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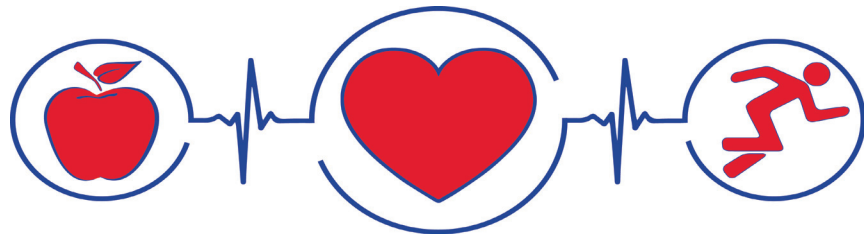
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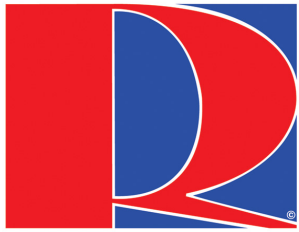
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Summer 2024

Congratulations

Class of 2024



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A Message From

SUPERINTENDENT DR. PENELOPE MARTIN-KNOX



RQS community,

The end of another successful school year is here. This year was marked by unwavering resilience, determination, and a shared commitment to excellence.

To our students, I commend you for your hard work, dedication, and growth throughout the academic year. You have embraced new learning opportunities, pushed boundaries, and demonstrated remarkable perseverance. I hope you take pride in your accomplishments and carry the lessons learned into your future endeavors.

To our exceptional staff, your passion for teaching and nurturing our students is truly remarkable. Your tireless efforts, innovative approaches, and support have created an environment where students can thrive. Your dedication extends far beyond the classroom, and your impact on our students' lives is immeasurable. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to their success.

To our parents and guardians, your partnership and collaboration have been invaluable. Your support, encouragement, and active involvement in your children's education have played a crucial role in their achievements. We are grateful for your trust and the strong foundation you provide for their learning journey.

As we bid farewell to our graduates, we celebrate their accomplishments and their bright futures ahead. We wish them every success in their future endeavors and look forward to witnessing their continued growth and contribution to society.

To our Board of Education, we are grateful for your continued efforts to support our students, staff, and community. The work that we engage in is only possible due to your unwavering commitment. This year the Board approved one of the largest salary increases in the last 20 years and a two step restoration for school years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

We believe that investing in our employees is crucial for the growth and prosperity of our children, school district and community. This increase is a testament to that belief.

Thank you to all for making this year memorable and for your hard work and commitment. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to seeing you again during the 2024-2025 school year.

For the Children,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penelope Martin-Knox'.

Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox,
Superintendent of Schools

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Staff RAYS OF HOPE



Lauren Hurst, Raytown High School



Kris Capell-Deady, Raytown Central Middle School

Congratulations, District Teacher and Support Staff Employee of the Year!

The 2024-25 Teacher of the year is Raytown High School's Spanish Teacher, Lauren Hurst. Lauren has always had a passion for the Spanish language and culture and works to show students the world outside the classroom walls. Lauren is most proud of being honored with the Seal of Biliteracy (SoBL). This has given her students the proof to show their proficiency in Spanish and use it for post-secondary education or their careers.

The 2024-25 Support Staff Employee of the Year is Raytown Central Middle School's Lead Custodian, Kris Capell-Deady. Kris shares that her role is to make sure the building is clean and safe - inside and out, and she recognizes that her work has a large impact on the ability of teachers and students to have a nice, clean and safe space that they can be proud of each and every day throughout the library, the classroom and the hallways.



Melissa Glasco, Distinguished Leadership Award

Congratulations to Melissa Glasco, principal of Fleetridge Elementary, on receiving the 2024-25 Distinguished Leadership Award. Melissa works continuously behind the scenes to provide a safe and loving learning environment for students, staff and families. Melissa is an exemplary leader, has excellent communication skills, and her vision and passion for students and staff can be seen in every move she makes.



Kelly Anderson, Brian D. Blankenship Heart of the Matter Award

Congratulations to Kelly Anderson, Reading Specialist / ELA Elementary Coordinator at Fleetridge Elementary, on being named the 2024 Brian Blankenship Heart of the Matter Award winner. Kelly's peers describe her as someone who works tirelessly to support teachers by organizing, making and updating unit maps, materials and anything else they may need.



Student SPOTLIGHT



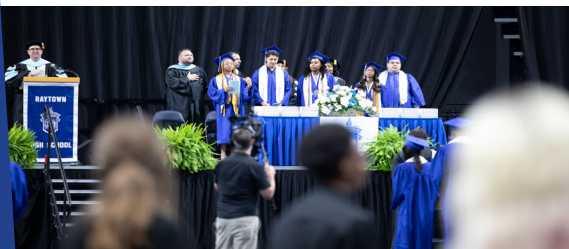
Fleetridge Elementary School Named Kindest School in Kansas City

Congrats to Fleetridge Elementary on being named the 2024 Rita Blitt Kindest School Award Winner! This honor is given yearly to one school across the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area in partnership with Synergy Services. Way to go Fleetridge Stars! We know your kindness makes a difference at school and in our community. In honor of this recognition, students were treated to a surprise assembly for the announcement and will also be given a school-wide pizza party.



