

Ray-Pec announces finalists for Teacher and Support Staff Employee of the Year

The Ray-Pec School District congratulates the finalists for Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year. This year, a combined banquet is scheduled for May 4 to honor finalists in both awards programs. You may attend the recognition banquet to honor the finalists. See information on the next page.

The finalists for 2011 Teacher of the Year are: **Emily Dahmer**, Middle School; **Tricia Elmore**, Timber Creek Elementary; **Jessica Farrell**, Timber Creek Elementary; **Dawn Fellhauer**, Peculiar Elementary; **Gina Johnson**, Middle School; **Angie LaSala**, Raymore Elementary; **Kay Miller**, Timber Creek
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Seven file for election to Ray-Pec school board

Seven people have filed for three school board seats up for election on April 5, 2011. The filing period ended Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Here are the candidates:

- **Kyle Gillespie** of Peculiar
- **Kim Williams** of Raymore
- **Ruth Johnson** of Peculiar
- **Mike Millard** of Peculiar
- **Louise Large-Gurin** of Raymore
- **Kim York** of Raymore
- **Chad Heggem** of Raymore

The seats are currently held by Ryan Wescoat, Kim Williams and Kyle Gillespie. The top three vote-getters on April 5 will serve three-year terms. Each year, two or three of the seven seats are up for election.

Snow make-up days

The last day of school is now Friday, May 27, for students.

So far this school year, Ray-Pec canceled classes 10 days due to inclement weather. After implementing two make-up days in February, and scheduling a make-up day in April, the last day of school was scheduled for June 1.

The board of education on Tuesday, March 8, approved revising the current year calendar to include two additional make-up days.

Students will now attend school and have an early release on April 22, which is the Good Friday holiday. Students will also be in session on Thursday, April 28, which is "Take Your Child to Work Day." Friday, April 29, was earlier designated for use as a snow make-up day.

The revised 2010-2011 calendar is posted on the district web site at:

www.raypec.k12.mo.us.



National Honor Choir

Sixth grader Derek Fields, right, and fifth grader Song Waltz, center, from Eagle Glen Intermediate School participated March 9-12 in the American Choral Directors Association National Honor Choir in Chicago. These students were chosen through recorded auditions and were two of only 12 singers selected from the state of Missouri. The choir featured 300 singers from around the country. The Eagle Glen vocal music teacher is Stephen Rew.

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 the Raymore-Peculiar School District will ensure that each student masters specific and challenging
 learning objectives that maximize achievement and lead to lifelong productivity."*

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PTA Council to honor Volunteer of the Year

The Raymore-Peculiar Council of PTAs thanks those who nominated outstanding volunteers from their schools for the first PTA Volunteer of the Year Award.

Eleven volunteers were nominated, and five judges narrowed down the candidates to five finalists.

The selection committee included one person from the Ray Pec school administration and four people from outside of the school district.

The five finalists are:

- **Susan Burdge** (Timber Creek),
- **Joanna Clark** (Raymore),
- **Laurie Lang** (RPEMS),
- **Barb Rewald** (Stonegate) and
- **Michael Strawn** (Bridle Ridge and RPEMS).

One of these volunteers will be selected as our first PTA Volunteer of the Year.

Other volunteers who were nominated include:

- **Bridget Davis** (Peculiar),
- **Karen Giudici** (RPEMS),
- **Debbie Lerner** (Bridle Ridge and RPEMS),
- **Joyce Noah** (Timber Creek),
- **Alicia Sandoval** (RPEMS) and
- **Rebecca Yates** (RPEMS).

A reception to honor the nominees and award the winner will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in the Flex Theater at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School.

All PTA volunteers, principals and school administrators are welcome, please RSVP to Sharon Van Winkle at: smvanwinkle@hotmail.com.

Non-discrimination notice

The Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078. 816-892-1300.

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Elementary; **Rebecca Oshel**, Creekmoor Elementary; **Leah Sapp**, Eagle Glen Intermediate School; and **Todd Schnake**, High School.

A panel of judges from outside the district will interview the 10 finalists and select the winner. The Teacher of the Year will receive a cash award and other prizes, and will be nominated to represent the district by participating in the Missouri Teacher of the Year program.



Support Staff finalists

Congratulations to the finalists for 2011 Support Staff Employee of the Year: **Lawrence Curry**, lunch monitor, Creekmoor Elementary; **Larry Dial**, custodian, Raymore Elementary; **Patty DiMarco**, nurse, Bridle Ridge Intermediate; **Gale Garten**, secretary, north high school building; **Jaime Maxwell**, secretary, middle school; **Michelle Moore**, Special Services Department; **Shelley Presley**, Technology Department; **Brandon Romero**, custodian, Eagle Glen Intermediate; **Gail Schmidt**, para-professional, Early Childhood; and **Allison Scott**, Focus facilitator, Raymore Elementary.

The Support Staff Employee of the Year will receive a \$500 cash award, a plaque and a banner for his or her building or department. A photo of the winner will hang in the Administrative Services Center.

The program is intended to honor and show appreciation for support staff employees who make a difference.

Other nominees

Congratulations to these teachers, who were also nominated for Teacher of the Year: High School: **Karla Penechar**, **Parisa Saravi**, **Joe O'Neal**, **Chris Reichert**, **Jeff Moore** and **Alan Shields**; Middle School: **Sherri Nitz**, **Nikki Rice** and **Courtney Paul**; Bridle Ridge Intermediate: **Gina Cleveland**, **Melissa Darby** and **Jennifer Gibson**; Eagle Glen Intermediate: **Rebecca Gooding**, **Mary Roth** and **Jennifer Gibson**; Creekmoor Elementary: **Kristie Robinson**; Peculiar Elementary: **Colleen Bennett**, **Chris Roller**, **Kelli Yahnig** and **Tammy Novak**; Raymore Elementary: **Stephanie Cain** and **Melinda Riker**; Shull Elementary: **Katie Kiger**, **Lori Glenn**, **Patricia Mabary** and **Rebecca Tally**; and Stonegate Elementary: **Mary Besse**.

