



## *Award honors professional development*

### **District wins statewide award**

The Ray-Pec School District is the winner of the 2012 Missouri Commissioner's Award for High Quality Professional Development.

A site team that visited the district Jan. 13 commended Ray-Pec for its Professional Learning Community (PLC) heritage. It also praised the district's efforts to connect professional development work toward answering the four questions of a PLC:

1. What do we expect each student to be able to know and do?
2. How will we know when they have learned it?
3. What will we do when students are not learning or being successful?
4. What will we do when students already know it?

The site team noted strengths in developing staff in the areas of assessment, collaboration and data analysis. The team also cited as a strength the student achievement growth over the past three years during a time when funding has dropped and diversity and poverty levels among students have grown.

The district will be honored at the annual Missouri Staff Development Council's Show-Me Professional Development Conference March 11-13.



### **Powerful Learning Conference**

High school chemistry teachers Patrick Hemmingsen and Stephanie Deiker-Blanchard were among Ray-Pec presenters at the Missouri Powerful Learning Conference Jan. 30-31 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. (More information will be included in the next newsletter.)

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*The Raymore-Peculiar School District is a community of learners partnering to:  
 maximize each student's achievement,  
 encourage lifelong learning, and  
 develop productive citizens.*

### **School board to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7**

The Ray-Pec Board of Education is scheduled to meet for a budget work session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar. The meeting is open to the public.

This is a special meeting. The regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23.

### **Five candidates file for school board election**

Five candidates have filed for two school board seats up for election on April 3, 2012. The seats are currently held by **David Crabtree** and **Dana Hille**.

The candidates are:

- Dana Hille, Raymore
- Rich Bartow, Raymore
- Scott Bruegge, Raymore
- Matthew Johnson, Raymore
- Maria Cannova Davies, Raymore

School board members serve three-year terms. Each year, two or three seats on the board of education are up for election.

### **Early release Feb. 16, no school Feb. 17 and 20**

Ray-Pec schools will dismiss early on Thursday, Feb. 16.

School will not be in session on Friday, Feb. 17, to allow staff to participate in planned professional development activities.

School will not be in session on Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Presidents Day.

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## Singing at Feb. 4 Mavericks game

The Ray-Pec East Middle School Blue Notes choir is scheduled to sing the National Anthem before the 7:05 p.m. start of the Feb. 4 Mavericks hockey game.

## Prowlers to conduct advanced clinic

So you want to be a Prowler? Dancers in grades 6-11 who are interested in trying out for the high school dance team in the next few years are invited to attend an advanced clinic to learn the skills and styles required to be on the Ray-Pec Prowlers dance team. Attendance is not required for try-outs. Clinics will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 9 and March 8 in the south high school gym. Cost will be \$20 for one clinic or \$30 for both. Register by emailing Coach Cheryl Gray at [cgray@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:cgray@raypec.k12.mo.us). Payment can be made at the door.

## Firm hired for demographic study

The board of education on Jan. 26 approved hiring RSP and Associates of Overland Park, Kan., to conduct a demographic analysis student and enrollment projection for the school district. The district requested proposals and conducted interviews with three firms. The estimated cost is \$19,500.

## Sympathy notice: Luke Swearingin

Eighth grader **Luke Swearingin** passed away Jan. 17 after being transported to the hospital. Luke was in class at Ray-Pec East Middle School when he collapsed. Middle school staff immediately began CPR, which continued until emergency medical personnel arrived. He was transported to the hospital and passed away a short time later.

Students and staff were shocked and deeply saddened by this morning's events. Substitute teachers arrived at the middle school to cover classes for the teachers and paraprofessional who administered aid to Luke. District school psychologists and additional counselors responded to the middle school to support staff and Luke's classmates that day and the rest of the week. Staff and students were notified of Luke's passing that afternoon. Middle school parents were also notified by a School Messenger telephone call.

The district extends sympathy to Luke's family and friends. The visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 20, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Raymore. A memorial service followed the visitation. A private graveside ceremony was Jan. 21.

A fund has been established at Hawthorn Bank to help the Swearingin family with Luke's funeral expenses. You may make contributions to: Luke's Memorial Fund, Hawthorn Bank, 8127 E. 171st St., Belton, MO 64012. Mail contributions to Hawthorn Bank, P.O. Box 710, Belton, MO 64012.

### 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.



## Raymore Chamber of Commerce names Dr. Kyle as Person of the Year

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, at left, was honored on Jan. 24 as the Raymore Chamber of Commerce 2011 Person of the Year. He is pictured with Janelle Biernbaum, director of business development for Research Belton Hospital, and past recipient of the award. She nominated Dr. Kyle for the award, which the chamber presents annually to an individual who has an exemplary record of support and service to the community of Raymore and the Raymore Chamber of Commerce.

Biernbaum commended Dr. Kyle for his efforts to build partnerships with the Chamber, the City of Raymore, the school district, the local hospital, and other local and state entities in order to help attract new businesses, new physicians and dentists, educators, and new families to our community even during difficult economic times.

She praised his positive attitude, and said that his calm and professional demeanor are an asset to our community. She cited Dr. Kyle's involvement in charitable endeavors, including the Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics; and the Walk for Health to benefit the Research Belton Foundation. He helps with the Chamber's fundraising projects, including Raymore Day at the K and by serving as emcee for the annual pumpkin auction.

