

# SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATION UPDATE June 7, 2024

2023-2024 School Year

# **Teaching & Learning**

As the 2023-2024 School Year rapidly approaches the end, we are grateful for another successful year of teaching and learning. Teachers, students, and administrators worked really hard throughout the year and it showed in this monthly Update shared with our families. We have some amazing children in our schools who apply themselves to learning and growing. Thank you for allowing us to educate your child(ren).

Our high school graduated on June 1st. They had the most beautiful day to be celebrated and sent off to their "next" in life. Congratulations to all our graduates and the very best for their future.

Meanwhile, June 3rd was our Randolph Reads Drop Day, with our theme: Read, Restore, Renew. We are super excited about this initiative and our children reading over the summer one of four incredible stories which we have chosen. We cannot wait until they return in September to share what they learned with their teachers and classmates!

Last night, some of Randolph's finest were celebrated and honored at the NCTA Banquet.

Kathy Bristow, PreK Teacher: Honor Award Jeamica Charles, Donovan Admin Asst: Service Award Samantha MacElveen, RHS Math: THE Rookie of the Year!



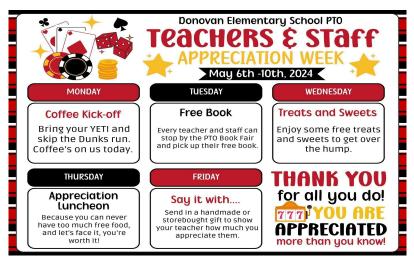
We are proud of the award recipients and congratulate them! Full photos from the banquet are available by clicking on the link below. <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/l-APtJWvsbTzzx62TWiKOOY6CYa4G">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/l-APtJWvsbTzzx62TWiKOOY6CYa4G</a> Los6?usp=sharing



# School Update Donovan Elementary School (Donovan School)

A huge "thank you" to our PTO for honoring our educators for Teacher Appreciation Week. They were pampered with lunches, breakfasts, gift cards, books and more!





Thank you to the Department of Public Health (DPH) for coming to clean our students' teeth! We would like to thank everyone involved for a great public health dental day at the Margaret L. Donovan Elementary School! The DPH provided 32 students with services on Tuesday, May 14, 2024!

Our students had a wonderful time with the PTO sponsored Japanese Drum Corps Enrichment Presentation. They were fantastic!

Band and Chorus Performances for Grade 4











# Our students are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, AND RESPONSIBLE! PBIS FRIDAY MEANS A NEW BOOK TO ENJOY!



District Step Up Day: Our 5th graders ventured to RCMS, while our K-4 students met the teachers they will have next year!



# Gardening with Ms. Downing from the ML team!





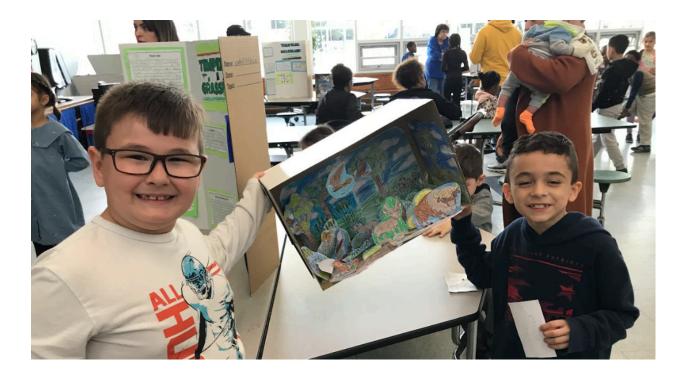
# ML families enjoyed a game night!





ML families enjoyed a game night! Grade 3 Science Showcase





Our students had a wonderful time during field day! We are so fortunate to have had 19 parent volunteers and 9 high school student volunteers!















Grade 3 Math Game Event: Students, teachers, and families learned new math games together from ST Math that they can take home this summer!



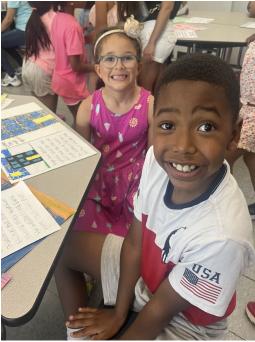




lst Grade Showcase: Our talented first graders shared their bird opinion writing with their families and teachers!

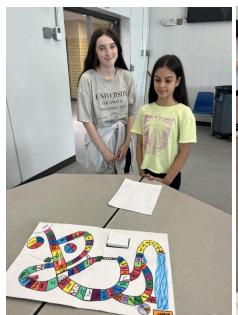


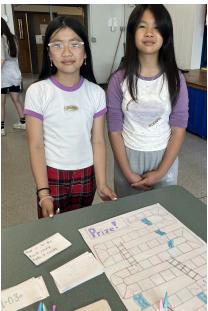






Grade 5 ST Math Showcase: Our students collaborated to invent fun math games! We were impressed by the time and effort put into each one!







