

FOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY FOURTH GRADE STUDENT CHOSEN AS A LITTLE INVENTOR

Chris Gillom, fourth grade student at Fountain Elementary School in Roseville, was one of ten Macomb County students chosen to have his invention come to life through the Little Inventors Challenge. Little Inventors is a global creative education organization that inspires imagination by taking student ideas and turning them into reality. Gillom's design was selected out of 1800 entries throughout Macomb County.

As part of Roseville Community Schools' Gifted and Talented Program, Gillom and his fellow classmates participate in the Little Inventors Challenge each year. Gifted and Talented Program teacher Sheryl Vitale said that students are encouraged to use their creativity to design something that generates energy, saves energy, or uses energy better. "They were taught to think about ideas that were fantastical, original, made-up, bonkers, futuristic, funny, inspiring, and ingenious." Gillom and his fellow classmates kept a Little Inventors logbook to document their ideas throughout the process. "Students sketched out their ideas and wrote a short paragraph, highlighting what the invention is for, what it does, and how it works." Through the lessons, Vitale taught her students about the invention process. "The students learned about how and why things get invented, whether it is out of necessity or if it is for solving a problem. They also learned about types of energy, how it impacts every living thing, and how humans move, inspired by biomimicry."

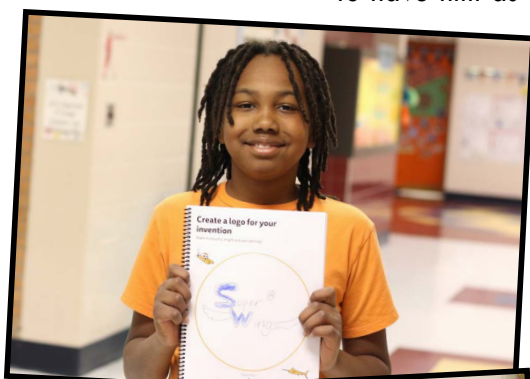
Gillom's invention is called "Super Wings." "It's a helmet with wings that automatically works when you jump," said Gillom. "The helmet is made of metal, and the wings automatically flap. You wouldn't have to spend a lot of money on flights, and if you're not taking flights, there won't be as much air pollution." Gillom found out he was chosen on April 15 via a Zoom call between his class, representatives from

the MISD, and staff from Little Inventors. He said he was completely shocked when his name was announced. "I didn't know what to say. I was overwhelmed with joy." Vitale said that Gillom is a creative and diligent student. "He has a strong artistic flair, and he excels in STEAM subjects. I am thrilled to have him as part of my class." Next up for Gillom, he

will meet virtually with an engineer/designer who lives in Germany to discuss his ideas. The engineer will design a prototype which will be unveiled during a celebration ceremony on May 29 at the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Through the Little Inventors program, students across the world showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills, build their confidence, curiosity, and resilience to become caring citizens of our planet, all invaluable attributes that will support them as adults in their everyday life and chosen career paths. Vitale said that challenges like the one Little Inventors offers show her students that inventions are everywhere and that they can create solutions to challenges. "It fosters creative thinking and problem-solving across various

subjects. My students utilize the engineering design process to brainstorm, test theories, and authentically solve problems. They learn to express their ideas through drawings, writing, and speech, while planning and evaluating their work, as well gaining awareness of related careers and manufacturing."



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



With the end of the school year approaching, our 100-year celebration of Roseville Community Schools is coming to a close. I continue to reminisce about my time here at Roseville. In the last issue, I talked about my early years and how they shaped me as an educator. Now, I look at my administrative journey to becoming superintendent.