She told how Dr. Kyle takes a photo with each kindergarten student on the first day of school, and then sends the photo and a letter to the student's parents. He serves as a mentor for other new school district superintendents. He has served as President of the Greater Kansas City School Administrators Association. He also serves on the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation and has been vice president of that organization, and has served as president of the Research Belton Hospital Board of Trustees. He is currently vice president of the Raymore Chamber of Commerce.

# Ray-Pec High School to present musical comedy 'Legally Blonde' Feb. 9-12

The Raymore-Peculiar High School Fine Arts Department announces its upcoming production of the new musical comedy *Legally Blonde the Musical*. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9; Friday, Feb. 10; and Saturday, Feb. 11; and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12; in the Academy Theatre at Ray-Pec High School.

*Legally Blonde the Musical* is based on the movie of the same name. It tells the story of Elle Woods, a young woman who won't take no for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone more "serious," she takes off for Harvard Law School to show him just how serious she can be. Along the way Elle finds that she must stay true to herself even as she fights against the assumptions people make about her because of her blonde hair.

Opening in 2007, the show earned seven Tony and ten Drama Desk Award nominations and won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Musical. With infectious pop music and a funny book, *Legally Blonde* is truly a crowd-pleasing musical.

## Cast

The cast includes Nellie Maple as Elle Woods, Alden Stockam as Emmett, Abby Hockett as Vivienne, Haley Crane as Paulette, Hayley Farrell as Brooke, Josh Wagner as Warner, Dane Schnake as Callahan, Logan Schoessel as Margot, Britta Henkle as Serena, Joy Sharp as Pilar, Meghan Duane as Enid, and Brooks Mackender as Kyle.

Also appearing in the show are Tatum Branson, Savon Brown, Kim Lancaster, Madilynn Mansur, Lauren Vanatter, Zhahn Gonzalez, Katlyn Rushin, Thomas Davis, Megan Settle, Robert Smith, Nathaniel Weber, Nic Ruby, Dalton Shumaker, Sawyer Henkle, Omari Collins, Jamie Berry, Austin Loar, Karl Bradford, Emily Tranovich, Alyssa Moore, Abby Beck, Mallory Misemer, Lauren Ellsworth, Audrey Cetto, Bobby Turnbough, Andrea Ambam, Jenna Wellman, Madelon Wink, Cameron Austin, Kris Hudson, Larry Maddox, Cassandra Hoydal, Morgan Shea Lyle, Simone Rall, Kylee Reichman, Liesa Stangenberg, Morgan Elliot, Dakota Leimkuhler, and Taylor Daniels.

## Crew

Working behind the scenes are Teacher Todd Schnake as the director, Teacher Roxanne Martin as the music director, Teacher Karla Penechar as the scenic designer and technical director, and Teacher Pam Schnake, and district patrons Michael Connelly and Kay Connelly as production assistants.

Choreographers include Treva Farrell, Charissa Orstad, and Julie Deluca. The assistant directors for *Legally*

*Blonde the Musical* are Emma Howlett, Frida Johanson, Brook Purvis, Delaney Swanson and Michaela Wiehe, The stage managers are Morgan Shea Lyle and Michaela Wiehe. The master carpenters are Gabriella Benson, Allie Kotzias, Dylan Powell, and Austin Mezzacasa. The master electrician is Allie Kotzias. The sound engineer is Zach Taylor. Props masters are Nic Ruby and Sonia Jacobson. The costume, hair and make up crew chief is Bracie Bradford. Also working on the costumes are Jamie Berry, Allie Gillespie, Nellie Maple, Jazmine Nissanka, Autumn Perry, Brook Purvis, Logan Schoessel, Dalton Shumaker, Becka Stephens, Delaney Swanson.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office line, 892-3999, extension 2400. The reservation line will open to the public on Monday, Jan. 30. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students. Free child care will be provided. This production is rated PG for Parental Guidance.

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Book by Heather Hach

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## News Briefs

### School board accepts resignation of RPHS principal Sherri Miller

The Board of Education on Jan. 26 approved the resignation of Ray-Pec High School Principal **Sherri Miller**, effective July 21, 2012. Dr. Miller is resigning her position as principal, but is not resigning as a district employee.

Her resignation was included in the consent agenda, which the board approved 7-0.

### Project Grad invites you to Super Bowl party

Project Grad invites you to a Super Bowl Extravaganza from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Peculiar Lions Club building. You can watch the game on 65-inch and 73-inch big screens. Reserve your table for \$30 or bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available: chili, hot dogs and hamburgers, nachos, chips, adult beverages, soda and water. The event includes a silent auction and raffle items given away every hour beginning at 5 p.m., and free child care provided by Ray-Pec High School A+ students. Advance registration is appreciated. Contact Tammy Pon at [tpond@kcp.com](mailto:tpond@kcp.com) or 816-516-7703 or Kate Hegarty at [heg5130@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heg5130@sbcglobal.net) or 816-519-4099.

