



SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATION UPDATE

November 7, 2025

2025-2026 School Year

Teaching & Learning

Teaching Reading to Young Learners

Ever wonder how you start to teach reading to kindergarten students? Our kindergarten classrooms are buzzing with excitement as students dive into the wonderful world of letters and sounds! At this time of year, our young learners are busy mastering letter names, letter sounds, and identifying the first sound in words—the building blocks for becoming confident readers.

To ensure that our kindergarten students get the very best instruction, teachers participated in a curriculum meeting recently during which they honed their skills on focusing on early kindergarten reading skills.





School Update

Donovan Elementary School (Donovan School)

Donovan Elementary was busy during the month of October! In line with our commUNITY building, grade 3 students in Ms. Fisher's class performed a play on weather for our kindergarten students who are about to start a new unit on the same subject. The performances blew us away like a hurricane as they rained down lots of talent!



Our grade 5 Student Council organized the first Spirit Week of the school year, and both students and staff happily participated!

Crazy Hair Day





Twin/Trio Day







Dress Like your Students Ask...



Grade 5 students displayed their ability to calculate volume of complex objects through their Animal Zoo!

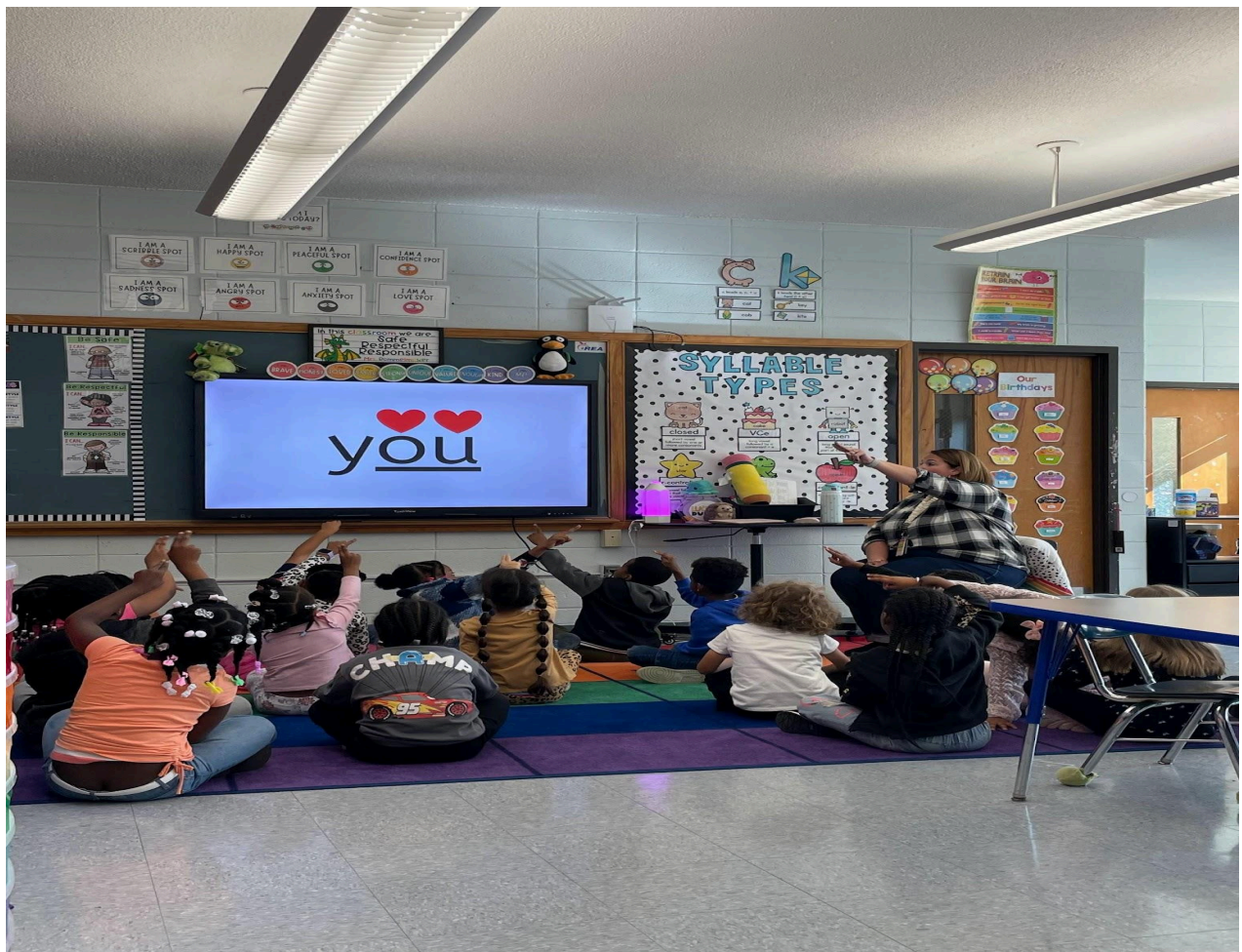




Students' learning is full steam ahead with targeted, small groups up and running for ELA and math. In all subjects students are collaborating to solve real world challenges! In these photos, grade one students were busy learning heart words, and science students explained how their models were built to prevent erosion.