After spending five years teaching at Roseville Middle School, I was given the opportunity to become an assistant principal at Eastland Middle School. I went back to college for a second master's degree, all while helping to navigate the birth of my second child. (My wife, Tami, was a champ!) I spent three years learning under the stewardship of EMS Principal Pete Hedemark, but after he left for the principal job at RHS, there was an opportunity for me to take the next step. Superintendent John Kment and Deputy Superintendent Becky Vasil had confidence in me, encouraged me to take on more responsibility, and I spent nine years as principal at EMS. As a principal, you lead staff, help students, and build relationships with families. I might be a little crazy, but I like that age group, and it was so much fun.

After 12 years at EMS, it was time for me to take on a new challenge when I moved to central administration in 2009 as curriculum director. As in every stage here in Roseville, I had people looking out for me. Assistant Superintendent Mike LaFeve

taught me to be a passionate advocate for kids through guiding teachers and adults and to use people's strengths to support areas of weakness. Ms. Vasil requested that I be involved in negotiations and be a voice of instruction. She was my work mom, keeping me grounded and teaching me to be patient with people. She was an angel. Mr. LaFeve helped me learn about grants, latchkey, school improvement, curriculum development, and more. After he retired, Mr. Kment recommended promoting me to the assistant superintendent position and eventually Deputy Superintendent of Instruction. In 2019, Mr. Kment announced his retirement beginning in August. With his recommendation, and approval from the board, I was chosen that summer to be his successor.

As you can see, the Roseville Community Schools district has been very good to me. Every day, I work hard to return that favor. I may have graduated from different colleges and high school, but Roseville is my true alma mater. Over half my life has been dedicated to this community and I have been guided by many outstanding colleagues, accepted by families, and challenged, yet endeared, by students. Thank you to all the current and former staff, parents, students, and community members who make this district so great. On to the next 100 years...

Sincerely, Mark Blaszkowski

SUMMER EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY EXTENDED YEAR

For RCS students completing grades kindergarten through fifth in June 2025.

Location: Kment Elementary

Times: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July 7 - August 7

**KINDER CONNECT/
FIRST FUNDAMENTALS**

For students registered for RCS kindergarten or first grade in fall of 2025.

Location: Green Elementary

Times: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

July 14 - August 7

**MIDDLE SCHOOL READERS
& WRITERS CAMP**

For current RCS students going into grades 6-8 in the fall.

Location: RHS

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

July 7 - August 7

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
MATH MINDSET CAMP**

For current RCS students going into grades 6-8 in the fall.

Location: RHS

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

July 7 - August 7

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ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2025 TOP TEN STUDENTS

ALEXIS WOLGAST (VALEDICTORIAN)



Alexis Wolgast is the valedictorian for the Class of 2025. Alexis has maintained a high school cumulative GPA of 4.312. She has been on the All-A Honor Roll every year, has regularly been named in the top ten in both reading and math for her grade on Star Benchmark testing, and received her academic letter and varsity letters for marching band and cheerleading. While at RHS, Alexis has been involved in the symphonic band program, marching band, varsity sideline cheer, varsity competitive cheer, Student Assembly, Robotics, the RHS Drama Society production of *Hairspray*, the Class of 2024 Honor Guard, and National Honor Society. Additionally, Alexis was recognized this year as the Roseville-Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year from Roseville High School and was named to the prestigious Macomb County All-Academic Team that celebrates the top seniors in Macomb County based on her grades and SAT score. She has also found time to volunteer at both the Forgotten Harvest food bank and Henry Ford Hospital, as well as serving as a mentor during the RCS Girls' STEM Summer Camp. Alexis plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy in the fall with plans to become a Physician's Assistant.