### Nominate someone for PTA Volunteer of Year

The Ray-Pec Council of PTAs is seeking nominations of outstanding PTA volunteers for its annual PTA Volunteer of the Year Award. Do you know someone who has made a positive impact on a school and children? The nominee does not have to be a PTA officer or a volunteer with the most hours. Nominations are due by Friday, March 23. A committee will narrow the list of nominees to five finalists. The finalists will be honored and the winner announced at a volunteer reception scheduled for Thursday, April 19. For more information, see the: Nomination form (<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=278>)

## Seeking nominations for Teacher and Support Staff Employee of the Year

The Ray-Pec School district is seeking nominations for the 2012 Teacher of the Year and the 2012 Support Staff Employee of the Year. A combined banquet is scheduled for May 9 to honor finalists in both awards programs.



### To nominate a teacher

Anyone may nominate a teacher by submitting a letter of nomination by March 2. A candidate must:

- Be a full-time teacher,
- Be returning to teach in 2012-2013 in the district,
- Have completed three or more years teaching in the Ray-Pec district
- Be effective and innovative in the classroom.

Once nominations are submitted, the district will determine if candidates meet additional criteria for attendance, positive evaluations and participation on school or district committees.

Ten finalists will be selected, and a panel of judges from outside the district will 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.

Send nominations to: Ray-Pec Teacher of the Year program, Administrative Services Center, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078, or to **Michele Donahoe**, Communication Director, at [mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us) or [rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us).

### To nominate a support staff employee

You may nominate any full-time or part-time employee who has worked a minimum of one year for the district.

Examples of employees eligible for this award include those from the following areas: accompanist, accounts payable, buildings and grounds, child care, child nutrition, crossing guards, lunch monitors, media assistants, para-professionals, Panther Cub Academy, payroll, safety and security, secretaries, teacher aides and technology employees.

Administrators, teachers, counselors and librarians are not eligible.

Ten finalists will be honored at the May 4 banquet, and one will be announced as the winner. 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.

Send a letter of nomination by March 9 to: Support Staff Employee of the Year program, Administrative Services Center, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078. You may also email nomination letters to: **Michele Donahoe**, Communication Director, at [mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us) or [rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us).

Event supports Special Olympics

## Ray-Pec raises more than \$17,000 at the Polar Plunge



### The Silver Plunger!

The Polar Plunge included a costume contest. Last year, the Ray-Pec East Middle School Huskies placed third in the contest and won a bronze plunger. This year, the Husky contingent of Team Ray-Pec used the theme of "Ice, Ice Baby" and used boxes to dress up like ice cubes. The idea was suggested by Science Teacher Carol Holsman, who also choreographed a dance for the group. The judges loved it, and this year, the Huskies won the silver plunger for second place.

### Taking the plunge

Here is a group from Ray-Pec preparing to take the Polar Plunge on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Longview Lake. The district had 125 staff and students registered to participate. As of Feb. 3, the online donations for Team Ray-Pec totaled \$17,730, with contributions still being counted. The event included 1,189 plungers who raised \$249,134 for Special Olympics. Thanks to everyone who jumped into the frigid water and to all who supported them with financial contributions and warm blankets! Final totals and prizes are still being determined.



Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** (at right) was a leading fundraiser for Team Ray-Pec at the Polar Plunge. The latest totals from Special Olympics Missouri for the Polar Plunge show that Team Ray-Pec raised \$17,730 and that Dr. Kyle was the top fundraising individual for the event with \$2,726.04. To see photos from the event, go to: [www.somo.org](http://www.somo.org) and select the Kansas City Polar Plunge.

Here is a group from Ray-Pec East Middle School. The middle school participants included Principal David Mitchell, Teachers Janell Doudrick, Gina Johnson, Carol Holsman and John VanPelt, along with students from the Student Leadership Team. The middle school raised more than \$2,500 for Special Olympics. (This was included in the overall Team Ray-Pec total.)



### Signs with MidAmerica Nazarene

Ashley Hylton, a three-year letter winner in cheerleading, signed with MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kan. Ashley was on this year's cheer squad that placed third in state in the large class. She was also selected two years to the All-American Squad through the National Cheerleading Association. She carries a 3.66 grade point average and plans to major in nursing. She is pictured with her father, Terry Hylton, and her mother, Theresa Hylton. See another photo and more student bios on page 6. (Photo by student Emily Wescoat)



### Signs with Missouri State

David Godsey, a three-year letter winner in football, signed with Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. David has been a mainstay on the Panthers' offensive line and as the long snapper for the last three seasons. While playing for Ray-Pec, he earned All-Conference honors two years. His teammates selected him as the lineman of the year last season. He carries a 3.10 grade point average and is undecided on a major. See another photo and more student bios on page 6. (Photo by student Emily Wescoat)

## Panther Cub Academy offers child care for children ages 3-5

The Panther Cub Academy has some full-time and part-time openings for children for the current school year. Panther Cub Academy offers educational experiences for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained. In April, Panther Cub will begin enrolling for summer care and for the 2012-2013 school year.

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 is closed on specific holidays, but is open over 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.