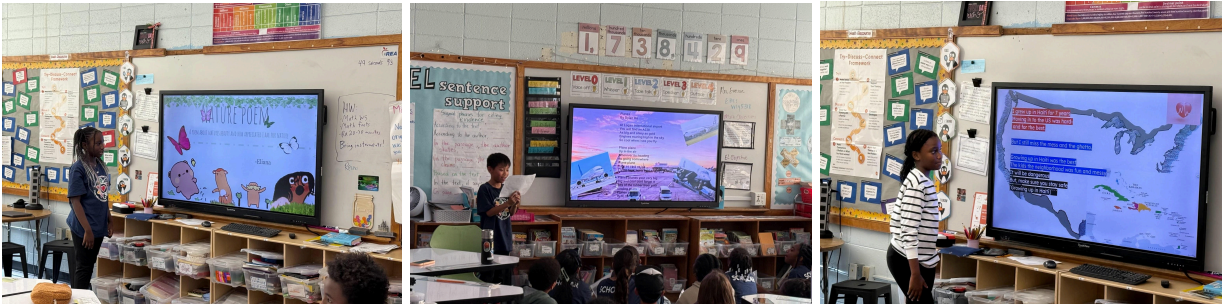
Students are being rewarded with a book of their choice for displaying safe, respectful, and responsible behavior as part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

Great Job, Dragons! Luna was happy to congratulate them!





Grade 4 students impressed us with their thoughtful and thought-provoking poems! Great job!



The Donovan School was delighted to host the Girls On the Run Practice 5K! We are so very proud of our girls and their hard work and fortitude! Thank you to coaches Olivia Sheehan, Diana Everson, Lizzi Masucci, and Christina Mora for bringing this valuable program to our girls. You're the best!



We shared a meal and conversation with our families on November 5th for our Annual Cultural Potluck Dinner!



During the month of November, we have a whole-school attendance challenge! The winner at the end of the month (the classroom with the highest rate of attendance) will enjoy a pizza party! We are reminding our students of the importance of coming to school each and every day! Their education and learning are important and something they will take with them the rest of their lives. ❤️

JFK Elementary School (JFK School)

Kindergarten Toy Showcase October Recap



As we push into a chilly November, let's take a moment to reflect on the wonderful month of October at the JFK School!

- Jahmeelah Bai-Grandson celebrated her first full month as the new principal of the JFK School!



- Our Kindergarten class demonstrated their engineering and imaginative skills with a Toy Showcase (picture above).
- The PTO sponsored our annual Costume Dance, full of treats, books, and joy!

Additionally, the PTO held our biannual Book Fair, where we raised well over \$1,000 for the JFK School!

- October 31st was Pajama Day for all of our children.