DANIEL DUHAYLONSOD (SALUTATORIAN)



Daniel Duhaylonsod is the salutatorian for the Class of 2025. Daniel has maintained a high school cumulative GPA of 4.229. He has been on the All-A Honor Roll every year, has consistently been in the top ten for Star Benchmark Assessments in both math and reading, and has received his academic letter and varsity letter for marching band. Additionally, Daniel has been named a College Board National First-Generation Scholar of Distinction which recognizes students with outstanding grades, and/or scores on the SAT or advanced placement tests who have indicated they intend to pursue a path in higher education upon graduation and will be part of the first generation in their immediate family to do so. While at RHS, Daniel has been involved in Student Assembly, serving as Vice President, National Honor Society, and LINK Crew. He has received numerous recognitions through the band program where he has been named an All-State Musician for three years, including the specific honor of being an All-State Symphony trumpet player for two years. This year, he was one of only two trumpet players in the state selected to be a member of the All-State Trumpet Jazz Band. He has also taught private music lessons during the week for the past two years. Daniel plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall and major in computer science while minoring in music.



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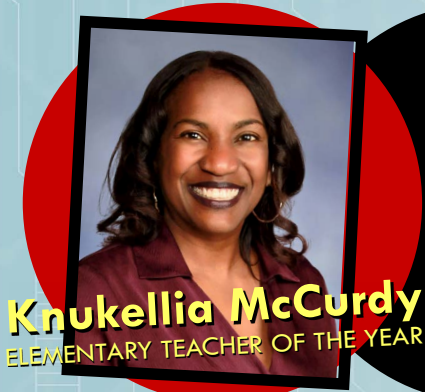


DANIEL SIKORA



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2024-2025 OUTSTANDING TEACHERS EXEMPLIFY EXCELLENCE



Knukellia McCurdy
ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Roseville Community Schools is proud to recognize Knukellia McCurdy as the 2024-2025 Elementary Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. McCurdy demonstrates what it means to be an outstanding educator. She is dedicated, compassionate, innovative, and deeply committed to the success of each of her students. In her classroom, she fosters a warm, inclusive environment where students feel safe to ask questions, take academic risks, and believe in their potential. She brings creativity and enthusiasm to every subject, sparking a love of learning that stays with students long after they leave the classroom. Mrs. McCurdy takes immense pride in bringing math and science to life in her classroom by providing hands-on activities and experiences. Her classroom is a dynamic space where students do not just learn, they actively engage with material, solving equations, and making exciting scientific discoveries together.

Mrs. McCurdy makes herself readily available, fostering strong connections built on trust, communication, and genuine care. With an impressive ability to utilize every resource and support, she ensures that each child's academic, social, and emotional needs are met. Her tireless dedication not only shapes her students' learning experiences but also inspires those around her to strive for the same level of excellence and compassion.

Mrs. McCurdy is always there to lend a hand, offer encouragement, and make sure others have what they need to thrive. Her leadership roles include Teacher in Charge, after-school support, and new teacher mentor. Her commitment to her profession is truly admirable, and her impact on her students' lives is immeasurable. Congratulations, Mrs. McCurdy!



Scott Wheeler
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Roseville Community Schools is proud to recognize Scott Wheeler as the 2024-2025 Middle School Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Since beginning his teaching career in Roseville Community Schools in 1992, Mr. Wheeler has consistently demonstrated a passion for education that is as strong today as it was in his first year of teaching. With over three decades of experience, he continues to bring energy, creativity, and care into every classroom interaction. His ability to engage, motivate, and inspire students of all backgrounds and academic levels sets him apart as an extraordinary educator.

Mr. Wheeler has a natural talent for making every student feel seen, valued, and capable of success. Whether working with high-achieving learners, or students facing personal or academic challenges, he creates an inclusive environment where all can thrive. His genuine connection with students extends beyond the classroom.

One of Mr. Wheeler's most impactful qualities is his thoughtful, effective use of restorative conversations. He skillfully guides students through reflective discussions, helping them take ownership of their actions and develop positive solutions. In doing so, he not only maintains a positive classroom climate, but also imparts lifelong conflict resolution skills.

Mr. Wheeler is a strong advocate for both students and colleagues. He consistently brings forward thoughtful feedback and ideas to administration, voicing concerns with professionalism and respect. His ability to speak honestly while remaining cooperative reflects his investment in the well-being and progress of the entire school community. More than an accomplished science teacher, Mr. Wheeler is an inspiration and a positive force. Congratulations, Mr. Wheeler!



