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Raymore-Peculiar School News

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District names Steven Miller as principal of Ray-Pec High School for 2012-2013

The school board on March 22 approved hiring **Steven Miller** as the new principal of Ray-Pec High School for the 2012-2013 school year. He is currently the Associate Principal at Ray-Pec High School.

Steven Miller will replace **Dr. Sherri Miller**, who resigned as principal, but not as a district employee, effective June 30, 2012. On Jan. 26, the board approved her resignation.

Steven Miller came to Ray-Pec in 2010 from the Rockwood School District in eastern Missouri, where he was assistant principal at Eureka High School from 2007 to 2010.

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Steven Miller

Accredited with Distinction

The Ray-Pec School District was recognized for receiving Accreditation with Distinction in Performance by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education during a banquet March 26 at the University of Central Missouri. Receiving the award on behalf of the district was **Dr. Kevin Daniel**, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services. Presenting the award were, from left: Tony Stansberry, DESE Area Supervisor; Julie Blaine, director, Central Regional Professional Development Center at UCM; and the Rev. Stan Archie, vice president of the Missouri State Board of Education.

Voters elect Hille, Davies to Ray-Pec school board

Voters on April 3 elected incumbent **Dana Hille** (with 1,400 votes) and elected newcomer **Maria Cannova Davies** (with 1,381 votes) to the Ray-Pec School Board.

Other candidates in the race and their vote totals are:

- Scott Bruegge, 1,279 votes;
- Matthew Johnson, 916 votes
- Rich Bartow, 698 votes.

The board seats had been held by Hille, who has been a board member since 2006, and David Crabtree, who did not file for re-election.

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

Reorganization meeting set for April 16

The school board has scheduled a special reorganization meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, to certify the election results and for the newly-elected board members to take the oath of office. The meeting will take place in the board room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar, and is open to the public.

Regular monthly board meeting is April 19

The school board is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, for its regular monthly meeting in the board meeting room at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd. The meeting is open to the public.

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

District names Steven Miller as RPHS Principal for 2012-2013

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Earlier, he was a teacher and coach in the Butler School District from 1993 to 2007. While in Butler, he was responsible for all upper level math courses and was the head boys basketball coach from 1993 to 2007 and the head golf coach from 1995 to 2007. He also was an assistant football coach from 1993 to 1999.

He also was a teacher and coach in the Warsaw School District from 1991 to 1993.

Miller received his bachelor's degree in education, with an emphasis in secondary mathematics, from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he graduated with distinction. He receives a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 1996 from UMKC, and an educational specialist degree with an emphasis in secondary administration in 2007 from UMKC.

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Last day of school is now May 21

Please note: Due to a snow day on Feb. 13, the last day of school is now Monday, May 21. It will be an early release day for all students.

Summer School set for June 5-29

Summer School is scheduled for June 5-29. Students in grades 7-12 will attend Summer School at the north high school building.

Offerings will include core area courses required for graduation (available only to students to recover credit). In addition, Physical Education (8002, 8003), Health (8092), and Personal Finance (7402) will be offered for students who would like to make space for elective offerings during the school year.

The location for grades K-6 is Stonegate Elementary.

For students entering grades 1-6, the district targets and invites the students who are academically at risk or would most benefit from the additional instruction.

Raymore Day at the K is April 15

Raymore Day at the K is Sunday, April 15. The Kansas City Royals will play the Cleveland Indians at 1:10 p.m. The National Anthem will be led by the sixth grade choirs from Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen intermediate schools. Members of the South Metro Fire Protection District will present the color guard.

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.

District announces finalists for Teacher and Support Staff

The district announces the finalists for 2012 Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year. The banquet to honor the finalists is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 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.

Teacher finalists

The finalists for Teacher of the Year are:

- **Drew Ackerson**, social studies, Middle School
- **Jennifer Gibson**, band, Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen
- **Patrick Hemmingsen**, chemistry, Ray-Pec High School
- **Megan Hutchin**, first grade, Timber Creek Elementary
- **Steve Meek**, English, Ray-Pec High School
- **Heather Phillips**, special education, Raymore
- **Keri Pinney**, third grade, Peculiar Elementary
- **Kristie Robinson**, third grade, Creekmoor Elementary
- **Mary Roth**, sixth grade, Eagle Glen Intermediate; and
- **Brandi Welch**, third grade, Shull Elementary School.