- October was National Hispanic Heritage Month & National Filipino History Month, which we celebrated with a festive representative lunch!



November Events & Dates

November 6, 2025

Title 1 Meeting

5:30 PM



November 6, 2025	PTO Meeting	6:30 PM
November 11, 2025	Veterans Day	No School
November 26-28, 2025	Early Release	12:15 PM
November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving/Gratitude Break	No School

Relevant Resources

Randolph Food Resources

Friendly Food Pantry of Randolph

The Pantry continues to serve all Randolph residents with care and dignity.

- Open every Tuesday, from 12:00-2:00 PM and 6:00-7:30 PM
- Location: 1 Turner Lane, Randolph, MA 02368

Learn more or register by visiting their [website](#) or stopping by in person.

Statewide Food Resources

Across Massachusetts, additional supports and information are available for families affected by the shutdown.

We encourage you to review these resources and reach out if you need assistance.

[Find a food pantry near you.](#) Food pantries provide free groceries to those in need.

[Find a meal site near you.](#) Community meal sites offer free meals to individuals and families.

[Use the Food Bank's Food Finder](#) - a tool to help you locate food assistance in your area.



Call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333.

Call Mass 2-1-1

"LET'S GET IT!"

Principal Bai-Grandson

North Randolph School (North Randolph)

October PBIS Assembly

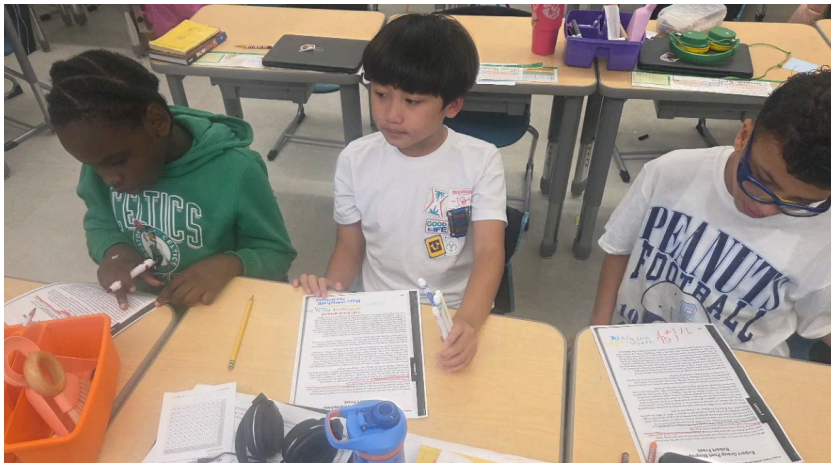
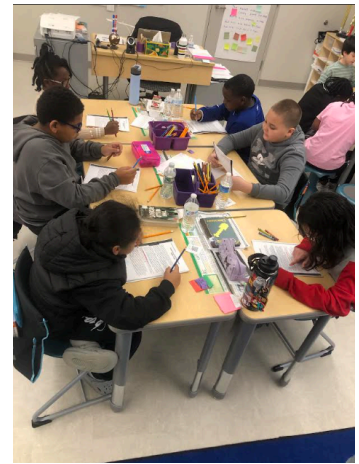
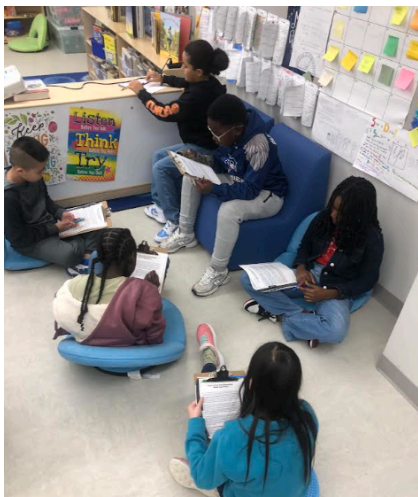
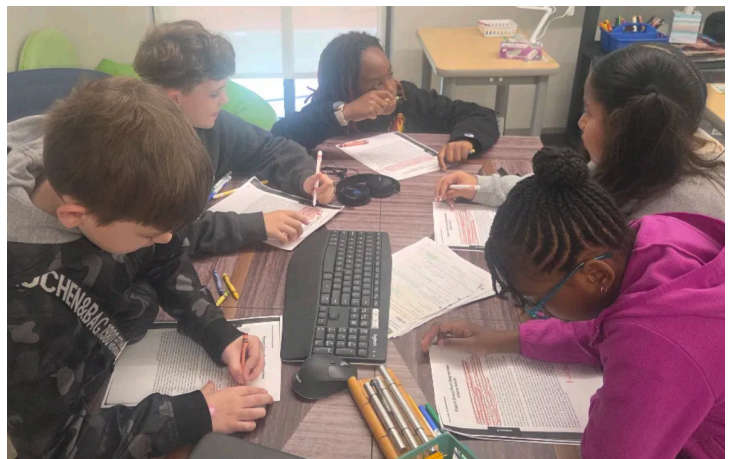
This month students worked on the trait of being Respectful. We gathered in the gym to celebrate our selected students who demonstrated that trait throughout the school day.