Melissa Kaehler
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Roseville Community Schools is proud to recognize Melissa Kaehler as the 2024-2025 High School Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Kaehler's dedication to her students, innovative teaching methods, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence have made her a standout educator at Roseville High School. She has been continually involved in leadership roles throughout her tenure at Roseville Community Schools. At the elementary level, she was an active mentor, a member of the School Improvement Team, and a Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) instructor. Upon transitioning to Roseville High School, she has continued each of these roles in addition to becoming the Special Education Department Head, and the High School Transition Coordinator for students with IEPs.

Ms. Kaehler's peers regularly and enthusiastically commend her for being a joy to work with and for making everyone feel valued. Her communication style, whether with students, parents, or staff, makes each person feel important and heard. Her colleagues emphasize her excellence as the IEP coordinator, noting her thoughtful planning, organizational strength, and ability to balance the needs of everyone involved.

Ms. Kaehler's commitment to student success is evident in her empathetic yet firm approach to handling stressful situations. Her ability to break down information in an understandable way and her confidence in students' potential reflect her remarkable leadership abilities. Phrases such as "team player," "always willing to help," "cares about every single student," and "relentless positive outlook" are often used to describe her, and these qualities are demonstrated in her actions each and every day. Congratulations, Ms. Kaehler!

ROSEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA SOCIETY PRESENTS...

hair spray



ALUMNI CORNER

Curtis Mack attended Alumni Elementary and Eastland Middle School before graduating from Roseville High School in 2016. From elementary through high school, he was passionate about playing in the band, participating in symphonic band, jazz band, marching band, and serving as drum major senior year. He was also a four-year member of the bowling team, served as copy chief of the Panther Prowl student newspaper, and was president of the National Honor Society. He said senior year band camp was a highlight for him. "It was full of laughter, teamwork, and moments I still reminisce about with friends." Curtis said he was fortunate to learn from many incredible teachers, including Mr. Chesher, Mrs. Jordan, Ms. Anderson, and Mrs. Gitter. He added that he will always be grateful for Mrs. Gardner, who taught him in sixth grade. "She believed in me and helped me see my own potential. She truly exemplified how one teacher can change a student's life." Curtis completed his undergraduate studies at Grand Valley State University, graduating from the Honors College with a degree in Biomedical Sciences. He is now in his final year at Wayne State University School of Medicine, scheduled



CURTIS MACK

to graduate next May with his M.D., with a plan to pursue a residency in Anesthesiology in Michigan. "Throughout medical school, I've learned that technical knowledge is only part of being a great physician—equally important are empathy, communication, and teamwork. Roseville Schools helped instill these soft skills early on." In his free time, he said that cooking and food sustainability is one of his greatest joys. "It's a way for me to relax and explore new cultures right from my kitchen. Traditional Mexican dishes are my favorite to make." He is also fascinated by space exploration. "I had the unforgettable opportunity to visit Kennedy Space Center and have dinner with astronaut Woody Spring." He said that he would not be where he is today without his "incredible" parents. "Their love, encouragement, and belief in me have meant everything." Curtis added that he is proud to be a product of Roseville Schools. "The foundation I received there—academically, socially, and personally—helped shape me into the person I am today. The teachers genuinely cared, and that made all the difference. Roseville showed me that success isn't about where you go, but what you take from the experience and how you use it. For that, I'm forever grateful."