Other teacher nominees

Wow! The district received 72 letters nominating a total of 52 teachers for the award. Congratulations to these teachers who were also nominated:

High School

- **Gina Prowell**, math teacher
- **Jennifer Talley**, science teacher
- **Joe O'Neal**, math teacher
- **John Wilson**, band teacher
- **Todd Schnake**, theatre teacher
- **Chris Reichert**, special education teacher, and
- **Brett Barbarick**, business teacher

Middle School

- **Gary Renshaw**, physical education teacher
- **Sherri Nitz**, math teacher
- **Christina Benhoff**, math teacher
- **Audrey Harrison**, math teacher, and
- **John VanPelt**, yearbook/newspaper teacher

Eagle Glen

- **Janet Castleman**, fifth grade teacher
- **Kris Schuler**, sixth grade teacher, and
- **Andrea Wilen**, sixth grade teacher

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Finalists announced for Teacher and Support Staff honors

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Bridle Ridge

- **Greg Watson**, fifth grade teacher,
- **Liz Breier**, sixth grade teacher,
- **Dan Garrison**, fifth grade teacher,
- **Wendy Farley**, art teacher
- **Andrea Miller**, physical education teacher, and
- **Jennifer Buckley**, fifth grade teacher

Creekmoor

- **Cassie Passeau**,special education teacher
- **Jessie Cartwright**, art teacher
- **Rebecca Oshel**, third grade teacher, and
- **Jennifer Taylor**, first grade teacher

Peculiar Elementary

- **Jamie Whiteside**, second grade teacher
- **Colleen Bennett**, first grade teacher
- **Kelli Yahnig**, kindergarten teacher
- **Julie Fisher**, fourth grade teacher
- **Jamie Lecuru**, special education teacher
- **Barb Daugherty**, second grade teacher,
- **Sheri Capper**, first grade teacher, and
- **Tammy Novak**, computer teacher

Raymore Elementary

- **Jenni Beck**, counselor, and
- **Angie LaSala**, fourth grade teacher

Shull Elementary

- **Elaine Riley**, second grade teacher
- **Steve Stiglic**, third grade teacher
- **Risa Bullard**, first grade teacher, and
- **Tammy Novak**, computer teacher

Stonegate Elementary

- **Karen Cain**, fourth grade teacher, and
- **Wendy Huffman**, second grade teacher.

Note: Wendy Huffman is a previous recipient of the Ray-Pec School District Teacher of the Year award.

Timber Creek Elementary

- **Tricia Elmore**, kindergarten teacher

In addition, former Ray-Pec teacher **Gina Grossman** was nominated.

Support Staff finalists

Congratulations to the finalists for 2012 Support Staff Employee of the Year. The finalists are:

- **Deanna Brucker**, day lead custodian, middle school
- **Phyllis Fox**, nurse, middle school
- **Gale Garten**, administrative assistant, high school
- **Pam Loren**z, child care worker, Panther Cub Academy
- **Tina Misner**, administrative assistant, high school
- **Penny Wilson**, secretary, Creekmoor Elementary , and
- **Shelley Zucht**, paraprofessional, Creekmoor

Other support staff nominees

The district received letters nominating 12 employees for the Support Staff Award. Congratulations to these employees, who were also nominated:

- **Jamie Bogner**, nurse, high school
- **Ashleigh Downey**, paraprofessional, Bridle Rdige
- **Cindy Folsom**, administrative assistant, Administrative Services Center
- **Jackie Green**, Focus facilitator, Raymore Elementary
- **Tim Taylor**, custodian, high school

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Golf team update

Congratulations to the boys golf team for a third place finish in the Ray-Pec Invitational tournament Monday, April 2, at Country Creek Golf Course. The varsity team posted the lowest tournament score of the season so far. Medals were won by seniors **Gunnar Kodas** and **Baron Schultheis**, and junior **Josh Perfect**. The JV team placed second in its division with medals taken home by sophomore **Bubba Blackburn** and **Kyle Barton**.

