, operational, and fiscal functions. Mitchell holds an associate degree from Macomb Community College, as well as a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a master's degree in secondary science education, both from Wayne State University. In 2014, Mitchell received his Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Walden University.

Mitchell said he is excited to be an active part of a team that puts students first. "I have been consistently impressed with Roseville Community Schools' supportive staff and programs that help students achieve their full potential academically and socially. I bring an experienced, consistent, and caring presence for our students, staff, and community members. I look forward to meeting everyone and hearing how I can help Roseville Community Schools empower students for a lifetime of success."

"What stands out most about Dr. Mitchell is his passion for all kids," said Superintendent Mark Blaszkowski. "His experience overseeing students from middle school to high school as a principal brings a perspective that will help our students prepare for the next level."

Mitchell takes over for Chris LaFave, who is leaving Roseville for a position closer to his home. "We appreciate all the hard work Mr. LaFave did for our district over the years.

We wish him the best of luck in his hometown and hope he enjoys spending more time with his young family."

Aja Williams, a 2013 Roseville High School graduate, returns to the court where she excelled as a player. During her RHS career, she was a four-year varsity player and two-year captain. After battling back from injuries, she played two years at St. Clair County Community College, helping the team make a Final Four national championship run during the 2013–2014 season. The following year, she served as team captain and earned the team's Leadership Achievement Award.

In the ten years since college, Williams has coached a variety of teams. She has coached the AAU Midwest Athletic Basketball team, served as assistant coach/statistician for the Madison High School boys varsity basketball team, and last season returned to Roseville as the JV girls basketball coach, leading the team to a 13–3 record. Williams said she wants Roseville High School

to be a place where young girls dream of playing. "I plan on instilling a will to win, building a sense of family, and teaching the girls to put their best foot forward no matter the situation."

Roseville High School Athletic Director Keith Marzec said he is excited to see where Williams can take the program. "She did a great job as JV coach last year, building strong relationships and developing the skills needed to be successful. She has a lot of coaching experience, and as an alum, I believe she will continue to grow the success of the program."



Dr. Michael Mitchell

Aja Williams

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



After a year of conducting facility assessments and community engagement, we are planning to propose some important updates to our school district. An independent facilities study confirms that they are necessary. In addition, a community survey and a series of focus panels show that there is community support for the changes, although many community members have questions.

Over the next few months, I will be making community presentations and providing more detailed information about what is being proposed. In the meantime, I wanted to provide a quick overview and personally invite you to reach out to me if you'd like more information or have questions. Right now, we have more schools than we need. For schools to operate efficiently and offer the best experience for students, they should be filled to about 85% capacity. Currently, our elementary schools average about 49%, and our middle schools are around 41%.

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING:

Middle School: Close Eastland Middle School and build a brand-new elementary school on that site to serve students from Martin Rd. to 14 Mile Rd. between Gratiot and Groesbeck. All middle school students would then attend a newly updated and rebranded middle school.

Elementary Schools: Close Kaiser, Dort, and Patton Elementary Schools. Those buildings would either be converted into

green spaces or used for our Building Trades program. Fountain Elementary would be converted into an early childhood center to support our fast-growing early childhood education program.

THERE ARE THREE MAIN GOALS BEHIND THIS PROPOSAL:

- 1. To significantly reduce operating costs.
- 2. To provide updated and flexible learning environments for our students.
- 3. To enable the expansion of early childhood programs in a facility designed specifically for our youngest learners.

I encourage you to visit rosevillepride.org/parents/bond-2026 for updates, a list of frequently asked questions, and upcoming informational meeting dates. With you, I remain committed to making Roseville Community Schools the best possible learning environment for our students, staff, and community for decades to come.

Sincerely, Mark Blaszkowski



ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REVIEWS BOND PROJECT SURVEY RESULTS

Roseville Community Schools is reviewing feedback from parents, staff, students, and community members who shared their time and input during a recent community outreach initiative. The feedback gathered between September 8 and 18 will help guide the school district as it continues planning for a potential May 2026 zero-tax-rate-increase bond proposal.

Superintendent Mark Blaszkowski said the school district greatly appreciates the honest conversations and thoughtful questions that emerged during the outreach process. "These conversations are just the beginning," Blaszkowski said. "We'll continue to listen, answer questions, and make sure our community has the information it needs as we shape the next steps together."