Congratulations to these employees, who were also nominated: **Wanda Gordon**, secretary, middle school; **Karen Moore**, para-professional, Bridle Ridge Intermediate; **Eddie Bradley**, custodian, Shull Elementary; and **Darrell Johnson**, custodian, Peculiar Elementary.

Recognition banquet

A banquet to honor the Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year finalists is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Ray-Pec High School.

You may attend the banquet to honor the finalists and hear the presentation of the winners. The cost is \$20 per person. To RSVP, please contact Pam Steele at psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us or 816-892-1311.

Performances are April 7-10

Ray-Pec High School announces production of 'Hamlet'

The Raymore-Peculiar High School Theatre Department announces its upcoming production of Shakespeare's tragedy *Hamlet*. Performances will be in the Flex Theatre at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School at 7:30 p.m. April 7, 8, and 9, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

Hamlet is Shakespeare's classic tragedy about the struggle for power and revenge between members of Denmark's royal family.

The protagonist is Prince Hamlet, a young man mourning the recent death of his father and the hasty marriage of his mother to the new king. Written at the beginning of the 17th century, *Hamlet* has stood the test of time and numerous interpretations and is considered by many scholars to be the finest play in the English speaking world.

Ray-Pec's production seeks to streamline the story in an attempt to make the Shakespearean verse more easily understood by a modern audience. Contemporary costumes will also be used to reinforce the production concept.

Cast and crew

The cast includes **Seth Jones** as Hamlet, **Alden Stockam** as Claudius, **Connor Branson** as Polonius, **Hayley Farrell** as Gertrude, **Nellie Maple** as Ophelia, **Dane Schnake** as Horatio, **Todd Bowles** as the Ghost, **Bobby Turnbough** as Laertes, **Jacob Meireis** as Marcellus, **Alex Ritchie** as Barnardo, **Antonio Booker** as Francisco, **Rhett Laffoon** as Cornelius, **Shawn Adams** as Osric, **Jayson Wellman** as the Player King, **Taylor Lininger** as the Player Queen, **Brooks Mackender** as Lucianus, **Nic Ruby** as the Prologue, **Nathaniel Weber** as the Gravedigger, **Alex Miller** as the Gravedigger's Assistant, **Jacob Trumbo** as the Messenger, **Deron Washington** as the Priest, and **Karl Bradford, Austin Mezzacasa, Mallory Misemer**, and **Kaitlyn Roberts** as members of the court.

Working behind the scenes are Teacher **Todd Schnake** as the director and Teacher **Karla Penechar** as the scenic designer and technical director.

The production assistants for the production are Teacher **Pam Schnake** and district patrons Michael and Kay Connelly. The assistant directors for *Hamlet* are **Alexa**

Finegan, Taylor Lininger, and Aidan Swanson. The stage managers are **Katie Donahoe** and **Michaela Wiehe**.

The master carpenters are **Katie Donahoe, Tony Elleman, Sonia Jacobson, and Megan Segars**. The master electrician is **Allie Kotzias**. The sound engineer is **Marie Whelan**. Props master is **Jacob Trumbo**.

The costume, hair and make-up crew includes **Bridget Hoffman, Megan Settle, Nellie Maple, Aidan Swanson, and Hayley Farrell**.

Reservations

Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office line, 892-3999 extension 2400. Seating is limited so don't wait to reserve your seats. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. Children under 3 will not be admitted into the show, however, free child care will be provided.



'Hamlet'

Rehearsals are under way for the Ray-Pec High School production of "Hamlet." Pictured here is **Hayley Farrell** as Gertrude and **Seth Jones** as Hamlet. Performances will be April 7-10 in the Flex Theatre at Ray-Pec East Middle School.

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2011-2012 Prowlers announced

Congratulations to the 2011-2012 Prowlers dance team.

Seniors will be: **Jessica Gonzalez, Samm Hirt, Hannah Hegarty, Melody Roberts.**

Juniors will be: **Britta Henkle, Sabrina Justesen and Chelsea Shaffer.**

Sophomores will be: **Delaney Ardito, Jenna Hirt, Maci Hodges, Melanie Parker, Shelby Scrivener, and Joy Sharp.**

Freshmen will be: **Alex Lady and Destiny Roberts.**

The Prowlers coach is **Cheryl Gray.**

Eat bratwursts and support Project Grad

The Project Grad Committee is teaming up with Cosentino's Price Chopper in Raymore and Johnsonville to sell Johnsonville brats and hot dogs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 2, and Sunday, April 3. The proceeds will benefit Project Grad and will help pay for the after-graduation party for the Class of 2011.

For more information, or to volunteer to help with this event, contact Donna Wellman at 816-719-6276.

Students invited to explore health careers

Interested in a career in health care? Come spend a morning with health professionals and learn about the options in the health care field.

High school students and their parents are invited to rotate through booths representing a variety of health care career options.

The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Saint Luke's East in Lee's Summit.

The booths will be interactive and will include information regarding educational requirements, the type of student who would do well in the job, and the basic components of each career.

There will also be a presentation by Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Jay Rapley.

To reserve your spot for this event, contact Genera Nyquist at 816-347-4621 or gnyquist@saint-lukes.org.

Former Ray-Pec wrestling coach Paul Barbarick selected for Hall of Fame

Paul Barbarick has been elected into the Missouri Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He is being inducted, along with Terry Clayton, Craig Ewing and Wayne Carder.

Coach Barbarick was the head wrestling coach at Ray-Pec High School for 27 years and led the Panthers to a state title in 1990. He has coached numerous state champions and all-state athletes

One of his state champions, Mark Ellis, has been named the Missouri Wrestling Person of the Year. Mark was a national champion and All-American for the University of Missouri.

The two will be honored on April 10, at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Blue Springs. Tickets to the recognition banquet are \$50, and reservations are required in advance. If interested, contact Mike Hagerty at 816-510-9500 or Dorothy Mayaab at 816-429-5321.