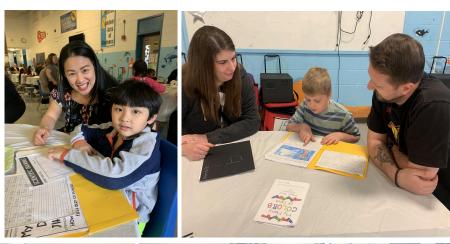
Our kindergarten class had their special Moving Up Ceremony last month! They each told their families something they learned this year. It was a wonderful list!



#### **Lyons Elementary School (Lyons School)**

#### First Grade EL Education Celebration!

First graders enjoyed sharing their riddles. They wrote about birds with their family. Then they painted a bird house to celebrate completing the final module of learning how people can care for birds.









# Chicks are hatching in First Grade!

First graders are learning about eggs and chicks. We have been reading and writing in journals about our eggs and after 21 days, they have finally hatched!









#### Science Update - Grade 5 Students

Students have been working hard these past two months on their Science research projects on the topic of Patterns in the Universe. Students showcased their projects and research done for the school so that younger students and staff could see all of their hard work.



Additionally, two student groups were selected to showcase their learning at the PLTW Showcase in Boston! They worked so hard and did an amazing job presenting to many different groups of people. Congratulations Eloa, Makayla, Abby, Malyk, Jenny, Elizabeth, Dalena, and Heurmione!





The instructional leadership team took a tour of our new elementary school last week. We visited classrooms, the gym, the cafe, and office spaces. The team was very excited and will be working with the administrative team to prepare the school for opening for the 2024-2025 School Year!

Pictured Below: The Gym







Pictured Below: Classrooms



### **Young Elementary School (Young School)**

Dear Young School Families,

This is my last update as Principal of the Young School. I want to thank you for the privilege of serving your children as a lead administrator all of these years. It has been a joy to watch your child(ren) learn and grow as I ensured that Young School educators offered quality education. To watch your fifth grader move on to middle school, knowing they were well prepared, made my job worth it. I am grateful for the past 13 years to have been the principal.

I spent time the last two weeks doing a read aloud in each classroom from the book, I Wish You Happiness. The book has a message for students to continue to be kind, to work hard, to take risks, and to recognize that friends and family are



the most important resources that we have. The Young School is an amazing place where staff and students work hard and are kind.

Our last month of school has been full of celebration! We had data meetings for every grade and had a lot of celebrations for growth and literacy and mathematical skills. We are looking forward to our field day, and to sending off our grade 5 students in style in a moving on car parade which is scheduled for Monday, June 10th.

ESL teachers presenting at MATSOL. Go Ms. Martinez!



# Teamwork = Dreamwork









Band Night - so much talent!



Grade 2 pollinators!





From the Young School to the community, we wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Be sure to recharge and stay brain engaged!

Kind regards, Sara Hosmer

### Randolph Community Middle School (RCMS)

Mr. R.C.'s 7th grade Social Studies class participated in an Athenian Democracy activity. The students went outside to the large boulder near the school and simulated a direct democracy by discussing and voting on questions about the school. They did an awesome job with the reenactment!

Luventz Rateau, Project 351 Ambassador presented at the Randolph Memorial Day Celebration.

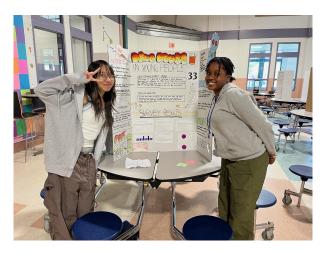


RCMS held its second annual RCMS Civics Project Showcase! Eighth grade students enrolled in Civics will present their Student-Led Civics Projects to the community through a "science-fair"-style presentation. The student-led Civics

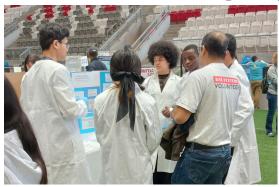


Project is the "capstone" experience to our 8th grade Civics curriculum, in which students apply the civics skills and knowledge they have gained during the year to identify an issue in their school, town, state, or national community which concerns them and, through research, propose solutions to solve the

problem.



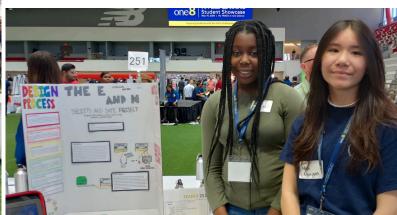
RCMS had several students participate in the One8 Student Showcase.