Sparkle Empowerment Conference

Our second annual Sparkle Empowerment Conference gave many students in grades four through 12 the opportunity to spend the day participating in empowering conversations with leaders in our community. This conference is a time for students to connect with their peers while learning about real life topics such as financial literacy, how to deal with difficult people and more. Additionally, students were given opportunities to learn about potential career fields like working with large machinery and architecture. Thank you to everyone that helped make this a great day including our sponsors and the Raytown Educational Foundation.



Congratulations to the Class of 2024 Scholarship Recipients!

Congratulations to all Class of 2024 graduates. This year, commencement was held at Cable Dahmer Arena on May 19, 2024 with 325 graduates from RSH and 275 graduates from RSHS.



More than 143 students of the graduating class were awarded over 235 scholarships, surpassing one million in scholarships. Their hard work and dedication led them to this proud moment in their lives. We are beyond proud of the Class of 2024 and look forward to their next adventures!

High School Arts & Activities



Raytown High School

- Symphonic Band received an Exemplary rating (1 rating) at State Large Ensemble
- Boys Basketball won conference and district championships to become state quarterfinalists
- Boys Golf had the largest team to date with 17 golfers, 11 new to the team
- Student Council attended the State Convention at Carthage High School and received the Honor Council Award
- Girls soccer saw a big increase in participation with 37 girls on the team this spring
- Theatre Department received three Blue Star Award nominations, including Best Overall Musical for SIX (winter musical) and received 19 Kansas City Cappies nominations for productions of the Sister Act (fall musical) and The Diviners (spring play), including Best Play
- Theatre department wins Cappie for Best Play, The Diviners
- Lucas McC. wins Blue Star Award for best lighting design and wins Kansas City Cappie Award for best lighting design for a play
- Girls Swim Team wins fourth place in conference
- 16 students earn their Seal of Biliteracy certifying them as bilingual in the state of Missouri



RHS Theatre Department "Six" performance



RHS Boys Basketball Wins Districts



Raytown South High School

- Students Zayla V. & Marcus N. were named National High School Strength Coaches Association All-American Athletes. They were also honored as Ray of Hope students for the month of May and were recognized at the May board meeting
- Girls Soccer celebrated the end of a fun season with senior night
- Student Teonna M. is the 300m hurdles conference champion
- Girls Track are 4x100m relay conference champions and finish 2nd in the 4x100m relay at State
- Student Council hosted the district's first ever Jelly Bean Festival, a talent show featuring CBI and LIFE Academy students in partnership with RHS Stuco
- Student Carys S. won first place for her yearbook sports reaction photo and honorable mention for her yearbook sports action photo
- The Student Council had a very active year, including leading Mr. Cardinal, Jelly Bean Festival, prom, assemblies and more
- Five students earn their Seal of Biliteracy certifying them as bilingual in the state of Missouri
- Final curtain call for existing auditorium before the new theatre is finished. Pride and Prejudice was the final show



Marcus N. and Zayla V. All-American Athletes



RSHS at State Championship Track Meet



2023 Bond Update: 'Our Children, Our Investment'



In April of 2023, the Raytown Quality Schools community voted 'yes' to the district's 'Our Children, Our Investment' 2023 zero tax increase bond. The zero tax increase bond will allow the district to address the immediate needs at Raytown South High School and Raytown High School for updated and new arts and activities spaces for students.

The RSHS Performing Arts Center (PAC) is well underway. Crews have been working diligently



at the site with framing, masonry, and roofing. The RSHS PAC projected completion date is January 2025. The RSHS auxiliary gym is the second phase and will begin once the PAC is completed. The RHS auxiliary gym is also well underway. Crews have been busy with interior finishings and flooring as it nears completion. The RHS auxiliary gym projected completion date is Summer 2024. Follow our social media channels for community open house opportunities when projects are completed.

Raytown Quality Schools *Paving the Way*

Finance Department received the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. Program participation enhances school business officials' skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting a school system budget.

Finance Department's Executive Director of Business Finance, Jacqueline Vernon, received the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification from the Associate of School Business Officials International. SFO certification demonstrates a commitment to high standards and ethical practice in school business management.

Raytown Quality Schools Music Education Program received the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This was the fourth year in a row we have received this honor.

Raytown Quality Schools Named as one of Kansas City's Healthiest Employers for 2024, a recognition from the Kansas City Business Journal that honors Kansas City-area businesses who make health and wellness a priority.