You may also purchase tickets on-line at: <http://mo-nwhof.ticketleap.com>



Illustrator autographs

Thirteen Shull Elementary School students earned a place on the "Twain Team" by reading six books on the 2010-2011 Mark Twain Award Nominee book list. They were rewarded with a trip to the Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. At the festival, the students collected autographs from children authors and illustrators. Here, fourth graders **Kamryn Martin, Gracie Allan, and Megan Strauss** ask illustrator Brad Sneed to autograph books for Shull Elementary.



Peculiar Elementary recognizes students for virtue of self-control

These students at Peculiar Elementary were honored for exhibiting the virtue of self-control during the month of March. In the back row, from left, are: Brooke Sharp, Nicole Wilson, Jolie McClellan, Ashley Loomis and Chloe Kampe. In the middle row are: Shelby Roberson, Gracie Romine, Alex Green, Autumn Webb, Grace Schulze and Jackson Russell. In the front row are: Thomas Fager , Zaden Horn and Kylie Herndon. Not pictured is Amanda Votava.



Accredited with Distinction in Performance

The Raymore-Peculiar School District was recognized for receiving Accreditation with Distinction in Performance by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education during a banquet March 28 at the University of Central Missouri. Receiving the award on behalf of the district was Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, center. Presenting the award were Julie Blaine, left, director of the Central Regional Professional Development Center at UCM; and Ron Wilken, right, Area F supervisor for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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Band Boosters seek donations for event

The Ray-Pec Band Boosters are seeking donations for the Band Extravaganza Silent Auction.

On May 10, the boosters will host the 11th annual Band Extravaganza dinner, silent auction and concert. To donate items for the silent auction, contact Missy Wilson at npswmom95@gmail.com.

Walk for Health

The Ray-Pec School District is forming teams of walkers to participate in the Walk for Health, a benefit for the Research Belton Foundation.

The proceeds help fund scholarships for high school seniors at Ray-Pec, Belton and Grandview high schools. The foundation also funds dental care for children without dental insurance.

The walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at Research Belton Hospital. For information, contact Michele Donahoe at mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us.

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RPHS choirs fare well at contest

Congratulations to Ray-Pec High School choirs on an outstanding performance at the Missouri State High School Activities Association state music festival for choirs on Saturday. Concert Choir and Women's Choir both received 1 (superior) ratings in performance and sight singing.

Men's Choir and Bella Armonia both received 2 (excellent) ratings for performance and sight singing.

The vocal music teacher at Ray-Pec High School is **Roxanne Martin**.

District to offer before/after school child care program in 2011-2012

The district will offer its own before- and after-school child care program for students, beginning Aug. 1.

Currently, the YMCA provides this service at Ray-Pec elementary schools. The YMCA will continue to offer child care through July.

The district's Budget Reduction Process included the suggestion of operating the child care program in-house, rather than through an outside agency. The budget reduction executive committee recommended operation of the child care program as a revenue enhancement item.

A task force has been meeting to research and plan a before- and after-school care program. The district plans to hire a child care program administrator. The district believes that the program will generate more than enough revenue to pay employees, purchase supplies and expenses, and also help contribute to the district's general fund.

More information about the program will be announced over the next several months.

Panther Cub enrollment is April 4-8

Open enrollment for Panther Cub Academy is scheduled for April 4-8. This is the time to enroll children ages 3-5 for summer and fall sessions.

The Panther Cub Academy offers year-round educational experiences for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained. Panther Cub Academy is located on the lower level of Raymore Elementary School at 500 S. Madison St., Raymore.

Panther Cub Academy is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Panther Cub Academy is closed for inclement weather if Ray-Pec schools are closed. It is also closed on specific holidays and Ray-Pec winter break and spring break. Tuition is \$110 per week for full-time status, or \$30 per day with a two-day minimum. A non-refundable enrollment fee of \$40 is required.

Panther Cub Academy provides snacks, but does not provide breakfast or lunch. Children may bring breakfast or lunch, or they can open a lunch account with the school district. When school is not in session, Panther Cub children must bring breakfast and/or lunch.

For more information, contact Director **Marie Davis** at 892-1943 or mdavis@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Ray-Pec symphonic and concert bands earn top ratings at contest

Congratulations to Ray-Pec High School band students for receiving superior ratings at the Large Ensemble Contest March 25 in Pleasant Hill.

The Concert Band, under the direction of **Dillon Jarrett** and **Linda Pierson**, and the Symphonic Band, under the direction of **John Wilson**, both received a 1 (superior) rating. Superior is the highest rating given.

The band staff believes this is the first year the Concert Band has received a 1 rating. This contest was a Missouri State High School Activities Association event.



Speller wins D.C. trip

Congratulations to eighth grader **Andrea Ambam**, who won the Cass County Spelling Bee on March 8. Andrea defeated five other spellers to win the countywide bee on March 8. She will represent Cass County in the national spelling bee June 1-2 in Washington, D.C. Andrea is an eighth grader at Ray-Pec East Middle School. She is pictured with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Kyle.

RP East Middle School band students perform well with solos and ensembles

Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School seventh and eighth grade band students received high marks on March 3 for their solo and small ensemble performances from judges Pam Henry and Marie Roach.

These students received Superior Ratings of I or I-:

Emma Allen – Baritone Solo; **Taylor Byrnes** – Alto Saxophone Solo and Piano Solo; **Paul Fish** – Bass Clarinet Solo; **Ryanne Linn** – Flute Solo; **Alex Taylor** – French Horn Solo; **Toni Trusk** – Piano Solo; **Paul Fish** and **Cameron Leonard** – Bass Clarinet and Clarinet Duet; **Zandri Bredenhand** – Clarinet Solo; **Laura Fambrough** – Flute Solo; **Laura Fambrough** and **Ryanne Linn** – Flute Duet; **Guin Wright** and **Zandri Bredenhand** – Clarinet Duet; **Rebecca Scott** and **Zachary Taylor** – Trumpet Duet; **Emma Allen** (Baritone), **Sawyer Henkle** (Alto Sax), and **Rebecca Scott** (Trumpet) – Mixed Trio; **Tommy Renfro** (Trumpet), **Zach Jungling** (Trumpet), and **Sawyer Henkle** (Alto Sax) – Mixed Trio; **Katie Hatfield**, **Alie Gillespie**, and **Reid Kiger** – Trombone Trio; **Paul Fish** (Bass Clarinet), **Cameron Leonard** (Clarinet), and **Brayden Roberts** (Alto Saxophone) – Mixed Woodwind Trio.