This month, we are highlighting our grade 4 students and all of the exciting things they are learning!

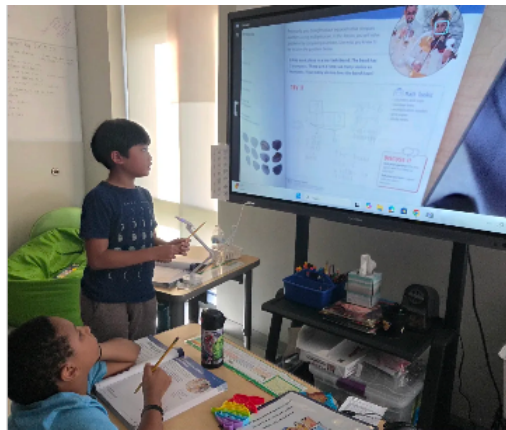


After reading Love That Dog by Sharon Creech, the students became experts on the poets that were used as Jack's inspiration for his poetry in the book. Students explored the lives of Walter Dean Myers, Valorie Worth, and Robert Frost across multiple texts. The 4th graders were tasked with identifying their poets' source of inspiration by cross referencing details from their poems with facts from the poets' lives. Students then organized their notes to support the creation of a four paragraph structured essay. The students rose to the challenge and worked collaboratively to support one another throughout the project. Next, students will create their own poems and explain the source of their inspiration. We are so excited to see the results of their effort and creativity!





We kicked off the school year with the new math program, i-Ready Classroom Mathematics. Our students have been working really hard on their partner discussions. They are using math vocabulary to explain their thinking and sharing with each other the strategies they used to solve the problem. The fourth graders are doing i-Ready Math centers during the math rotations. They complete their i-Ready Math paths, play i-Ready math games, work on the Fluency Flight activity, and work collaboratively on the new curriculum centers.



Vincent, the Mathematician, showed the class his math strategy for solving the i-Ready math problem-using the document handler.



George and Abby worked together on the i-Ready math center. The full North Randolph Update is also available here: [October](#)

Young Elementary School (Young School)

October was a wonderfully busy month at the Martin Young School. Our Instructional Leadership team met for the first time and discussed a year-long focus on further developing our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program with a focus on Kindness, putting forth our Best Effort, Character Development and Equity. We will utilize our mascot Marty the Yeti in our student friendly messaging.

Our PTO sponsored a wonderful Trunk or Treat and Fall Book Fair event on October 16th. Ten cars were beautifully decorated and a massive amount of candy was donated and handed out to a very large and festive crowd. Our amazing Town of Randolph DPW allowed us to use one of their portable construction lights to ensure everyone's safety. For this we are eternally grateful!