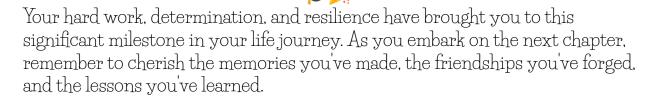




#### Randolph High School (RHS)

Below are highlights from events that took place at the end of the 2023-2024 School Year at RHS.

# Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



As you step into the world beyond academia, embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead with courage and enthusiasm. You have the power to shape your future and make a positive impact on the world around you. Whether you're pursuing further education, entering the workforce, or exploring new paths, believe in yourself and your abilities. Trust in your unique talents and continue to strive for excellence in everything you do.

Congratulations, and may your future be filled with success, happiness, and endless possibilities. Go forth and make your mark, Class of 2024!





# Athletic Updates

Spring Sports Conclude: RHS Spring Sports wrapped up another successful team. All spring sports, Girls Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Track & Field qualified for post-season play in the MIAA state-wide tournament.

Girls Tennis All-Stars: Congratulations to the Linda Thea, Tanya Le, and Tina Cao on being named as South Shore League All-Stars for the season.

Track & Field Top Performers: Multiple track and field athletes qualified and competed at the state meet with impressive performances. Randolph placed in several events with impressive marks.

- Daren Nash placed 3rd in the triple jump: 44'4.5"
- Jayda Bleus placed 3rd in the 200: 25.70
- Kniya White placed 3rd in the shot put: 36'2"
- Girls 4x100 placed 3rd: 50.97
- Mekhi White: D6 champion in the 100: 10.93



Mekhi White League of Champions: On Saturday, June lst, Sophomore Mekhi White placed 3rd overall in the league of champions meet with an impressive 100m dash time of 10.87. He will represent RHS at the New England regional track meet with the potential to qualify for the National track meet.



Youth Football Camp: Join RHS Football for their 6th Annual Youth Football Camp on June 17th-20th. Camp is open to any student entering grades 3-8 and will run from 9 AM to 1 PM each day. All campers will receive a camp t-shirt, lunch, and coaching from the RHS varsity football staff and players. The camp is \$100.00 and registration is available at:

https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/blue-devil-academy





#### Soil Your Undies Lab

The AP Environmental Science students went out in early November and buried some cotton underwear. We tested four locations around the high school campus, including by the baseball field fence, the tree by the administration building, the library courtyard, and the cafeteria courtyard.

The goal of the test was to judge soil quality by how much the microbes eat the cotton. The more microbes the healthier the soil quality. In early May we went out to our markers to dig up our underwear (thanks to all who left these undisturbed). The photos show that the library courtyard by far has the best as almost all of the cotton part of the underwear was missing. The second best was the tree by the administration building as there are more bacteria supported by



the tree. Feel free to try this out at your home this summer! APES students had a blast getting outside and into hands-on science.









# Congratulations to Ms. Hodges' BUILD II Students!

Please congratulate Ms. Hodges' Build 2 Students Chill Being III for selling out of their products, Taz Cadiz and Lindsey Neves.

Build I students Catora-Chrystal King, Tori Smythwick-Trent, and Faphira Mothersil who competed last week in the BuildFest Boston won 2nd place! They are the 1st RHS students to win 1st place in a SemiFinals and compete in a BuildFest. They won \$1,000! Congratulations!

Click the link below to see their interview on Channel 5 news: <a href="https://youtu.be/gGpkzDfwVyc?si=D">https://youtu.be/gGpkzDfwVyc?si=D</a> iqFeexvtk9FH10









#### The Grand, Art and Literature Magazine 2024

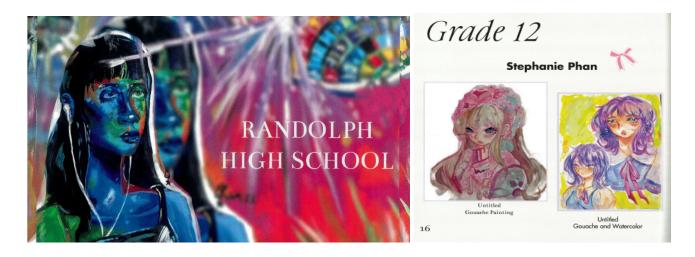
The Grand, Art and Literature Magazine has completed its **first edition** thanks to our student editors, Van Nguyen and Gabrielle Zukeram (both in the class of 2024)! Major thanks to them for their hard work and attention to detail while working on the magazine, which took multiple months to complete. The Grand's mission is to showcase RHS students' artwork and poetry encouraging creative expression without barriers. It also welcomes and fosters the diverse voices and ideas of today's youth. Additional copies of the magazine are available for purchase for \$21.00. If anyone would like to



purchase a copy, please fill out the order form and send payment through Venmo at: @Susan-Lane-56. All orders must be received by June 13th. Magazines will be available for pick up during the summer in the RHS front office once they have arrived.