These students received Excellent ratings of II+, II, or II-:

Cameron Leonard – Clarinet Solo; **Zachary Taylor** – Trumpet Solo; **Megan Theel** – Flute Solo; **Sean Thomas** – Percussion Solo; **Toni Trusk** (Clarinet), **Shelby Bates** (Baritone), and **Melissa Becker** (Flute) – Mixed Trio; **Makayla McIntosh** – Bassoon Solo; **Zandri Bredenhand** (Clarinet), **Guin Wright** (Clarinet), **Emily Tribolet** (Flute), **Autumn Green** (Flute) – Mixed Woodwind Trio; **Ryan Sexton** and **James Russell** – Percussion Duet; **Ashley Enyeart** (Clarinet), **Kelci Peter** (Clarinet), and **Natalie Van Horn** (Flute); and **Addie Schwartzman** (Clarinet) and **Rachel Pope** (Flute) – Woodwind Duet.



Learning Team award

The Missouri Staff Development Council selected the Ray-Pec School District Grade Level Vertical Team as its 2011 Outstanding Professional Learning Team. The award was presented during the MSDC annual conference March 13-15 in Branson. In attendance to accept the award, from left, are: **Dr. Kevin Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; **Karen Hurst**, Director of K-6 Curriculum and Assessment; Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**; **Tammy Novak**, computer teacher at Peculiar Elementary School; and **Al Voelker**, principal of Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. The Grade Level Vertical Team includes about 100 teachers from kindergarten through high school. The team is now working to align grade level or course level expectations with the essential understandings. To read more, go to www.raypec.k12.mo.us and select "Departments" and "Instruction and Student Achievement."

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Spring Fling 5K

On Saturday, April 9, the Ray-Pec High School Cross Country Team is sponsoring the Spring Fling 5k walk/run. It will start and finish at Ray-Pec stadium. This fast, flat and closed course will wind through the roads on our campus.

Awards will be given to the overall winner of each race, and there will be recognition to the top three in each age group.

Registration is open to the first 300 entrants. For more information, visit: www.raypecCC.com. To register online, visit: <http://www.active.com/running/peculiar-mo/spring-fling-5k-2011>.

Charming Charlie event for band booster

The Ray-Pec Band Boosters are hosting a Charming Evening at Charming Charlie from 6 to 8 p.m. April 10. Charming Charlie is a women's fashion accessories store at 840 NW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit.

You can use a coupon good for 20 percent off your purchases. There will also be door prizes. There is a \$5 per person entry fee. Children age 4 and younger will be admitted free. (The entry fees will go to support the Ray-Pec High School band program.) To print a copy of the coupon, go to: www.raypecband.org.

Learn about financial aspects of post-high school education

Parents: Are you planning for your child to attend college or technical school after high school? Would you like to learn more about the financial aspects of education after high school? The Raymore-Peculiar High School counseling program is hosting a panel of financial experts on this topic. The information will specifically cover how parents of elementary and middle school students can financially prepare for college and technical schools. This event will be at 7 p.m. April 11 in the patio commons of the south high school building. To have adequate materials, please RSVP to Counselor Rachel Hagelin at rhagelin@raypec.k12.mo.us by April 8 if you plan to attend.

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School Board approves 2011-2012 calendar

The board of education has approved the 2011-2012 calendar. It is also posted on the district web site at: www.raypec.k12.mo.us.

The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Congratulations

High School Senior **Paige Peterson** was recently selected to the Suburban Big 6 All Conference Girls Basketball first team and to the District 13 - First team. Paige led Ray-Pec's team in scoring and rebounding. She is the daughter of **Kathy Peterson**, attendance secretary at the south high school building.

Congratulations

JoEllen Flanagan, a 2007 Ray-Pec graduate and student at Truman State University, was selected to serve as a Missouri Government Intern this spring. She is spending the semester in Jefferson City earning up to 15 hours of college credit while working with a legislator, public official or state agency.

JoEllen was also named to the 2010-2011 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She is majoring in political science. JoEllen is the daughter of **JoLynne Flanagan**, counselor at Stonegate Elementary School.

Raymore Lions to award three scholarships

Attention high school seniors: The Raymore Lions Club plans to award three \$2,000 scholarships this year. Applications are available in the high school counseling office. The application deadline is April 15.

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Forensics and debate events

Students qualify for state and nationals

Congratulations to Ray-Pec forensics and debate students for excellent performances at National Forensic League (NFL) district competition.

These students qualified for national competition:

- In duo interpretation, **Hayley Farrell** and **Todd Bowles** qualified doing "Dead Man Walking" and **Bridget Hoffman** and **Dane Schnake** qualified doing "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza."
- In dramatic interpretation, **Hayley Farrell** qualified doing "A Widow's Walk" and **Bobby Turnbough** qualified doing "And Then They Came for Me."
- **Heather Dyreng** qualified in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Also placing at NFL districts, but not qualifying for national competition, were: **Dane Schnake**, who placed sixth in humorous interpretation; **Heather Dyreng**, who placed fifth in international extemporaneous speaking; **Nick Wilson** and **Josh Perfect**, who placed fourth in policy debate; and **Makayla Dunscombe** and **Jordan Froscher**, who placed seventh in policy debate

Ray-Pec students also competed at the Missouri State High School Activities Association districts, which is the competition that qualifies students for the state tournament. The top two in the one-act play and readers theatre and the top four places in individual events qualify for state.

Ray-Pec's one-act play "An Echo of Wings" won the district championship. The readers theatre piece "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" also won the district championship. **Dane Schnake** won the district championship in storytelling. **Hayley Farrell** qualified in dramatic interpretation. **Dane Schnake** qualified in humorous interpretation.

Also placing at MSHSAA Districts, but not qualifying for state, were: **Heather Dyreng**, who placed sixth in extemporaneous speaking; **Rodney McDuffie** and **Jack Renfow**, who placed fourth in public forum debate; and **Brooks Mackender**, who placed seventh in radio speaking.