### Signs with KCK Community College

Garrett McKinzie, a three-year letter winner in baseball, signed with Kansas City Kansas Community College. As a catcher for the Panthers, he was named to the All-Conference Team as a junior. His teammates selected him for the Panther Award his sophomore year. He is also a member of the Stand Loud Club at Ray-Pec. He carries a 3.72 grade point average and plans to major in criminal justice. See another photo and more student bios on page 6. (Photo by student Emily Wescoat)

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### RPHS Band announces Father-Daughter dance

Girls in grades K-6 are invited to the 2012 Father-Daughter Dance, presented by the Ray-Pec High School Band.

The dance is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the north high school gym. The theme is "Belle of the Snowflake Ball."

Girls are invited to attend with their father or special male companion, such as grandfather, older brother, uncle or family member.

For advance reservations, the cost is \$18 for a daughter and male companion. Additional daughters will be \$8 each. (Advance registrations must be returned by Feb. 10.)

At the door, the cost is \$22, with \$10 for additional daughters.

Admission includes one complimentary photo per daughter, entry into prize drawings, and light refreshments. Souvenirs will be sold during the evening.

For information, contact Sherri Jungman at 816-868-8261 or Missy Wilson at npwsmom95@gmail.com

Registration forms will be coming home with girls or can be found at: [www.raypecband.org](http://www.raypecband.org).

### Joplin schools thank Ray-Pec for donation

During the Jan. 26 school board meeting, Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** shared a letter from the Joplin School District thanking the Ray-Pec School District for a \$2,000 contribution to Bright Futures Joplin. The organization helps to connect community resources with students in need. This donation was in addition to funds raised at the Ray-Pec vs. Joplin football game.

### Project Grad offers trash bags for sale

Project Grad is selling trash bags for \$10 per roll. Orders will be accepted through Feb. 14. Funds help support the after-graduation party. For more information and the order form, go here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=300>



### UMKC Midwest Honor Band

Several Ray-Pec East Middle School students were selected to perform in the University of Missouri-Kansas City Midwest Honor Band Festival and Symposium. UMKC hosts the event and brings in top conductors to work with students. This year's conductors included Scott Boerma (University of Michigan), Robert Carnochan (The University of Texas at Austin), and Ann Goodwin Clark (Park Hill High School, retired). Students rehearsed Friday evening, all day Saturday, and performed on Sunday. Students included: **Zoe Goodwin, Reid Kiger, Rynne Linn, Katie Hatfield, Derek Fields, Cameron Leonard, Brayden Roberts, and Caleb Daniels.**



### West Central Middle School All-District Band

Eleven students from Ray-Pec East Middle School band were selected to perform in the West Central Middle School All-District Band. Seventh graders performed under the direction of Eric Meurer (Hazelwood Northwest Middle School), while eighth graders performed under the direction of Stacey Larson (Associate Director of Bands, VanderCook College of Music, Chicago). The students worked all day Saturday and performed that evening. Participating students were: **Shannon Phillips, Autumn Green, James Russell, Ryan Herren, Nick Lanza, William Dickerson, Erica Stansbury, Hannah Leimkuhler, Taylor Watts, Zandri Bredenhand, and Chad Byous.**



## Signing day

Nine student-athletes at Ray-Pec High School signed letters of intent on Feb. 1. The students were honored at a signing ceremony. The students, seated with their parents, are pictured from left: Ashley Hylton, Adam Schroeder, David Godsey, Jamie Buttrick, Courtney Dickerson, Nicole Pond, Garrett McKinzie, Jacob Boylan, and Jordan Bradshaw. (Photo by student Emily Wescoat)

### Jacob Boylan

Jacob Boylan, a two-year letter winner in baseball, signed with the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. He was a mainstay in the Panthers' line-up the last two seasons. Last year's team won the district championship and advanced to the final eight in Class 4. Jacob was named first team All-State, first team All-District, first team All-Conference, and first team All-Metro last season as a designated hitter. He was also named the team's offensive player of the year. He carries a 2.86 grade point average and plans to major in business at KU.

### Jordan Bradshaw

Jordan Bradshaw, a four-year letter winner in softball, signed with Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kan. She was first team All-Conference, first team All-District, and first team All-Region as a shortstop her senior year. She also was named the team's Most Valuable Player, defensive player of the year, and offensive player of the year this past season as well. Jordan has also been a letter winner in basketball and soccer while at Ray-Pec. She currently carries a 4.19 grade point average and plans to major in pre-medicine at Pittsburg State.

### Jaime Buttrick

Jaime Buttrick, a two-year letter winner in volleyball, signed with Avila University in Kansas City. She was a captain and setter for the Panthers. She is a two-time academic All-State selection. She was named honorable mention All-Conference, second team All-District, and honorable mention All-Region her senior year. Her team voted her most improved, most inspirational and recipient of the Panther Award. She is a member of National Honor Society, DECA and FBLA. She carries a 4.48 grade point average and is undecided on a major.

### Courtney Dickerson

Courtney Dickerson, a three-year letter winner in soccer, signed with the University of Kansas in Lawrence. She has been one of the top scorers in the Kansas City metro area the last two seasons, and was named to the All-Conference team and the All-District team the past three seasons. She was a unanimous choice for the first team All-Conference last year. She was an All-Metro selection in cross country her freshman and sophomore years, as well as an All-State selection her sophomore year. She is involved in the freshman

mentoring program at Ray-Pec. She carries a 4.54 grade point average and plans to major in pre-medicine at KU.

