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**MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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*"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and
the dissemination of truth." John F. Kennedy*



Dear Randolph Public Schools Parents and Community,

As a community we have been faced with the ultimate loss – the life of two teenagers. We are grieving the untimely loss of two of our high school students. My most sincere condolences go out to the families; let's continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Grieving is a process that is unique to the individual and may be foreign to the observer. Throughout the year many of our students, their parents and some of you have faced extreme personal challenges.

We all seek support in ways that we individually feel is best for us. This is sometimes contrary to what others believe is best for us; but it is always a great feeling to know that someone is there caring about us in that time of need. I am humbled by the outpouring of support that has been given to the students and staff at Randolph High School.

It has been encouraging to see our entire school community come together and comfort one another during this emotional time. As we continue to support our students as they process and ask the question, "Why?" it's important for us to reflect on life and appreciate those closest to us. We should take more time to make someone else feel good; help create those special memories that we can hold onto that makes us smile; and have conversations about things that mean the most to us, with the people who mean the most to us.

It is hard to believe that we are close to ending another excellent year in Randolph Public Schools, but refreshing to know that the warm weather is showing up more. The class of 2017 will graduate in a few weeks and they will use their gifts and talents to wow us and others.

**RANDOLPH PUBLIC
SCHOOLS GOALS**

**GOAL 1: Enhance the
Teaching and Learning
Process**

*Increase academic
achievement of all students
through aligned
assessments, effective
instruction and standard-
based curriculum that is
challenging and engaging.*

**GOAL 2: Improve
Accountability Structures**

*Improve data systems that
will support student
learning, staff development
and resource management.*

**GOAL 3: Increase the
Quality of Engagement**

*Increase academic success
for all students through
quality family and
community partnerships.*

**GOAL 4: Human Capital
Management**

*Maintain, enhance and
support a quality workforce
that is diverse, highly skilled
and professional.*

Non-Discrimination Policy

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Over the last two years we have continued to intensify our focus on increasing student achievement by implementing targeted supports for students on all levels and interventions for those who need it the most.

Our most recent benchmark assessment data, (NWEA), illustrates that our students are continuing to grow from year to year. Each school demonstrated success in ELA and Math in multiple grades. These targeted areas are being analyzed so that principals can continue to enhance classroom instruction by adjusting supports for individual students.

Here are some key points as we close out the school year.

Calendar Reminder: Due to the four snow days, our last day of school is shifting from Friday, June 16 to **Thursday, June 22.**

- **NOTE: June 21 and June 22 will be ½ days for students.**

FY2018 Budget Process: My focus remains on ensuring that our students are receiving the highest level of instruction. That means supporting our staff to equip them with the necessary tools to deliver quality instruction. This year the proposed budget will include upgrades for instructional technology, global focused curriculum and professional development to enhance math, literacy and science. Please stay tuned for the presentation on the following date during the budget process.

Superintendent Budget Presentation:

- May 18: Budget Hearing - FY2018 Proposed Budget

MCAS Testing: MCAS Testing continues so please work with your children to get 8–9 hours of sleep and a good breakfast every morning. As a reminder, all students will participate in the ELA MCAS.

This year:

- 4th and 8th graders are testing online.
 - Mock tests were administered to familiarize and prepare students for the new test format.
- MCAS is modeled after the PARCC exam.
 - Students are expected to be able to read a text and write an essay providing support based on the reading.
 - Students will be asked to read, analyze and compare multiple texts.

Best Practices: Let's work together by supporting and encouraging our students to do well.

- A good night's sleep is critical to your child's stamina/energy to persevere through each day of the assessment.
- A healthy breakfast – nutrition – helps us all think better.

English Language Arts

The MCAS 2.0 English Language Arts assessment in grades 3-8 and 10 was administered in April. Students were focused and appeared to have maximized their efforts during the assessment. For more information, please visit the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/>

Athletic Department:

Congratulations to the RCMS track team for their amazing races over vacation at the Boston Athletic Association Relay Challenge.

Athletes competed in ten-person relays on Boylston St., near the Boston Marathon finish line.

We are proud to announce that the All Star Mile Relay Team comprised of Kayla Gitonga, Kaiman Chau, Melana Chu, and Cody Pham came in 5th place out of 16 teams. This is the first time in more than 10 years that Randolph has placed in the top 5 and received a trophy! Please take time to view the photos below from the event.

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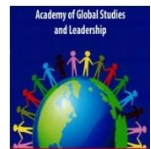
Featured photos include: 1) track team in Boston; 2) Michella Pansa; 3) Kayla Gitonga; 4) Will Toscano; 5) Markens Charles; 6) Fabrice Salvant; 7) CeCe Tangishaka; 8) track team in Randolph corral; and 9) All Star Relay with 5th place trophy.



Globalizing Education (Academy of Global Studies and Leadership)

The Academy of Global Studies and Leadership (AGSL) is in its second year of development. The initial focus was on grade 9 students, but we have expanded to the middle school to enhance the instructional rigor and to ensure there is a pipeline of students.

http://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_5692300/File/NewFolder/NewFolder/AcademyofGlobalStudiesandLeadershipatRHSbrochure.pdf



Our Students

We want all of our students to reach their full academic potential and master the skills that will prepare them to compete on any level. We can measure those areas; but how do we measure what kind of people our students, our children will become? How do we measure an individual's mental stamina, gratitude, zest or optimism? How do we measure grit? How do we help students cultivate grit? Below is a TedTalk, by Angela Duckworth, that touches on this subject. In partnership we can support our children.

https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance

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Randolph High School: Blood Drive

Once again, on April 5, Randolph High School (RHS) held a blood drive at the high school building. The event was successful and American Red Cross expressed gratitude to RHS staff and students for their continued support and sponsorship of community blood drives. Each day the American Red Cross must collect 14,000 pints of blood in order to satisfy the needs of the hospitals and patients they treat. We know that without the support of sponsors like RHS and the selfless donors that roll-up their sleeves to donate, doing so would not be possible.

Thirty seven pints of blood were collected, which have the power to save up to 111 lives. For the day, we registered a total of 55 donors, and we had 21 deferred donors. Four donors completed the Power Red Cell donation as these units are in great demand by hospitals and trauma centers. Adding the 37 pints to the 45 pints collected in January, I am pleased to report that RHS collected 82 pints, potentially saving 246 lives during the 2016-2017 school year blood drives. Well done RHS!

We are thankful for the opportunity – once again – for RHS to have partnered with American Red Cross in their lifesaving mission. We look forward to our continued partnership.

RESOURCES:

Reminder

Vocabulary: Parent Toolkit:

Helping to Build Your Child's Vocabulary

“Parent Toolkit” expert and University of Michigan Education Professor Nell Duke has shared several tips/activities you can use at home to expand your child’s vocabulary.

<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=97AA2240-F7CE-11E3-921A0050569A5318>

Five Minutes to Spare!

Making it easy to support your child’s development, see the video links below on how you can support your child’s overall growth in a few spare minutes each day.

<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=6AF1ACD0-50EE-11E5-8F900050569A5318&targetObj=D761C470-50F0-11E5-8F900050569A5318>

Links for Families:

Kindergarten – Grade 3:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-11-languages#english>

Grades K -12: <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583&navItemNumber=3363>

Please access our website: <http://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/> for updates and more school-related information.

As always, thank you for your support and for entrusting us with your most prized possession, your children.

With Randolph pride,



Thomas Anderson
Superintendent

<http://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/>

<https://youtu.be/8a34Er1xr88>

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