Do you know of a former Roseville student who's doing great things? Let us know!
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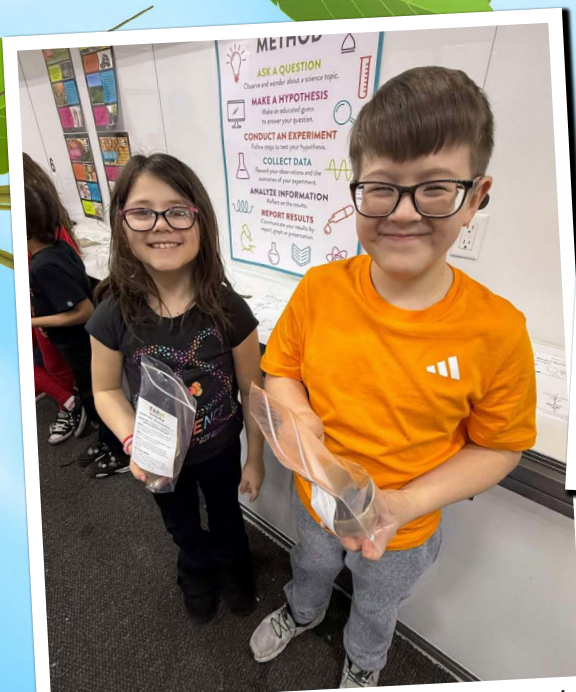
A LOOK INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS...



RHS Auto Tech students show off their industry certifications from Ford in early April



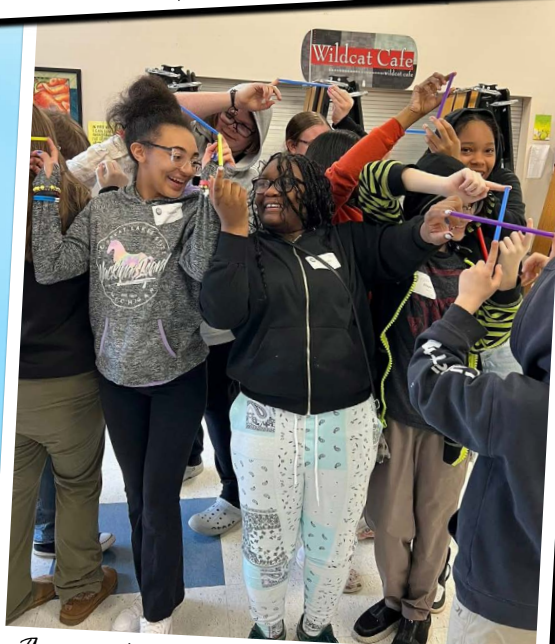
Fountain third graders visited the State Capitol and Michigan History Center in March



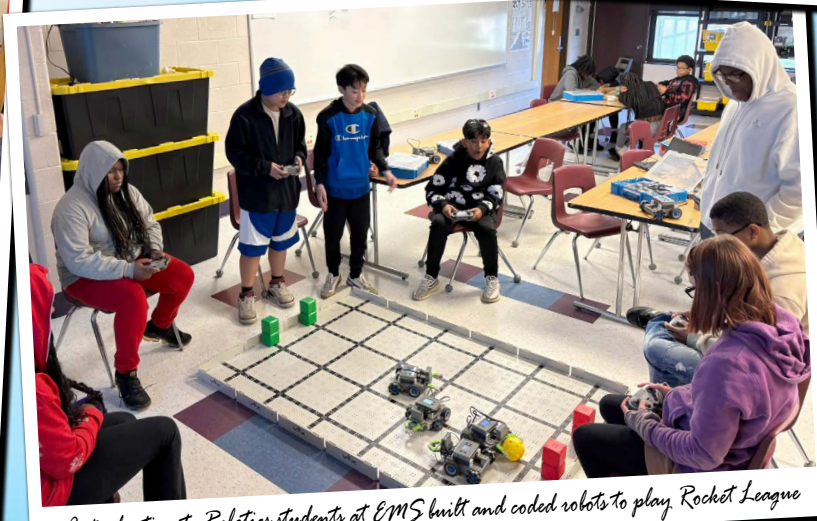
Green students loved their visit from the FIRM Science Lab