### Nicole Pond

Nicole Pond, a three-year letter winner in soccer, signed with the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. She was a midfielder for the Panthers the last three seasons and is looking forward to her senior season. She is also a member of the Kansas City United Metro's club team, and plays for the Under 18 2011 National League squad. She carries a 3.85 grade point average and plans to major in nursing at UCM.

### Adam Schroeder

Adam Schroeder, a two-year letter winner in soccer, signed with Blue River Community College in Independence. He was named to the All-Conference team for two seasons and had an impressive senior season as a center midfielder. In the off season, Adam plays with the Kansas City Soccer Club. He carries a 3.75 grade point average and is undecided on a major.

*(See more photos and bios on page 6)*

## News Briefs



### Eagle Glen fifth grade Students of the Month

Here are the fifth grade Students of the Month for January at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. The character trait was sincerity. In the back row, from left, are: **Brenden Lucas**, **Melanie Feurerborn**, **Isaiah Smith**, **Kaleigh Clark-Fortsch**, and **Brandt Betts**. In the front row are: **Cole Malcom**, **Riley Dunsworth**, **Devyn Phillips**, and **Trey Hendrix**.



### Eagle Glen sixth grade Students of the Month

Here are the sixth grade Students of the Month for January at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. The character trait was sincerity. In the back row, from left, are: **Sabrina Hill**, **Cameron Charles**, **Amani Jones**, **Miles Goodwin**, and **Ashley Scott**. In the front row, from left, are: **Makenzie Meyer**, **Erica Cornell**, **Anthony Delce**, and **Tanner Trivers**. Not pictured is **Emma Conner**.

### Parents may nominate students for screening for gifted program

Parents and teachers may nominate a student to participate in the screening process to determine eligibility for the LEAP program.

LEAP is an intervention program for students who have been identified as gifted learners. Students must currently be in grades 1-7.

The Nomination Window is Feb. 1-17, 2012 and open to current 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students. To nominate a child for placement in the screening pool, obtain a nomination form from your child's school counselor.

Please return the form to the respective school counseling office by 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. For more information, go to: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=760>

### 'Becoming a Love and Logic Parent' class

You are invited to participate in a series of classes titled "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent."

Join School Social Worker Janet James on five Tuesday evenings, beginning Feb. 7 and ending March 6.

The group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. in the library media center at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, 100 S. Foxridge Dr., Raymore.

The cost of \$10 includes the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" book.

Please RSVP to Janet James at [jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 816-892-1459 by Feb. 6. At least five participants are needed for the class.

Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices.

The Love and Logic Process:

1. Shared control: Gain control by giving away the control you don't need.
2. Shared thinking and decision-making: Provide opportunities for the child to do the greatest amount of thinking and decision-making.
3. Equal shares of consequences with empathy: An absence of anger causes a child to think and learn from his/her mistakes.



### Students honored for showing virtue of tolerance

Peculiar Elementary students worked hard during January at being tolerant of others and their differences. Students chosen most successful at showing tolerance are pictured. In the back row, from left, are: **Autumn Webb, Billy Blurton, Brandon Ball, Allison Wisely, and Brenan Shea.** In the middle row, from left, are: **Gavin Kling, Ally Halvorson, Dominic Austin, Alex Green, Aubrey Patterson, and Mikayla Austin.** In the front row, from left, are: **Hannah Jackson, Mia Abnos, Emily Tryan, and Gavin Boston.**



### Bridle Ridge sixth grade Students of the Month

Here are the sixth grade Students of the Month for January at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. The character trait was sincerity. In the photo at left is **Briauna Scaletty.** In the group photo, in the front row, from left, are: **Dakota Demaranville, Hannah Hoenshell, and Reilly Vargas.** In the back row, from left, are: **Ben Leubbart, Jordan Carpenter, Mitch Kibling, and Amber Rogers.**

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### Ray-Pec youth wrestlers place third at Cotton Bowl tournament

A group of youth wrestlers from the Raymore-Peculiar School District placed third as a team at the Cotton Bowl National Wrestling Tournament the weekend of Jan. 14 in Dallas.

Here are individual results.

#### Division 1 (6-7 years old)

55 pounds, **Kanen Huff**, fifth place.

#### Division 2 (8-9 years old)

58 pounds, **Logan Gaynor**, fourth place;  
100 pounds, **Tyson King** sixth place;  
Heavyweight, **Major Loftin**, runner-up.

#### Division 3 (10-11 years old)

85 pounds, **Drew Deer** third place;  
100 pounds, **Brandon Carvan** runner-up;  
135 pounds, **Clint Herrick** third place and **Jacob Vassar** sixth place.

#### Division 4 (12-13 years old)

75 pounds, **Cameron Valdiviez**, champion;  
80 pounds, **Colin Valdiviez**, runner-up;  
85 pounds, **Justin Diaz**, runner-up;  
90 pounds, **Mason Pratt**, champion and **Miles Robinson**, runner-up;  
100 pounds, **Ethan Nielson** fourth place;  
Heavyweight, **Zane Hudson**, champion.

Here are the rookie division results.

#### Division 1 (6-7 years old)

55 pounds, **Eli Hendricks**, runner-up.

#### Division 3 (10-11 years old)

70 pounds, **Zach Brown**, runner-up;  
95 pounds, **Max Kratofil**, runner-up.