#### Order Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSf9MHidFEhMbxy50a25TB09rBVN5MdchnoKwh0e6ZJ VOOhNw/viewform?usp=sf link





#### Kids Raising Kids By Jassia Ramos

She was an unripe fruit Hard and green Not yet ready Cut down from a tree Too young Too early

With no time to grow And no time to sweeten Yet sweet to the mouth That taster without permission She learned, soon enough, The world was against her And there was no alternative For her situation

And without a manual
She pushed forward
With an infant on her hip
And a backpack on her shoulder
Because she was still just a child
Who was forced to act older

Rise and applaud
Congratulate her
For being the mother
No one thought she could be
Full of love and care
And enough responsibility
And don't give her pity
Or your hypocrisy
Because she deserves better
After what you did to her
And to her daughter
She was forced to raise
At the age of 15

#### National Honors Society

Eighteen RHS students presented their Civic Action Projects this month at the Edward Kennedy Institute. In 2018, Massachusetts enacted a law to promote and enhance civic engagement. Students are expected to complete a non-partisan, student-led civics project while in high school. These may include individual, small group or class wide projects. The goal is to promote a student's ability to: analyze complex issues; consider differing points of view; reason, make logical arguments and support claims with valid evidence; engage in civic discourse; and, understand connections between federal, state and local policies.

Civics Action Project Outcome Goals: By completing the civics project, students will be able to:

- Build civic content knowledge
- Develop and practice civic skills
- Develop civic dispositions and a sense of self-efficacy
- Conduct inquiries and determine next steps



- Develop and practice literacy skills, including digital media literacy
- Develop and practice social-emotional skills
- Become more academically engaged

RHS brought six projects covering the following topics:

- Feminine Hygiene
- School Budget: Physical Structure of RHS
- Dangers of Vaping
- School and Youth Violence
- Environment and Pollution
- Mental Health



Congratulations (from left to right) Kendji

Cornely, Jaden Larose, Jahzea Virgo, Jase McPartland, and Kayla Tran for winning the Grassroot Change Award! The School Youth and Violence team scored the highest in the grassroot change category in which they were able to clearly and compellingly articulate why their focus issue matters to them and matters to their community.

#### **Special Education Update**



Dear Families,

# MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS UPDATES



The Donovan School hosted a family game night where parents, students and teachers gathered to play games and enjoy themselves.



Middle school students present at culture day!







RPS Multilingual Learner Instructional Coach Kait Zanzerkia and Young ESL Teacher Melissa Martinez presented on complex sentence instruction at the MATSOL conference in Framingham to a crowded room of Massachusetts educators.

#### PRE-K NEWS!

PreK had a BLAST at JFK Field Day. Thank you to JFK PTO for ensuring that PreK had appropriate events to attend that included face painting, bouncy houses, water slides, bubbles and more.









# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE:



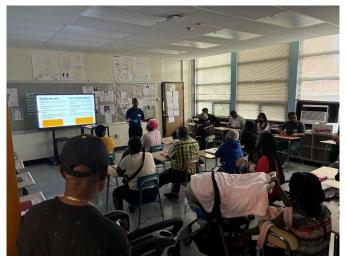
# Our Families First Community Impact Project

Parent leaders: Enese Nivose, Mirlene St. Louis, Jean Louis, Marie Lucere, Vincent Hommeus, introducing the Multilingual Parent Conference on May 23, 2024.





Parents joined RPS on May 23, 2024 for an evening of learning and connecting with other families.



ELPAC parent leader Vogely Binjour presented on parents' rights and responsibilities to a packed room of parents and guardians at the Multilingual Family Conference.

#### REGISTRATION UPDATE:

The RPS Registration Office is implementing a new registration platform for Grades 1-12+ within the PowerSchool System called Enrollment Express that will begin on July 1, 2024. We will no longer use FamilyID.

For more information, how to register, please check our website: <a href="https://www.randolph.kl2.ma.us/domain/2589">https://www.randolph.kl2.ma.us/domain/2589</a>

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION and STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES:





ESY (Extended School Year) Summer Programming planning is in full force. ESY will run Monday - Thursday, from July 1, 2024 - August 1, 2024, with no programming on July 4th. Elementary aged students will be attending the program at the JFK Elementary School and students that attend RCMS or RHS will be attending the program at RHS.

If your child is on an IEP and qualifies for ESY services that are listed in their IEP, you should have received a google form from Kristen Sciulli, ESY Coordinator. If you have any questions regarding ESY, please email <a href="mailto:sciullik@randolph.kl2.ma.us">sciullik@randolph.kl2.ma.us</a>.

Sincerely,

Alpha Sanford, M.Ed CAGS, Director of Special Education and Student Services

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