Our Book Fair vendor is Bookworm, a local pop-up used bookstore. They provided very high quality (virtually new) used books for sale at very reasonable prices. They are able to offer a much wider range of quality literature than some of the more commercial companies and many families left with impressive new collections of literature for the entire family. It was a wonderful community event that was open to all. We thank all of our volunteers for making this event so much fun.



We will be holding a food drive throughout the month of November to help our families and local food banks. We will also host a Potluck dinner on November 13th from 5:30 - 7:00 in our cafeteria for the YES community. Our School Committee will also be meeting here at YES on November 20th. We are looking forward to an active and productive November.

Randolph Community Middle School (RCMS)



Important Information!

Wed, Nov. 12th: Parent-Teacher Conferences!

11:50- 2:15 PM

5:00-7:00 PM

Please sign-up via PowerSchool! Click for [PowerSchool Login](#)
Click for [directions to Sign-Up](#) for conferences.

Fall Food Drive Nov. 3- Dec. 19

We are collecting shelf-safe and canned foods to support families in need. You can also donate items from the [Food Drive Wishlist](#). We will send information for various times to pick up groceries.

School Store Opens Nov. 12th!

Sixty percent (60%) of our [Amazon Wishlist](#) has been purchased -
THANK YOU! Students will cash out their Critter coin points for prizes during lunch on the next early release day.

Sports & Clubs

[Winter Athletics Registration Info](#) - CLOSES 12/5! Check out our [Clubs](#)!
Spirit Week was a blast!



Click [HERE](#) for District Events!

Important Dates

11/3 - Q1 Grades Close

11/6 - PTO Meeting (6-7PM) 11/11 - No School: Veterans Day 11/12 - Early Release

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- P.R.I.D.E Awards Assembly
- School Store Opens

11/17 - Report Cards Sent home with students

11/26 - Early Release

- Honor Roll Assembly 11/27-11/28 - Thanksgiving Recess



Reminders:

IT is currently processing tech fees via MySchoolBucks. (Policy)

Language Liaison Information HERE Blue Hills Admissions Timeline

Follow us on Instagram for more joyous moments!

@rcms.pride @randolphmaps



Randolph High School (RHS)

Upcoming RHS Events

- ★ November 7-Econocorp Field Trip
- ★ November 11-No School/Veterans Day
- ★ November 13-Early Release/Parent Teacher Conference
- ★ November 14-Credit for Life Fair
- ★ November 19-Northeastern University Tour
- ★ November 21-Fall Pep Rally
- ★ November 26-Early Release
- ★ November 27-28-No School/Thanksgiving Break

PTO at RHS - Next Meeting - Nov. 13th

There was an active P.T.O. at RHS prior to COVID. Our goal is to



regenerate this organization. There have been a few interesting meetings between July and October. Our ultimate goal is to provide authentic ways that families can connect and engage at the school beyond grade and discipline updates. Family members have already discussed the possibilities of fundraisers and exciting student events such as awards ceremonies and semi-formal dances. There will be a PTO meeting on November 13th at 12:30 PM. We encourage you to come out and see how you can support the new PTO.

Community Service/Exceptional Students

The Randolph Fire Department wishes to express its sincere gratitude to four Randolph High School students for their outstanding service during our recent Open House.

Madison Mathes, Nissrine Elkhamlich, Jushua Garcia-Castillo, and Mekhi White, demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication, going far beyond expectations. Their work on all aspects of our event, from planning to execution, helped us leave a memorable and positive impression on all our guests.

We are proud of their initiative and wanted to share with you what excellent ambassadors for both Randolph High School and our community they are. I have attached a couple photos of them, and yes, that is Jushua as Sparky, Ha!