Science Club

Students at Raymore Elementary School participate in the school's third after-school Science Club event on Feb. 28. Led by parents Dr. Joanna Clark and Allison Scott (Scott is also the school's Focus Teacher), more than 100 K-4 students participated in hands-on science activities, including one titled "Dirty Diaper!" Many additional parent and staff volunteers led small groups of students as they conducted the experiments. Two more Science Club sessions are planned for second semester. This joint effort between parents and staff seek to inspire student's love of science by modeling the scientific process through engaging, hands-on activities.



Dr. Seuss's birthday

Darla Barnes was dressed for the occasion as Stonegate Elementary celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. Read Across America is an annual reading program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss's birthday. It focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read and to help them master basic reading skills.

Read Across America

These students were dressed as characters from Dr. Seuss books as Stonegate Elementary celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2. Pictured from left, are: **Eden Craig, Ella Schnake** and **Jillian Humke**. Read Across America is an annual reading program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss's birthday.



Peculiar Elementary recognizes students for virtue of honesty

Peculiar Elementary School honored students who exhibited the virtue of kindness during the month of February. In the back row, from left, are: **Taylor Bates, Madelyn Zalewski, Lillie Ausmer, Zach Aswegan,** and **Madison Vogt**. In the middle row are: **Billy Blurton, Alexandra Feedback, Christopher Elliott,** and **Tatum West**. In the front row are: **Kenny McDermed, Dawson Jones, Jesse Beneke** and **Rylee Stewart**.

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Youth wrestlers qualify for state tournament

Congratulations to these Ray-Pec youth wrestlers for qualifying for the 2011 state tournament March 26 at the Hearnes Center in Columbia. 8U: Joe Tusa, Matthew Quest, Coleton McElliott, Garrett LaBelle, Tyson King, Alex Shelton, Guinness Taylor and Major Loftin. 10U: Tayc Vansickel, Drew Deer, Wyatt Quest, Tyler Wagner, Ethan Danner, Clint Herrick and Adam Herrick. 12U: Cameron Valdiviez, Colin Valdiviez, Justin Diaz, Mason Pratt, Ethan Nielsen, Ty Vansickel, Sam Hampton, Braden Danner, Grant Ardito, Kane Kaiser and Logan Campos. 14U: Miles Robinson, Kurt Kaiser, Bradley Loveland, Jacob Paddock, Alex Vestal, Dakota Cornelius, Ech DeMaranville, William Crotty, Bailey Carlson and TJ Hutton.



Minute-to-Win-It Night

Peculiar Elementary School students **Dawson Jones** and **Mackynzie Jones** are trying to balance dice on a stick during the school's Minute-to-Win-It Night. Students tried challenging activities as they compete for prizes. The two big winners were **Bryce Brown** and **Makia English**, each of whom won a bicycle.



Eagle Glen collected items for soldiers

Eagle Glen Student Council members and teachers collected items to send to a troop of soldiers in Afghanistan. Goodies such as beef jerky, cookies, and candy were donated to help brighten their day. Also, Student Council sponsored a hat day at Eagle Glen to raise money for postage to send the packages overseas. The event raised more than \$150.

Lisa Hatfield to be new HR Director

Lisa Hatfield will be the new Director of Human Resources for the Ray-Pec School District, effective July 1.

Lisa is currently the principal at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Currently, **Dr. Terri Jamison** is the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. She is retiring at the end of this school year.

Lisa has been principal at Eagle Glen since fall 2005. From 2003-2005, she was a teacher at Eagle Glen. From 2000-2003, she was a teacher at Shull Sixth Grade Center.

Before coming to Ray-Pec, Lisa was a teacher at Smith-Hale Middle School in the Hickman Mills School District.

Lisa received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1994 from Avila University. She earned a master's degree in elementary/middle school administration from Central Missouri State University and her education specialist degree in superintendency from William Woods University. She is currently working toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership.

Lisa's husband, Steve, is a teacher at Ray-Pec High School. They have two children, Katie and Garrett, who both attend Ray-Pec schools.



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Youth wrestlers qualify for state tournament

Congratulations to these Ray-Pec youth wrestlers for qualifying for the 2011 state tournament March 26 at the Hearnes Center in Columbia.

8U: Joe Tusa, Matthew Quest, Coleton McElliott, Garrett LaBelle, Tyson King, Alex Shelton, Guinness Taylor and Major Loftin.

10U: Tauc Vansickel, Drew Deer, Wyatt Quest, Tyler Wagner, Ethan Danner, Clint Herrick and Adam Herrick.

12U: Cameron Valdiviez, Colin Valdiviez, Justin Diaz, Mason Pratt, Ethan Nielsen, Ty Vansickel, Sam Hampton, Braden Danner, Grant Ardito, Kane Kaiser and Logan Campos.

14U: Miles Robinson, Kurt Kaiser, Bradley Loveland, Jacob Paddock, Alex Vestal, Dakota Cornelius, Ech DeMaranville, William Crotty, Bailey Carlson and TJ Hutton.



Battle of the Belts

Raymore-Peculiar High School placed third out of 21 schools in the Missouri Battle of the Belts. The Missouri Department of Transportation on March 23 presented the Alternative Impact/Students Against Destructive Decisions Club with a trophy and a banner. A.I. conducted a surprise safety belt survey on Nov. 2, 2010. For two weeks, the club distributed information using posters, announcements and videos throughout the school. On Nov. 19, 2010, another surprise safety belt survey was conducted. Results showed that 91 percent of the students wear their seatbelts. School Resource Officer **Audra Ayers** and Club Sponsors **Tina Fultz** and **Adam Bozarth**, along with five A.I. members, **Kala Johnson**, **Alex Kranz**, **Natalie Conner**, **KeiAuna Clay** and **Jerry Morgan**, conducted the surveys to note the number of drivers and passengers wearing their seat belts. Mrs. Fultz, far right, is pictured here with the five students.