Mrs. Burtwell and her student enjoying Patton's new book vending machine



The newest WEB Leaders at RMS were announced in April



Introduction to Robotics students at EMS built and coded robots to play Rocket League



Steenland Elementary students visited the RHS Culinary Cafe in mid-April



Konert Elementary students had a blast during Book Bingo in early April



GP Zoology brought out some fun animals for Dort students to see in March



Kaiser third grade classes took a field trip to the Henry Ford Museum in late April



RHS students learned about the dangers of distracted & impaired driving in February



RHS Girls Basketball captured the MAC Gold championship in early March



NATIONAL DECISION DAY 2025



On May 1, Roseville High School held their first ever National Decision Day! Moved indoors due to the rain, Class of 2025 students were celebrated for their post-graduate plans! Whether it be a college/university, the Armed Forces, a training/trades program, or moving into the workforce, all students were honored as they get ready for their next step! Special guests included WJR/WDVD radio personality and RHS Class of '97 alum Renee Vitale who spoke to the students, and Hot 107.5 radio personalities Dior, Miles Prince, and Mz. Ikeish who MC'd the event! Hot 107.5 even gifted four graduating seniors with a scholarship for text books/supplies! Congratulations to all of our 2025 graduating Panthers!

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UPCOMING DATES

June 3: RHS Graduation

June 10-12: Half Days (End of School Year)

August 16: Panther Day

September 3: First Day of School

September 20: RCS Scholarship Foundation Golf Outing

October 3: RHS Homecoming



REST Robotics won big at the Square One Education Network Underwater Innovative Vehicle competition in April! The student-engineers took home first place in Innovative Engineering, first place in Presentation, second place in Overall Performance and was a finalist in the Underwater Drag Race! The future is bright with these amazing students!



In early March, RHS junior Jay'Den Williams won the D1 165-pound State Championship at Ford Field! He finished his season with a 53-0 record, including an MHSAA record 49 tech falls! It is one of the most historic seasons in Roseville history! Senior Darnel Boyd also placed, finishing sixth overall in the 175-pound weight class.



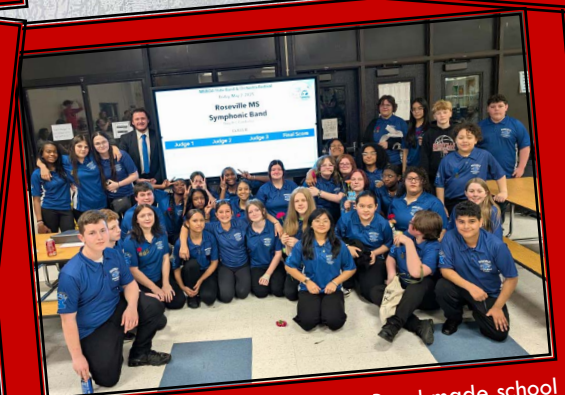
The RHS Unified Basketball team had an incredible month of March. They were one of only two unified teams in the state chosen to play at half time during MHSAA basketball semifinals held at the MSU Breslin Center. On March 16, they played at Little Caesar's Arena and attended the Pistons game. The following weekend, they visited Grand Rapids to compete in States, taking first place in their division!



On March 8, The Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation held another successful Winter Gala at the Vintage House! Through sponsorships, ticket sales, and basket raffle, the Foundation raised over \$22,000 for the Roseville High School Class of 2025!



On April 30, Ms. Stanley's CI class from Roseville High School partnered with the City of Roseville's Public Services department to plant three new trees at RHS for Arbor Day! One tulip tree (estimated to grow to 80-100') and two blackgum trees (estimated to grow to 40-50') were planted near the visitors lot off of Normal.



On May 2, the RMS Symphonic Band made school history by performing for the first time ever at the MSBOA State Band & Orchestra Festival! The band earned an Overall First Division rating, the highest you can achieve! Congratulations to Mr. Hill and these talented young musicians!



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