

Randolph Public Schools
"Building Tomorrow, Today"

RPS



**School
Accountability
Levels**

LEVEL 2

Elizabeth G. Lyons ES
Randolph HS

LEVEL 3

John F. Kennedy ES
Margaret L. Donovan ES
Martin E. Young ES
Randolph MS

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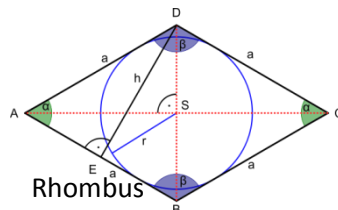
**MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MARCH 2017**

"The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth." John F. Kennedy

Greetings Randolph Public Schools Parents and Community,

We are well into March and I hope that the harsh winter weather is behind us as I am sure we are all looking forward to spring. The recent news reports regarding policies around travel bans/immigration and transgender students have caused me to reflect more on my role as Superintendent, as a father and as an American. While I watched this year's Academy Awards one recipient read a statement that included these words, "... filmmakers can turn their cameras to capture shared human qualities and break stereotypes of various nationalities and religions; they create empathy between us and others, an empathy which we need today more than ever." Like the filmmakers with their cameras, we as parents and educators have the opportunity to influence the world by motivating our children to have an educated, unbiased perspective on life.

In my more than 50 school/classroom visits this year, I continue to be proud of our students and staff. Throughout the year I have seen excellent examples of quality teaching and learning. Students at the secondary level have been engaged in discussions that included lessons on poetic elements, the Pythagorean Theorem, a Rhombus and around the political process. Elementary students are having lively discussions focusing on ribosomes, mitochondria, narrative writing and how to make the "T" sound.



**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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Teachers are challenging students and providing supports and interventions for those who need them the most. It is great to see and hear that our staff members are taking care of all students. Their dedication is greatly appreciated!

<http://randolph.wickedlocal.com/news/20170305/randolph-public-schools-sees-academic-improvement>

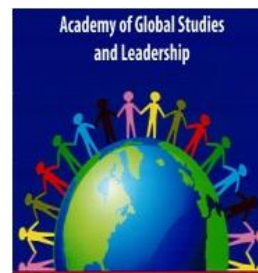
See the Employee Spotlight

http://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_5692300/File/NewFolder/NewFolder/RPS%20Employee%20Spotlight%20Edition%2020-%20202.10.17.pdf

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



We continue to move forward and we are working with Emerson College and the Asia Society to support our needs and development. It is important to know that global education is not a program, but rather the incorporation of global issues into the existing curriculum that inspires creativity and engagement. It is a way of thinking and not a packaged program.

<http://randolph.wickedlocal.com/news/20170215/randolph-high-students-partner-with-firefighters-to-mentor-youngsters>

Here are some events and important work that are taking place at Randolph Public Schools.

RPS Highlights:

- **The Global Leadership Academy:** in partnership with Emerson College, students apply in 8th grade. Students will be required to take a minimal of 4 Advanced Placement courses, 4 years of a World Language, complete 120 hours of community service, complete an internship and a capstone project and participate in a travel abroad opportunity for at least 2 summers.
- **Fire Academy (Randolph High School):** in partnership with the Randolph Fire Department, students receive training that leads to certification and job opportunities.
- **Instrumental music** has been expanded to allow elementary students to participate in band in their school either before or after school (contact your child's principal).

Randolph High students partner with firefighters to mentor youngsters



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Randolph Fire Lt. Joe Messia is joined by Randolph High School students, from left, Tyler Blackmore, Kayla Guernier and Tuoyen Nguyen in fielding questions about fire safety from Martin Young Elementary School students during a safety program presentation. [Wicked Local photo/Tom Gorman]



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- **Educational Equity / Cultural Competence** meetings have occurred throughout the year to increase staff and community understanding of our diverse student and community population. The ELL Department and Multicultural Parent Advisory Council have coordinated the meetings and discussions.

ANNUAL Kindergarten Night

- Donovan ES on March 22, 2017 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

INFORMATION (updates calendar items)

Community Engagement

- JFK ES had a very successful Literacy-Math Night on March 1. There were over 80 attendees, excited children, interested adults, even little 3-month olds came to join the fun!



- The Family Resource Center (FRC) excitedly participated in a Dr. Seuss Day celebration at the Young ES on March 2, and participated in the Lyons ES Spring Board Afterschool Program on Friday, March 3.

School Highlights

Randolph Community Middle School (RCMS)

- Kohl's liked a tweet that was sent out from one of RCMS's sub-separate teachers, Ms. Seseske (see below).



- Boston Celtics and Alex and Ani redesigned the RCMS Art Studio with new furniture, technology and art supplies. Celtics visit RCMS: <http://randolph.wickedlocal.com/news/20170220/celtics-help-randolph-school-celebrate-arts-studio>

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- The RHS Guidance Department, along with six students, presented the Randolph HS program of studies to 8th grade students and assisted them with choosing electives for freshman year.

Athletics

Fifty four (54) student-athletes made the honor roll for term two. Fourteen (14) student-athletes at Randolph High School were selected to the South Shore League's all-star teams for the winter season. Randolph Community Middle School's girls' basketball team finished the season 11-1 and the boys were 8-3.

<http://randolph.wickedlocal.com/news/20170228/randolphs-felix-again-voted-league-athlete-of-year>

Music

The month of March celebrates Music in RPS. In honor of that, the music department proudly invites you to attend two of our upcoming concerts held at the Randolph High School as follows.

Tuesday March 14, 6:30 PM

- Annual "Step Up" Concert - RCMS 8th grade chorus and band will join the Randolph HS chorus and band
 - The "Step Up" rehearsal and concert experience helps 8th grade students easily transition into Randolph High School music students. It acquaints students with the school facilities.

Wednesday March 15, 7:00 PM

- Annual Elementary Chorus Night featuring 4th and 5th grade chorus students
 - Students have been preparing a program of African-American spirituals in honor of February's Black History Month. They will gather at 4:45 PM to briefly rehearse with each other, and will then perform their concert literature at 7:00 PM.

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>

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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,



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