Kiley Lopez

Fifth grader wins \$100 Wal-Mart gift card

Fifth grader **Kiley Lopez**, 11, won a \$100 gift card to Wal-Mart during an assembly on Feb. 25 at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. School Resource Officer **Audra Ayers** and Principal **Al Voelker** drew Kiley's name from a pool of students who were eligible for the good behavior/good attendance incentive program for the first half of the school year. There will be another drawing at the end of the school year. The Raymore Wal-Mart store donated the gift card.

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Peculiar sets April 7 McTeacher Night

Peculiar Elementary will host a McTeacher's night from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Raymore McDonald's, 1120 W. Foxwood Dr. The school will receive a portion of all dine in and drive through sales. For information, contact Kim McCauley at kimmcc@fairpoint.net.

Raymore raises \$1,056 in Pennies for Patients

Raymore Elementary School participated in the Pennies for Patients campaign, which benefits The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The school conducted the campaign during February with a goal of raising \$350. The school raised \$1,056.45.

As part of the campaign, the school incorporated its character education program traits for February -- action and determination. Students were encouraged to take action and give back to the community and to show determination by setting a goal and not giving up.

One of the special days was: "Team Up Against Leukemia" Day, which represented the whole school working as a "team" to help those in need. The students were encouraged to wear team sportswear to school. If the school raised at least \$350, all students would get a piece of gum to chew at school representing "Sticking together to help others!"

The project was a successful service learning opportunity.

Project Grad announces Mouse Race fundraiser

You are invited to a Mouse Race from 7 to 9 p.m. April 16 at St. Sabina's Catholic Church in Belton. To attend, you must be 21 years old or older. Admission is a \$5 donation.

This fundraiser for Project Graduation is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Project Grad Committee is also seeking sponsors for each race (\$100 to \$200). You can also sponsor and name a mouse for \$20. A sponsor who donates \$200 will also be a cart sponsor at the April 29 golf tournament.

For more information, contact Paul Tranovich at 816-322-9326.

Work to continue through 2011-2012

District begins process to revise CSIP

As part of Ray-Pec's continuous improvement process, work is under way to revise and enhance the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Over the course of the next 12 to 18 months, the revision process will include input from a wide array of district stakeholders.

Spring semester 2011

- The district's mission statement will be reviewed so that district stakeholders can make important personal connections about why we exist as a professional learning community.
- The district will draft a vision statement that describes who we hope to become as a district over the next five years.
- The district will take agreed-upon values that will be written into collective commitments. This is part of an effort to clearly communicate what the adults in the district are willing to do to help students achieve success at the highest levels possible.

2011-2012 school year

The district will use the Malcolm Baldrige/Missouri Quality Award performance excellence criteria to revise and improve the district's CSIP by doing the following:

- Continue to work on goal-setting by developing SMARTer goals. SMART goals are: S=Specific; M=Measurable; A=Attainable; R=Results focused; and T=Time bound.

- Work to develop better measures to identify successful practices and

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Data presentation

Karen Hurst, Director of K-6 Curriculum and Instruction, was a presenter at the Missouri Staff Development Council annual conference March 13-15 in Branson. She talked about using data to drive good decisions and instruction.

District begins process to revise CSIP

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programs within the district so that they can be shared and implemented across all schools.

- Revise the current program evaluation procedures to more thoroughly analyze what is working and what is not working. Program evaluations take place each month at the board of education meetings.

The Malcolm Baldrige/Missouri Quality Award will help evaluate the performance of the district in these areas:

- Leadership
- Strategic planning
- Customer service
- Measurement, analysis and knowledge management
- Workforce focus
- Process management
- Results

The work has already begun

On Jan. 27, approximately 50 parents, students, teachers, principals and district leaders met as part of the Ray-Pec Student Success Council. The council, formed in 2005-2006, meets three times each year to provide input on instruction and student achievement matters and to review the CSIP. Participants on Jan. 27 participated in a five-step process to review the district's mission and to begin the development of the district vision and collective commitments.

Since then, staff meetings have taken place at many of the district's schools and at the Administrative Services Center to go through the same process.

Frequently asked questions about the CSIP

• Why do we have a CSIP?

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires the district to develop a strategic plan called a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Organizations that improve and obtain better results have a strategic plan that guides decisions and measures success.

• Why revise the CSIP now?

The district is required to review the CSIP annually. The district is in a constant state of improvement. The district is seeking to focus its efforts with dwindling and limited resources.

• What stakeholders will be involved in the revision process?

Students, teachers, parents, community members, principals, district leaders and members of the board of education. The board of education will ultimately approve the revised CSIP in June-August 2012.

• How can I stay updated about the CSIP revision process?

The district plans to provide a CSIP link on the web site that will keep stakeholders informed of the revision process through completion.

• How can I provide input, despite my busy schedule?

Watch for timely updates and opportunities for input through the district's web site. Attend meetings that will take place over the next 12 to 18 months.

If you are interested in assisting the district in the CSIP revision process, please contact **Dr. Kevin Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, at: kdaniel@raypec.k12.mo.us.

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8th graders can earn credit for Algebra I

The board of education at its Feb. 22 meeting approved a proposal to allow students who take Algebra I in the eighth grade to receive a high school credit for the class, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. The credit will not be awarded until the student completes three full math credits during high school (grades 9-12). For information, go to: www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs and then select the Feb. 22 regular meeting.

Softball players receive All-State recognition

Four Ray-Pec High School students received Academic All-State recognition for softball for the 2010 season: **Jordan Bradshaw**, first team; **Rachel McKinzie**, first team; **Bridgette Sappington**, first team; and **Bekah Mueller**, second team.

To qualify for the first team recognition, the student-athlete had to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.88-4.0 after the fall semester. For the second team recognition, the GPA requirement was 3.75-3.87, while also earning a varsity letter.

Students participate in Princess Di exhibit

Ray-Pec High Senior **Ethan Morgan** and Junior **Luke Balsiger** played the trumpet fanfare introducing the Princess Diana exhibit March 3 at Union Station.