#### Division 4 (12-13 years old)

110 pounds, **Garrett Browne**, runner-up;  
175 pounds, **Nick Lampton**, champion.



### Bridle Ridge fifth grade Students of the Month

Here are the fifth grade Students of the Month for January at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. The character trait was sincerity. In the front row, from left, are: **Jacob Anderson**, **Corey Morrison**, **Dougie Jones**, and **Brooke Sharp**. In the back row, from left, are: **Taylor Boyd**, **Destany L'Heureux**, **Eric Jones**, and **Kailey Jacobs**.

### Board hears review of health services

(Each month, specific departments or programs review their programs for the Board of Education.) **Jennifer Johnson**, nurse supervisor for the district, presented a report about health services at the Jan. 26 school board meeting.

The district employs 15 nurses to staff health rooms in 11 school buildings. (Some of the positions have job sharing.) All of the nurses are either licensed as practical nurses (LPNs) or as registered nurses (RNs).

#### Purpose of the program:

To maintain and promote wellness and a positive learning environment in all educational settings. The program impacts students, faculty and general community. Health services directly impacts the everyday well-being and learning of each child in the district.

#### Goals for 2011-2012:

- 100 percent of nurses will be trained in the use of SIS and Missouri Immunization software. All nurses will implement the use of these tools during the 2011-2012 school year.
- All nurses will participate in professional development including new learning regarding immunization guidelines.
- Individual health plans will be created for students with appropriate indicators. Health plans will be maintained and updated bi-annually.

Johnson reported that the goals have been met for 2011-2012.

You may read the entire program review report at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=72>

### Ray-Pec offers before and after school care

The Panther Pride School Age Child Care program offers before and after school care for children (grades K-6). Sites are available at each elementary school and at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School.

Sites are open from 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Panther Pride Child Care Program offers care for children on some days when school is not in session, and during the summer.

Students who attend Eagle Glen Intermediate may participate in the program at the Bridle Ridge site. A shuttle bus operates between Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen.

For information, including tuition and fees, discounts and enrollment forms, go to: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/childcare](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/childcare) or contact **Sharon Perkins**, School Age Child Care Coordinator, at 816-892-1668.

### 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](mailto:dharmon@raypec.k12.mo.us).

### 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](http://www.twitter.com). You can create an account and view a video. Twitter is a free online service. Through Twitter, users update family, friends or professional peers in short messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.

## Board of education hears update on standards-referenced reporting

The Board of Education on Jan. 26 received an update on the district's work in the area of standards-referenced reporting and grading.

**Karen Hurst**, Director of K-6 Curriculum and Assessment, reported that fifth grade teachers meet monthly to identify power standards and learning targets. This will prepare for the use of standards-referenced reporting and grading for fifth grade during the 2012-2013 school year. Teachers in grades K-4 are also meeting monthly to discuss power standards and how to improve standards-referenced reporting on elementary school report cards. In addition, a large Standards-Referenced Reporting Committee (of more than 60 people) is meeting with sub-committees in three areas: logistics, technology and communication. The sub-committees are brainstorming ideas and researching the use of standards-referenced reporting in other school districts.

Hurst shared a long list of school districts that are investigating, beginning to implement or using standards-referenced reporting and grading. The list included Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Liberty, Park Hill, Rockwood and others in Missouri. In other states, the list included Omaha, Rockville, Md., and the state of Hawaii.

Board members shared feedback about standards-referenced reporting. Board member **Dana Hille** said she had received questions about the changes. Board member **Joe Anthuis** said that he had been asked if other districts were also changing their grading systems. "I said yes," he said. "I didn't know who, but now I know." Board member **Kim York** shared information that she read in the book "*District Leadership that Works*" by Robert Marzano, and said the work toward standards-referenced grading is a best practice that is research-based and recommended by leading experts in education.

During the discussion, it was again pointed out that the move toward standards-referenced reporting and grading at the high school level will be developed in conjunction with a system that allows for calculation of a grade point average. High school students will still be able to have information and transcripts needed for application for post-secondary education and scholarships.

## District forms teams to work on eight areas of focus in the strategic plan

The board learned about the latest work in the areas of strategic planning, goal setting and revisions to the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Dr. Kevin Daniel, assistant superintendent of academic services, reported that the district has formed teams for eight areas of focus. The teams include district employees and members of the community. The teams will work to draft goals, objectives and action steps in each area. The work begins with a meeting on Feb. 13 for all goal team members.

The district is working with Raina Knox, president of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation, on the new strategic plan. To see a list of the goal team members, read about the work over the past year and see updates, go to the district web site at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=586>

Feedback from the fall Focus Group meetings is now posted on the web site as well.

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## Under construction

Boy Scouts from Troop 245 visited the the Panther Pride Before and After School Child Care Program over winter break on Dec. 27 at Stonegate Elementary to help the children with wooden craft projects. Ten Scouts helped the children sand, glue and build the projects. Each child worked on a project such as a birdhouse, castle, tractor, or bulldozer.



## Healthy snacks

Amy Prindle, nutrition program assistant, from the University of Missouri-Extension, at right, visited the the Panther Pride Before and After School Child Care Program on Dec. 30 at Stonegate Elementary to talk to the children about nutrition. As part of the visit, the children made their own healthy snack using trail mix, bananas, peanut butter and a whole grain bagel.