Thank-you,

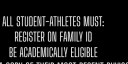
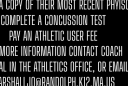
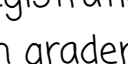
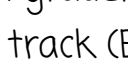




RHS Athletics Updates

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

WINTER SPORTS START DECEMBER 1ST



BOYS BASKETBALL
GIRLS BASKETBALL
BOYS INDOOR TRACK
GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
CO-ED WRESTLING
CHEERLEADING

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST:
REGISTER ON FAMILY ID
BE ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE
PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR MOST RECENT PHYSICAL
COMPLETE A CONCUSSION TEST
PAY AN ATHLETIC USER FEE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COACH
MARSHALL IN THE ATHLETICS OFFICE, OR EMAIL:
MARSHALLJO@RANDOLPH.K12.MA.US

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:



Winter Sports registration is now open. For High School sports and Middle School, 8th graders are able to participate in high school level sports for indoor track (Boys & Girls) as well as boys and girls basketball. Winter Sports start December 1st. Scan the QR code to register for your desired sport. Students must complete Family ID registration, be academically eligible, provide a copy of a recent physical, complete the concussion test, and pay athletic user fee. Additional questions can be directed to Jon Marshall in the Athletics Department at: MARSHALLJO@RANDOLPH.K12.MA.US



Randolph Varsity Football hosted a Crucial Catch Night event at which they honored four members of the community who have battled breast cancer as the honorary game captains. Recognizing these survivors was an honor.





MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS



WINTER SPORTS START DECEMBER 1



ALL GRADES:
BOYS BASKETBALL
GIRLS BASKETBALL
8TH GRADE ONLY



BOYS & GIRLS INDOOR TRACK
BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL
CO-ED WRESTLING



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After starting off the season with a 3-0 record, our Randolph Blue Devils Head Coach, Jon Marshall, and his team showed grit and continued their perfect streak with a 27-14 win against Mashpee. As a testament to the team's success to begin the year, Coach Marshall has been named the New England Patriots Coach of the Week. The Blue Devils have continued their undefeated record and stand at 6-0.



Class of 1975 visits the Randolph High School Library!



The Class of 1975 took a stroll down memory lane on October 10, 2025 by touring Randolph High School, their alma mater. They took a group photo in the RHS Library and reminisced about the enjoyable memories of the past. They were having a class reunion weekend to rekindle friendships and create new memories in their golden years. It's always wonderful to have former students come back to school after so many years. It shows that Randolph Public Schools have made a positive impact on so many lives!





Mrs. Haggstrom's engineering classes celebrated **STEAM Week** by participating in a Troll Building Challenge. Students were invited to create a troll using recycled materials resembling the trolls developed and placed around the world by Recycle Artist and Activist, Thomas Dambo of Denmark. Congratulations to the winners, Branden Belony and Jey Tejada who created "Branda," and Allysa La Motte and Cathy Lai who created "Lottie." They all gave their best effort! All of the troll masterpieces are on display in the RHS Library for the month of November.

RHS Marching Band Finishes Award-Winning Season



The Randolph High School Marching Band has wrapped up a standout competitive season, **returning to NESBA Finals for the first time since 2019** and **earning a Gold Medal performance rating and 5th place finish** among some of the region's top bands.

Highlights of the season include:

- 🏆 **1st Place** at the Durfee NESBA Show
- 🎓 A fantastic performance at **UMass Band Day** with 3,000+ students



- 🏆 Silver Medal at MICCA Finals
- 🏆 Gold Medal Rating at NESBA New England Finals
- We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work, dedication, and musical excellence. The band will continue to support the **football team during the playoffs**, keeping school spirit high through the rest of the fall season.



On Friday, October 17th, AP Research students visited the 28th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at Boston University. There, students viewed posters presented by undergraduate researchers at BU on a variety of topics including, "Jumping off Diotima's Ladder: How Ancient Views of Love Relate to 21st Century Understanding of Addiction"; "Exploring the Influence of Race, Ethnicity, & Language on Provider Care in Asthma Screening: Addressing Possible Disparities in Healthcare Delivery"; and "Identifying Risk and Protective Factors in the Relationship Between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Alcohol Use Trajectories in Adolescence to Adulthood: A Multivariate Moderation Analysis". This field trip gave RHS seniors a glimpse into their futures as college researchers and to the 2026 Learning Showcase, where they will



be presenting their own posters on their AP Research projects. Students were able to ask questions about presenters' papers and processes, gaining insight into what "capital R Research" looks like in practice.