Thanks to volunteers for Physical Night help

Ray-Pec athletics thanks the many coaches and volunteers who participated in the 2011 physical night on Feb. 28. More than 300 student athletes received physicals during the event. Doctors who participated were: Dr. Gassman, Dr. Olson, Dr. Bradley, Dr. Brewster, Dr. Cantrell, Dr. Chrisjohn, and Dr. Williams. Thanks also to the EMTs from the West Peculiar Fire Protection District and physical therapists Al Klein and Edward Delaney. Seven Ray-Pec School District nurses also volunteered their time: Lynn Davidson, Annie Settle, Patty DiMarco, Amy Riley, Marny Robinson, Penny Scott, and Jamie Bogner.

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Prowlers win awards

Congratulations to the Ray-Pec High School Prowlers Dance team, which placed first for its prop routine and third for its mix routine at the Missouri State Dance competition Feb. 26 in St. Louis.

Golf for Project Grad

The Ray-Pec Project Grad Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, April 29, at Deer Creek Golf Club. Registration begins at noon, and there will be a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start for the four-person scramble. The fee is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. This includes green fees, cart and dinner. There will be prizes for first and second place in both the A and B flights. There will also be prizes for the longest drive, most accurate drive, longest putt, hole-in-one, and closest to the pin.

For more information, contact Paul Tranovich at 816-322-9326 or check out the Project Grad link on the Ray-Pec web site under Ray-Pec High School.

Baccalaureate set for May 15 for Class of 2011

The baccalaureate for the Class of 2011 is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, located at M-58 and Johnston Parkway, Raymore. Baccalaureate is a religious ceremony honoring the graduates. The ceremony typically includes an address to the senior class. For more information, contact **Pam Hecker** at 816-510-7085 or 816-892-1750.

Superintendent's Blog

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** has a blog. A blog is an online journal, or "web log." To read Dr. Kyle's blog, go to the district web site: www.raypec.k12.mo.us. There is a link on the left side of the home page for "Superintendent's Blog."

Eurotrip 2012

Have you always wanted to travel to France and Spain? Here's your chance! A trip to Paris, Provence, Madrid and Barcelona is being planned for the summer of 2012. For more information, contact Teacher **Valerie Green** at vgreen@raypec.k12.mo.us.



VIP Breakfast

The Raymore Elementary School PTA hosted a VIP breakfast from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Friday, March 4, in the school's gym. The menu included pancakes and sausage, coffee and milk. Approximately 250 parents and students attended the event, which was chaired by PTA Vice President Rustalyn Kirchhoff. Raymore staff and PTA members helped in setting up, serving and cleaning up after the event. Here, Custodian **Larry Dial** visits with family members as he helps clean up during the breakfast.



Helping at Harvesters

Members of the Cass County Association of Educational Office Professionals helped at Harvesters Community Food Network on Saturday, Feb. 26. The organization plans several service projects each year. Pictured above left is **Belinda Redwing**, secretary at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Pictured above right is **Leanne Dial**, administrative assistant for the Ray-Pec Human Resources Department. The group learned that 76 percent of Harvester's work force is volunteer. The organization is always seeking additional individuals or groups to help.

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Phone numbers, email for Ray-Pec staff

Have you every had difficulty finding a telephone number or email address for a teacher or Ray-Pec staff member? A listing is now posted on the Ray-Pec web site. An easy way to access the list is to go to the web site:

www.raypec.k12.mo.us

and then select "For Parents." You will see a link to the staff phone numbers at the bottom of the list.

For all numbers, use the 816 area code.

Most of the Ray-Pec phone numbers (except for Ray-Pec East Middle School) use the 892 prefix.

Follow these instructions:

- You may directly dial the numbers that begin with a "1" by using the 892 prefix.
- You may directly dial the numbers that begin with a "4" by using the 388 prefix.
- The numbers starting with a "2" or a "7" are voice mailboxes. You must call 892-3999 and then enter the voice mail number to leave a message.

Birthday greetings

You can now have happy birthday greetings placed on the large lighted marquee sign in front of the Ray-Pec High School south building. The cost is \$5, and payment must be received at least one week before the birthday.

The \$5 payment may be sent to **Dianne Harmon** at the high school. Names will be listed on the actual birthday only. Proceeds will help support student activities. For more information, you may contact Dianne Harmon at: dharmon@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Recycling program

Recycling bins are now available throughout the school district. Items for recycling may be commingled in the containers. The bins may be used for paper, cardboard, and plastic. Glass is not accepted at this time. Smaller bins are placed in classrooms and offices, and larger bins are available in cafeterias and other locations.



RPEMS eighth grade Students of the Month

Here are the eighth grade Students of the Month for February at Ray-Pec East Middle School. In the front row, from left, are: Logan VanWinkle, Erin Becker, and Quincy Martin. In the second row from left: Demi Thomas, Alex Demers and Sam Bruno. In the third row from left: Cole Keiper, Morgan Wilson and Makayla McIntosh. In the top row from the left: Colyn Brackhahn, Jordan Little and Thomas Davis.



RPEMS seventh grade Students of the Month

Here are the seventh grade Students of the Month for February at Ray-Pec East Middle School. In the front row, from left, are: Emiy Denney and Kevin Russo. In the second row from left: Darby Webb, Tre' Vionne Wilson and Rainey Stoll. In the third row from left: Matalin Barberis, Dylan Cambron and Logan McCoun.. In the top row from the left: Addison Crabtree, Noah Martin and Jachob Driver. Not pictured is Abbigail Dorrell.

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Job openings

Employment opportunities in the School District are posted at the Administrative Services Center and on the district web site at: www.raypec.k12.mo.us.

If interested in a position, obtain an application in person or on-line, complete it, and submit it to: Ray-Pec Schools Human Resources, 21005 S. School Rd., P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, Mo. 64078.

You may also sign up via the web site to be notified when job openings are posted.

Parent Portal

Attention parents: You can electronically update information on file with the school district using Parent Portal.

After logging into Parent Portal, the screen that appears lists the current information and allows you to enter any needed changes. Once you have entered the changes, click the "Submit changes" button to send the changes to the district for approval.

You can enter phone numbers, emergency contacts, and other information for students. If you don't yet have access to Parent Portal, contact your child's school to complete a sign-up form.