## Desktop computer bid

The board of education on Jan. 26 approved, 7-0, a bid of \$29,970 from Black Rock Technology for replacement computers in the AutoCAD lab at the high school. Although the district contacted multiple companies about the bid notice, Black Rock Technology was the only company that submitted a bid.

## Bond refunding

The board of education on Jan. 26 approved, 7-0, a resolution to redeem prior to maturity the final portion of the Series 2002 bond issue in the amount of \$1.25 million.

In a memo to the board, **Kendra Hutsell**, chief financial officer, explained that, "As interest rates remain low, it makes economic sense to pre-pay outstanding general obligation bonds when the opportunity is available. Bonds totaling \$1,250,000, maturing on March 1, 2013, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the district, on March 1, 2012. The coupon payment on these bonds is 4.35 percent. The early payment will allow the district taxpayers to save an estimated \$53,125. The district has sufficient liquidity to make this early payment, and there are no fees associated."

## Fire district easement

The board of education on Jan. 26 approved, 7-0, an easement agreement with the West Peculiar Fire Protection District for the re-location, construction, placement, maintenance and operation of a storm warning and civil defense siren. The current siren, near Shull Elementary School and the district warehouse, has been disabled. The new siren will be installed off 211th Street near Shull Elementary School.

## Find us on Facebook

Find us on Facebook! You can now become a fan of the Raymore-Peculiar School District on Facebook.

More than 3,000 people are fans of the district on

Facebook. Go to: [www.facebook.com/raypec](http://www.facebook.com/raypec). It's free to create your own account at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).



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## Student is finalist in photo contest

Congratulations to Ray-Pec High School student **Kayla Akin**, who is a finalist in the 32nd Annual Student Photo Contest sponsored by Photographer's Forum Magazine. Approximately 18,000 photographs were entered. From the selected finalists, there will be awards for first through fourth places, plus 100 Honorable mentions.

Since Kayla is a finalist, her photograph will be featured in the limited edition Best of College and High School Photography 2012 hardbound book that is distributed to college libraries and instructors of the arts.

## Girls swim team update

Congratulations to the girls swim team for a great meet during Senior night on Jan. 18.

Two seniors, **Kelly Briner** and **Taylor Craig**, participated in an ironman activity by competing in every event.

Several swimmers reached personal bests, including **Corrina DeMayo** in the 100 Free, **Rachel Fisk** in the 200 Free, **Daniela Reichelt**, an exchange student from Germany, is a new addition to the swim team. She is seconds from reaching a state cut in three different events.

## Event scheduled to help complete the FAFSA

FAFSA Frenzy for Cass County is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Belton High School. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the primary application used by federal, state, and institutional financial assistance entities in determining an individual's eligibility for grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships. The deadline to file the FAFSA is April 1.

FAFSA Frenzy, a program of College Goal Sunday, is offered in Missouri through partnerships between the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) with the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel (MASFAP), the Lumina Foundation for Education, and the YMCA to assist students and families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



## Rotary Student of the Month

Matt Hocker, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, congratulates **Tommy Stegmaier**, the club's Student of the Month for January from Ray-Pec High School. Tommy was recognized at the Jan. 18 club meeting. Each month, the club honors a senior from Ray-Pec High School and Belton High School.



## Hoop'n with Hooper

Jean Hooper of Hoop'n with Hooper visited Peculiar Elementary School on Dec. 21 to train every student how to have fun and get fit with hula hoops. Even **Superintendent Dr. Jeff Kyle** got in on the action.

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### Renovation under way at administration building

Renovation work is taking place on the upper level of the Administrative Services Center.

The unfinished area, which had been used for storage, is now being finished for use as office space.

Employees in Special Services, currently located on the lower level, will move upstairs as the district combines the entire Department of Academic Services in one location. Also moving into that area will be **Carol Brandt**, 504 Secretary. The Human Resources Department will move into that portion of ASC. The Technology Department, currently located at Shull Elementary, will move into the current Human Resources area. Moving of offices will begin in March, and all of the moves are scheduled to be completed by June 30.

Much of the renovation and remodeling work is being completed by district staff, which is a cost savings for the district. The project and office relocations provides an opportunity to centralize district services, to combine all academic services for students in one location, and to free up space in Shull Elementary.



### 100th day of school

Believe it or not, the 100th day of school was Jan. 27. Students at Peculiar Elementary School celebrated with a parade down the halls, showing off their creative side with shirts sporting 100 pieces of anything. Students used buttons, stickers, cotton balls, business cards, foam animals, rubber bands and googly eyes. Pictured here is **Chayton Hendricks** in his balloon-covered shirt.