Participants expressed strong support for prioritizing the basics, including facility infrastructure, safety and security, updating learning environments, and improvements to playgrounds, arts, and athletic facilities. Most of the discussion focused on the school district's long-term facility plan, including school consolidation, construction of a new elementary, and the creation of an Early Childhood Center. Some participants supported consolidating facilities to reduce

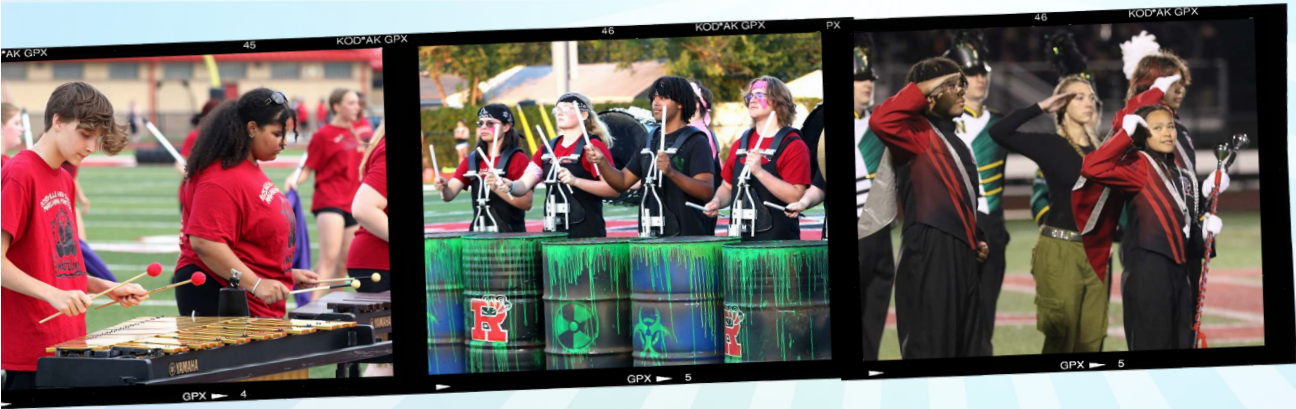
costs and address declining enrollment, while others raised questions about busing, the loss of neighborhood schools, and potential impacts on class sizes and staffing.

The proposal to build a new elementary school on the Eastland Middle School site drew both excitement and questions. Many participants saw it as a chance to create a modern, student-centered space, while others wanted more details about traffic, boundaries, and the reasons for not considering renovation. There was strong support for converting Fountain Elementary into an Early Childhood Center to expand preschool opportunities, though participants asked for clarification about staffing, transportation, and program logistics. "We're hearing both excitement and questions from the community, and that helps us build a balanced, thoughtful plan for the future," Blaszkowski said.

School district leaders will continue to review all feedback and develop materials to answer the most frequently asked questions. In the coming months, Roseville Community Schools will host public informational sessions to share updated project details, cost information, and the reasoning behind proposed plans.

MARCHING BAND HONORS

The 2025 RHS Marching Panthers have put together one of their best seasons in recent memory. In late September, they earned first place in Class A at the Troy Athens Scholastic Marching Band Competition. In addition, they took home trophies for Best Color Guard and Best Percussion. On October 7, the Panthers competed in the MSBOA Marching Band Festival at Anchor Bay High School. The rainy evening couldn't stop our talented young musicians who earned a Division ONE rating through their hard work, dedication, and excellent musicianship! Way to go, Marching Panthers!



WATCH THE FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE HERE



ALUMNI CORNER

Samantha Averitt's favorite classes in school were science and math. "There are things I learned in Mr. Zimmer's physics class and Mr. Smitka's AP bio course that I use while in my profession to this day." That profession is one that many kids dream about: marine biologist. She made the most out of her educational experience while attending Lincoln Elementary, Steenland Elementary, Roseville Middle School, and Roseville High School. While at RHS alone, she was a member of Student Assembly, Symphonic and Show Choir, News and Broadcasting, The Panther Prowl Newspaper, Creative Writing Club, and Link Crew. She played volleyball, basketball, and ran cross country. She was a member of the Drama Society, starring in *Charlotte's Web* and *Grease*, as well as co-writing and directing the play *Breaking More Than a Leg: Macbeth Revisited*. If that wasn't enough, she served as President of National Honor Society, Senior Class President, and was the RHS Class of 2018 Co-Salutatorian. Samantha said that her favorite times at RHS were performing with the choirs and drama clubs. "The connections I made with people and the complete and utter joy and acceptance I felt on the stage with friends who I could truly relate to was the best feeling ever." She listed many favorite teachers over her years, but said that Mrs.