RHS Homecoming Dance 2025

What a night to remember! The homecoming dance was full of energy, laughter, and amazing memories. The music kept everyone on their feet, the decorations were stunning, and a huge hit. Friends danced the night away under the lights, and it was the perfect way to celebrate school spirit and kick off the season. From the first song to the last slow dance, it was pure fun – a night we'll be talking about for a long time!





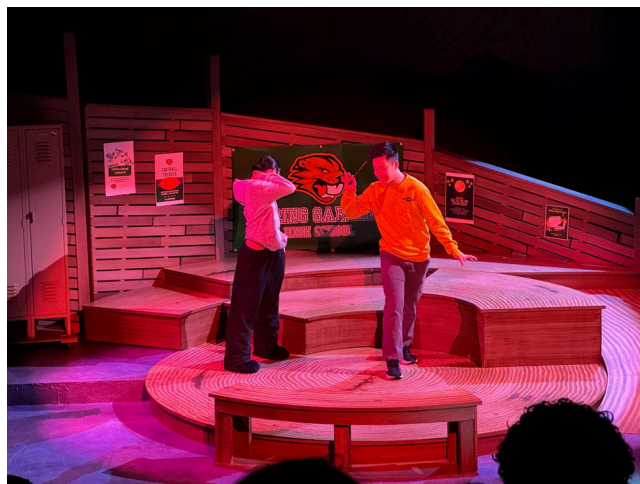
SPED Update



Music Department Update

RHS Chorus and ILC to Lyric Backstage in Boston!

On Thursday, October 16th, the RHS Choirs and ILC went to the Lyric Backstage Theater in Boston! While there they heard presentations from their Costume Designer and Lighting Designer. They talked to students about how they got into their field and what their thought process is when designing for a play. During the presentations, 3 RHS students were selected to choose costumes and act! Afterward, students got to watch the play Senior Year Project. A great time was had by all!





RHS Music and History to Hamilton!

On Tuesday, October 21st, 100 RHS Music and History students went to see Hamilton the Musical at the Boston Opera House. Tickets were generously donated by the Rodman Theatre for Kids Foundation. Students had an amazing time and were so happy to be in the room where it happened!



Save the Dates for our Upcoming Music Department Performances:

November 18th @ 5pm Randolph High School - Elementary Band and Chorus Concert

December 16th @ 6:30pm Randolph High School - Randolph High School Winter Concert

December 17th @ 6:30pm Randolph High School - Randolph Community Middle School Winter Concert



Food Services Update

Randolph Public Schools
Nutrition Newsletter
November 2025

Stretching your Dollar: Building Healthy, Budget-Friendly Meals

- Plan before you shop: Create a simple weekly menu and grocery list to avoid impulse buys and food waste. Check what's already in your pantry first.
- Choose budget-friendly proteins: Eggs, beans, lentils, and canned tuna are shelf-stable, filling, and affordable options.
- Buy in season and frozen: Fresh produce that's in season, or frozen fruits and vegetables, offers the same nutrition at a lower cost.
- Build balanced plates: Combine a low-cost grain (like rice or pasta), a lean protein, and colorful vegetables for meals that are filling and nourishing.

Recent Events: Global Eats at JFK Elementary

On October 28, JFK students celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and Filipino American History Month through the Global Eats Program, enjoying traditional dishes like Pollo Guisado, Plátano macho, Arroz con Maiz, and Filipino Vegan Lumpia.

Kale is November's Harvest of the Month! This dark leafy green is a member of the cabbage family (brassica), and is a great source of vitamins A, C, and K which support healthy vision, immune function, and



strong bones. It also contains fiber, which helps with digestion and maintaining satiety. Enjoy kale baked into crispy chips, sautéed with garlic, tossed into fresh salads, or added to soups and grain bowls.

Visit <https://massnrc.org/farmlocator/map.aspx> to find local kale near you!

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