### Honored for showing respect

Students at Creekmoor Elementary School studied the character trait of respect during the month of January. Students in each grade were honored for demonstrating respect. Kindergarten: **Lindsey Avila, Cameron Slavin, Aidan Eggers, Cylee McGinnis, Jessina Jathaul, Blake James, Mischka Highers, and Noah Smith**. First grade: **Emily Gross, Tyler Renfro, Zoe Henderson, Allie Brown, Corbin Williams, Isabella de Leon, Bella Kateusz, and Derek Nissen**. Second grade: **Layla Swenson, Shelyse Fields, Sanaa Best, Evan Holman, Noah Schertz, Julianna Reaka, Malkiel Wilson, and Emily Sunseri**. Third grade: **Madilyn Hocker, Derrick Eiserer, Joel Miles, Dillyn Phillips, Jackson Weller, Kendra Waggoner, Sydney Stidham, and Ryan Carter**. Fourth grade: **Alyssa Nichols, Dylan de Leon, Braden Zaner, Aubrey Creek, Brielle Gines, and Lane Youngs**.

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### Project Grad announces ongoing fundraisers

The Project Graduation Committee has several ongoing fundraisers as it plans for the after-graduation party for the Class of 2012. You must mention Project Grad for the organization to receive donations.

#### Senior photos

Photographer Brett Pruitt with East Market Studios will donate \$100 (the sitting fee) to Project Graduation for every session of senior photos. To schedule your sitting, contact Brett at: [www.bdpruitt.com](http://www.bdpruitt.com) or 816-674-3602.

#### Used toner cartridges

At Home Town Toner & Ink, you may turn in used toner and Project Graduation will receive a donation. Drop off at 107 N. Evans (same building as the orange storage office on M-58 west of Route J.

#### Massages

Unwind Massage will donate \$10 for each massage to Project Graduation, when you mention Ray-Pec Project Grad. Contact Bonnie Lesmeister at 816-678-6112 or [www.yourtime2unwind.com](http://www.yourtime2unwind.com)

### Software discounts

You may purchase software at special prices through the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation.

Go to [www.raypec.k12.mo.us/foundation](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/foundation), and click on the software purchase link on the left. Select the sign-in link at the top. If you previously registered, you should still be registered. If not,

click on the "register" tab. If you have questions, contact **Pam Steele** at [psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:psteele@raypec.k12.mo.us) or 892-1311. Students, parents, and patrons may also order the software, but they should send an e-mail to Pam Steele to obtain a registration code.



## When school is closed due to weather, here's how Ray-Pec will share the news

The winter months are here, and it is important to review procedures for closing or delaying the opening of school due to snow and inclement weather.

The Ray-Pec School District may delay the opening of school by two hours when it appears transportation conditions will improve after the more congested rush-hour traffic has passed. The decision to close school or to delay the opening of school by two hours will be made by 5:30 a.m. to allow time for media to broadcast this decision prior to most students preparing for the school day.



School closing information will be available on television stations 4, 5, 9, and 41 and most of the major radio stations. The information will also appear on the school's website at

[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us).

You may also call the school district cancellation information line at 892-3988 to hear a recorded message. An e-mail message will be sent to subscribers of "RP Update." Subscribers to the text messaging service will receive a text message. (To subscribe to RP-Update, visit [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us) and use the RP-Update link.)

It is a good idea to listen to a radio or television station any time weather conditions are changing or in question. The district phone line and website will carry early school dismissal information as soon as decisions are made.

It is important to have plans for younger children when school is dismissed early. In the event a parent is not or cannot be home, arrangements should be made for the child to stay with a friend or relative. Parents should insist their children dress for protection against prolonged exposure to the weather as a safety precaution.

The decision to close school is always a difficult one. Every effort will be made to consider the safety of the students, the safety of the faculty, and the convenience to parents when making such decisions. Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated. It is always the parent or guardian's decision to determine the safety for their child during inclement weather. If you have questions regarding school dismissal, call the building in which your child attends or the district office at 892-1300.

When school is delayed by two hours, the high school will begin at 9:25 a.m., the middle school will begin at 9:35 a.m., the intermediate schools will begin at 10:40 a.m., and the elementary schools will begin at 10:45 a.m.. Regular school closing time will be observed on delayed opening days.

## Parents as Teachers offers screenings

The Ray-Pec Parents As Teachers program offers free developmental screenings to all families in the Raymore-Peculiar School District with children ages 4 months to 5 years.

The ASQ screening will be used for children under age 3, and the DIAL-III screening will be used for children ages 3-5.

The developmental screening is designed to give parents a clear picture of their child's strengths, weaknesses, and emerging skills in the areas of language, social-emotional, intellectual, and motor development. Screening is a quick and effective way to look at your child in comparison with other children his/her age. Call Parents As Teachers at 816-892-1938 to schedule a screening.



## It's your move

**Jack Keys** and **John Wiseman** are playing chess during time at the Panther Pride Before and After School Child Care at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. The Bridle Ridge site provides care for fifth and sixth grade students from Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen intermediate schools. A shuttle provides transportation to and from Eagle Glen.

## 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](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). There is a link on the left. Each subscriber must self-enroll and submit an authorization code that will be provided during the enrollment process. Country Club Bank of Raymore sponsors the service.

### RP Update

To receive e-mail news from the school district, send a message to: [rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto: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](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)

### Job openings

If you applied for employment with the Raymore-Peculiar School District prior to Nov. 22, 2011, or wish to apply for future openings, you must complete a new application as our application management system has changed. You can access the new system, called AppliTrack, by visiting the district web page at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=753>



*For more news and information about the Raymore-Peculiar School District, check out: our web site at: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us)*

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# 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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