Collins at RHS will always hold a special place in her heart. "She was always there for me and was always so supportive." After high school, Averitt attended Oakland University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Psychology. While there, she designed and conducted research regarding the cognitive and visual ability of peppermint shrimp and received the OU Honors College Creative Thesis Award. She is now a marine biologist at SEA LIFE Michigan Aquarium in Auburn Hills. "I am responsible for the animals' overall health, their care, their food and feedings, their training, the cleaning of the exhibit, maintaining and improving water quality, performing physicals, providing enrichment, and documentation regarding the animal's care." Outside of work, Samantha enjoys crafting, writing, reading, playing video games, and still loves to sing. "I usually don't go a day without breaking into song at least once." She has a love for animals too, providing a home for two dogs, five cats, two zebrafish, and a lionhead bunny. She thanks the teachers, staff, coaches - everyone who supported her throughout her schooling in Roseville. "You pushed me and encouraged me to achieve my goals and my dreams that I'd had since I was a little girl! I wouldn't be where I am today without all your care and support!"

Do you know of a former Roseville student who's doing great things? Let us know!
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HOMECOMING 2025



GET TO KNOW OUR TEACHERS

VIOLET KRUPP - KMENT ELEMENTARY



Violet Krupp is beginning her eighth year as a classroom teacher. She started her career in education as a substitute teacher and as an Indian Education Specialist with Chippewa Valley Schools. Krupp began her full-time teaching career at Academy of Warren before moving to Roseville, where she has spent the past five years. She taught at Patton Elementary for three years before settling in at Kment Elementary. "I am currently teaching second grade, but I have taught everything from K-6 and tutored K-8 through the Indian Education Consortium," she said. She also taught sixth grade during this summer's Extended Learning Program. Like her students, Krupp enjoys learning. "I love that I'm always learning something new — new curriculum, new personalities, new TikTok trends — and the list goes on." She added that she loves the March is Reading Month festivities each year, as well as preparing for major holidays with her students. "Making Christmas gifts that they can give to someone special and having a Thanksgiving feast Snoopy would be proud of while watching a true classic." Krupp attended Rochester Christian University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She lives with her husband, Cliff; daughter, Dani; and their dog, Bella 2.0. She also has a son, Billy, and a daughter-in-law, Kara. In her downtime, she enjoys reading, scrapbooking, and bargain hunting. Krupp has a unique set of characteristics, leading her daughter to call her a unicorn. "I was born without wisdom teeth (less than 35% of the population), I have naturally red hair (less than 2%), I've never had a cavity (less than 1%), and I have heterochromia (0.6%). Combine all of those statistics, and I probably shouldn't exist — or at least, you'd be hard-pressed to find a true doppelgänger for me."

DAVID FUCHS - ROSEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



David Fuchs has been teaching for 19 years and is now in his fifth year at Roseville Middle School, having moved over from Arts Academy in the Woods. Over his nearly two decades in education, he has taught every math course offered at the middle and high school levels. He said his favorite subjects to teach are precalculus and eighth-grade math. Fuchs shared that his favorite part of teaching is passing on his passion for mathematics to students, including through math art projects. "Students have created drawings, paintings, and other amazing art pieces. You can see several examples around my room, and I hope to expand it in the coming years to include other art media." Fuchs attended the University of North Carolina Wilmington, where he earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics. He continued his education at Saginaw Valley State University, earning a master's degree in teaching. Originally from Michigan, he returned home after completing his degree. "I wanted to be near family again, and Michigan is one of the best places in the world to be a teacher." Outside the classroom, Fuchs is married and has two dogs. He enjoys reading, with his current favorites being the Skulduggery Pleasant books. He is also a big fan of Star Wars and the Detroit Lions, and he collects chess sets.