Panther Market

Are you interested in some Ray-Pec or Panther apparel or gift items? Check out the Ray-Pec High School Panther Market. See the latest offerings, plus some clearance items, at: www.raypec.k12.mo.us/panthermarket.

You can follow Ray-Pec news on Twitter

You can view Ray-Pec information and become a follower of Ray-Pec School District news updates by clicking on "join today" at <http://twitter.com/raypec>.

To learn more about Twitter, visit www.twitter.com. You can create an

account and view a video. Twitter is a free online service.

Through Twitter, users may update family, friends or professional peers in short messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.



Rotary Club March Student of the Month

Todd Goffoy, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club congratulates Senior **Hannah Redding**, who was honored as the club's Ray-Pec High School Student of the Month for March. Each month, the club honors a student from Belton High School and a student from Ray-Pec High School.



Children's Literature Festival

Brenda Sehorn, library media specialist at Stonegate Elementary School, standing at right, took 16 fourth graders on a trip March 21 to the Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg. These students read at least six of the Mark Twain nominated books for 2010-2011. They met authors N. A. Nelson, Roland Smith, Mary Downing Hahn and Vivian Vande Velde.

Standard Complaint Resolution Procedure for Improving America's Schools Act Programs

This complaint resolution procedure applies to all programs administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

A complaint is a formal allegation that a specific federal or state law or regulation has been violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted by school district personnel or by Department of Education personnel.

Any parent or guardian, surrogate parent, teacher, administrator, school board member, or other person directly involved with an activity, program, or project operated under the general supervision of the Department may file a complaint. Such a complaint must be in writing and signed; it will provide specific details of the situation and indicate the law or regulation that is allegedly being violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted.

The written, signed complaint must be filed and the resolution pursued in accordance with local district policy: The Board recognizes that situations of concern to parents/guardians or the public may arise in the operation of the district. Such concerns are best resolved through communication with the appropriate staff members and officers of the school district, such as the faculty, the principals, the Superintendent or the Board.

The following steps are proper procedures to be followed by persons with questions or complaints regarding the operation of the school district:

Matters concerning individual students should first be addressed to the teacher.

Unsettled matters from (1) above, or problems and questions concerning individual schools, should be directed to the principal of the school.

Unsettled matters from (2) above, or problems and questions concerning individual schools, should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent.

Unsettled matters from (3) above, or problems and questions concerning the school district, should be directed to the Superintendent.

If the matter cannot be settled satisfactorily by the Superintendent, it should be brought to the Board of Education. Questions and comments submitted to the secretary of the Board in letter form will be brought to the attention of the entire Board. If necessary, a Board hearing will be scheduled to resolve the complaint. However, the decision of the Board shall be final.

The Board considers it the obligation of the professional and support staff of the district to field the questions of parents/guardians or the public.

If the issue cannot be resolved at the local level, the complainant may file a complaint with the Missouri Department of Education. If there is no evidence that the parties have attempted in good faith to resolve the complaint at the local level, the Department may require the parties to do so and may provide technical assistance to facilitate such resolution.

Any persons directly affected by the actions of the Department may file a similarly written complaint if they believe state or federal laws or regulations have been violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted by the Department itself.

Anyone wishing more information about this procedure or how complaints are resolved may contact local district or Department personnel.

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Activity telephone line

Call 892-3988 for daily activities and sports information updates and cancellations. Call after 1 p.m. for weather-related cancellations.



Text messages

To sign up for text message alerts from the School District, visit the district web site at: www.raypec.k12.mo.us

There is a link on the left side.

Each subscriber must self-enroll and submit an authorization code that will be provided during the enrollment process. Allen Bank and Trust of Raymore is sponsoring the service.

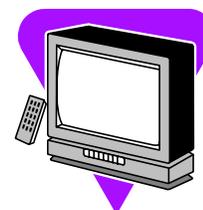
RP Update

To receive e-mail news from the school district, send a message to: rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us. In the body of the message, type "Subscribe RP Update." You may enroll yourself by following a link at: www.raypec.k12.mo.us



Program presentation

Dr. Kevin Daniel, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, was a presenter at the Missouri Staff Development Council annual conference March 13-15 in Branson. He talked about educating students from poverty or disadvantaged backgrounds.



*For more news and information
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check out:*

Comcast Cable Channel 15

*and our web site at:
www.raypec.k12.mo.us*



Raymore-Peculiar School District Public Notices

Children with Disabilities

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include: autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness, and young child with a developmental delay.

Raymore-Peculiar School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State of Missouri in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program. Raymore-Peculiar School District assures personally identifiable information collected, used or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Raymore-Peculiar School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District, Administrative Services Center, 21005 School Road, Peculiar, Missouri, 816-892-1300, during business hours.

This notice will be provided in native languages as appropriate.

Americans with Disabilities Act

It is the policy of the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District to make our services, facilities, programs and accommodations accessible to all individuals, including individuals with disabilities. The District continues to upgrade its facilities in accordance with its ADA Transition Plans.

If a disability prevents you from fully using our facilities or enjoying our services and programs, we would like your input and ideas on how we can better serve you.

Please direct your input in writing to:

ADA Coordinator, Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District
P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078

Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title XI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, P.L. 93-112, and Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations hereunder, it is the policy of the Ray-Pec School District that no person shall, because of age, sex, race, disability or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any district education program or activity, including employment. Written policies about the rights and responsibilities of employees and students are available for inspection at the district's administrative offices. Inquiries about protection against discrimination under the above-named acts may be directed in writing to: Director of Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078.

Notification of Asbestos Plans

Asbestos Management Plans for the Raymore-Peculiar School District include two components: a general plan for the entire district and a specific plan for each school. The entire plan is located at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar, MO 64078. Each school office has a copy of plans for that school. Plans may be viewed during regular business hours. To view plans, make an appointment with the Asbestos Program Manager at least one (1) working day in advance. Any request to view the plan must be honored by the Asbestos Program Manager within five (5) working days of the receipt of such request. Document copies are available from the Administrative Services Center at a cost of 25 cents per page.



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