REBA STANLEY - ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Reba Stanley is now in her eighth year at Roseville High School. She spent her first three years as a special education aide and is now beginning her fifth year as a teacher, running the 9-12 Mild Cognitively Impaired Program. Stanley said she loves building relationships with her students. "The culture at RHS is amazing, and I love being there for all students." She added that she enjoys teaching her students life skills for post-graduation. "Twice a month we go grocery shopping, making lists based on recipes we choose as a class. Then, each Thursday, we cook for our class to learn that life skill." Stanley is involved at RHS outside of teaching as well, including helping to coach the Unified Soccer and Basketball Teams — the latter of which won the State Championship last year. She also runs the school's Green Team. "We have earned Evergreen Status, which is the highest award you can receive from the MISD for being a green school." Additionally, she helps teach Sound Mind, Sound Body with Coach Vernard Snowden to the school's football team, cheerleaders, and girls' track team. "This program encourages athletes to be well-rounded and promotes self-confidence and healthy lifestyle choices." Stanley attended Macomb Community College for her associate degree, Wayne State University, and then Western Governors University for her teaching degree. She has seven siblings who, like her, all attended Roseville Community Schools. She enjoys trying new restaurants with friends, spending time with her three sisters, and having "Auntie Reba" sleepovers with her eight nieces and nephews. She also enjoys watching football. "My favorite teams are Roseville High School, the Eagles, and of course, the Detroit Lions!!"

A LOOK INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS...



Roseville Middle School sixth graders enjoyed ice breaker games during orientation



Green students had a blast making new friends at Kindergarten Camp in August



Steeland students enjoyed a trip to Stoney Creek in October



The Roseville Fire Department visited our early childhood GSRP students in early October



Students were fired up during the RHS Homecoming pep rally



Fountain fourth graders helped third graders with their laptops during a September lesson



Families had a great time at the EMS Open House and Welcome Picnic in September



Knerst students loved dressing up for Fairytale/Disney Spirit Day in early October



Great fall weather equaled lots of awesome recess fun for Patton Elementary students



Reps from nearly 30 businesses spoke to students during October's annual RHS Career Day



Kaiser students had a blast during their annual Walk-A-Thon in early October

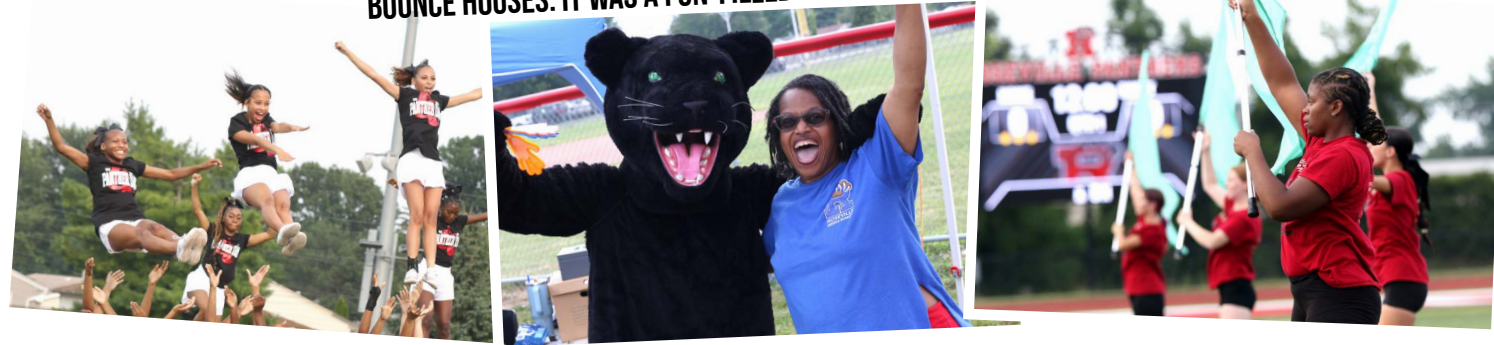


Mrs. Mundt helping a student out on the first day of school at Roseville Middle School



PANTHER DAY '25

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HELD THEIR FIFTH ANNUAL PANTHER DAY AT ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ON AUGUST 16. THE EVENT FEATURED THE BLACK VS. RED FOOTBALL GAME, SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE SPONSORED BY JEFFREY NISSAN AND MACOMB MALL, PERFORMANCES BY THE RHS DANCE TEAM, 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!



SUMMER LEARNING

This summer, more than 500 students participated in five extra weeks of exciting learning through the RCS Extended Learning Summer Program! Students balanced their daily curriculum with memorable experiences, including a trip to the RHS planetarium, a field day, a visit to Metro Beach, and an up-close look at unique animals courtesy of GP Zoology. RCS also hosted the annual Girls' STEM Camp during the last two weeks of June, where participants explored hands-on projects such as circuit building and soldering, designing assistive technology devices, making toys accessible for children with disabilities, programming robots, using power tools, and learning the basics of 3D printing. They even enjoyed a Q&A session with former Roseville students - now female STEM professionals - who shared their expertise and inspiration. In addition, RCS welcomed students to a variety of other summer programs, including MISD KinderConnect, First Fundamentals, middle school Math Mindset and ELA camps, as well as traditional credit recovery courses.



On September 20, the Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation held their 22nd annual golf outing! Through golfers, sponsorships, and hole signs, the foundation raised over \$8,000 for the Roseville High School Class of 2026!



To help remind students about the dangers of distracted driving during Homecoming week, the Save A Life Tour visited RHS on September 30. Health class students took part in fact-based presentations and interactive simulations that showed the real risks of impaired and distracted driving.



Roseville High School varsity football players made their annual visit to Dort on the morning of September 26. They greeted students as they arrived for the day, signed autographs, and played catch with the fifth graders! The kids had a great time interacting with the players!



The RCS Gifted and Talented Program students put their problem-solving skills to the test during the first few months of the school year! They built straw towers using the Engineering Design Process, learned about multiple intelligences, practiced teamwork with puzzles, and discussed what makes scientists and engineers unique.



At Kment Elementary's Open House in early September, the school unveiled its new book vending machine! Funded through a grant, the machine features student-designed artwork displayed on its sides. Throughout the year, students who demonstrate exceptional responsibility, respect, and leadership - and set a positive example for their peers - will earn tokens to redeem for a free book.



RCS has partnered with some great local businesses again for year four of our Teacher of the Month initiative. Thank you to our great sponsors for donating to our 2025-2026 Teacher of the Month: Evangel Christian Churches, K. of the Month: Evangel Christian Churches, K. Mathes Insurance Agency, Jeffrey Nissan, Texas Roadhouse, Stonewood Smokehouse, Macomb Mall, Michigan Military Technical Historical Society, Eastside Community Chamber, and GBrandUSA.

FRESHEN UP YOUR WARDROBE



CHECK OUT OUR RCS APPAREL STORES

UPCOMING DATES

- November 26-30: Thanksgiving Recess
- December 22 - January 4: Holiday Recess
- January 19: No School (MLK Day)
- January 22-23: Half Days (End of 1st Semester)
- February 14-17: Midwinter Break
- February 24: No School (Professional Development)
- March 12: Middle School Conferences
- March 13: Elementary Conferences
- March 27: Half Day (End of 3rd Marking Period)
- March 30-April 5: Spring Recess
- May 5: No School (Professional Development)
- May 22-25: Memorial Day Recess
- June 10-11: Half Days (End of School Year)

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Winter Gala

SATURDAY,
MARCH 7, 2026

VINTAGE HOUSE
31816 UTICA RD, FRASER

DINNER,
DANCING,
BASKET RAFFLE,
DOOR PRIZES,
& MORE

JOE MANFREDA DREAM DASH

SATURDAY,
MAY 9, 2026

ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
17855 COMMON RD.

Event held snow, rain or shine
9:00am registration
10:00am race begins

OFFICIAL TIMING
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PRIZE RAFFLE

23rd Annual CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

FALL 2025
LOCATION &
DATE TBD

- INCLUDES:
- * 18 holes
 - * Continental breakfast
 - * Food/Drink Tickets
 - * Prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin & raffle prizes

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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 65 \$1000 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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