Color Guard clinics set for April 16-20

Color Guard clinics will be from 5 to 7 p.m. April 16-20 in the north high school main gym. Tryouts will begin at 5 p.m. April 24 in the north high school gym.

There will be an informational parent/student meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 9, in the library at the south high school.

Anyone in grades 8-11 who is interested in learning more about Color Guard is invited to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, contact **Penny Wilson** at 892-1678 or pwilson@raypec.k12.mo.us

Project Grad offers prom specials

Project Grad offers prom specials for tux outfitting and flowers during lunch shifts at the high school.

Guys can work with Ray-Pec grad Chad Green of Tuxedo Butler to reserve your tux during lunch shifts Friday, April 27. Convenient ordering, pick up and drop off at the high school. A $20 deposit is required by cash, check, Visa or Mastercard.

Students can boutonnieres or corsages with Country View Florist during lunch shifts as well. Project Grad will receive a donation from both businesses with each order.

Ray-Pec theatre students qualify for state tourney and for NFL nationals

Congratulations to Ray-Pec High School theatre students on success at various district tournaments over spring break.

During the first weekend of spring break, students participated in National Forensic League district competition to qualify for nationals. **Dane Schnake** qualified in Humorous Interpretation, and **Andrea Ambam** qualified in Original Oratory. **Hayley Farrell** and **Todd Bowles** already qualified to nationals due to their advancing to the semi-finals round at last summer's national tournament.

The weekend of March 23-24, students participated in the Missouri State High School Activities Association district tournament to qualify for the state tournament. Ray-Pec's one-act play production of "The Scottish Play" won the district championship and qualified to state. The readers theatre piece "The Hamlet Thrillmageddon" qualified to state. In individual events, six students qualified for state. Here is their place and event at the district tournament:

- **Nellie Mapl**e placed first in Poetry Interpretation.
- **Dane Schnake** placed first in Humorous Interpretation.
- **Hayley Farrell** placed second in Dramatic Interpretation.
- **Dane Schnake** and **Bobby Turnbough** placed second in Duet Acting.
- **Andrea Ambam** placed second in Original Oratory.

RPHS Senior selected for state academic honor

Ray-Pec High School Senior **Nathan Parke** has been selected for the 2012 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2012. The students will be recognized at a luncheon Sunday, April 29, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia.

Missouri Scholars 100 is a program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals. Schools across Missouri were invited to nominate candidates for this statewide recognition. The selection is based primarily on a formula using the student's grade point average and ACT or SAT score.

Each student nominated had to first meet criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," which included 10 "events" designed to assure the academic strength of the student. To meet the decathlon requirements, the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,900, be ranked in the upper 10 percent of the class, and have taken upper level courses in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language. The student must also have excellent attendance, be an excemplary school citizen, and be involved in the school activity program.

Registration begins for Early Childhood classes

The Ray-Pec School District offers tuition-free pre-kindergarten instruction two half-days per week. Registration will begin Wednesday, May 2, for the Early Childhood Education classes for the 2012-2013 school year. The program will accept students on a first-come, first-served basis.

On May 2, beginning at 8 a.m., parents/guardians may call 816-892-1942 to make an appointment to enroll/screen their child. Appointments for enrollment/screening will be accepted while space is available.

Appointments for the required screening will only be made over the phone; walk-in registration appointments will NOT be accepted.

For more information about the program and eligibility, go here: http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=76

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Choirs perform well at State Music Festival

Congratulations to the high school choirs on an outstanding performance at the State Music Festival Saturday, March 24, at Pleasant Hill High School.

Concert Choir, Women's Choir and Men's Choir each received a One (Superior) Rating at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Large Ensemble Contest.

This was the first one rating for Men's Choir in nine years.

Bella Armonia received a Two (Excellent) Rating.

Sympathy notice

We are sorry to inform you of a death in the Ray-Pec family. Ray-Pec graduate Tommy Harting, 20, of Peculiar, passed away on March 31, 2012. He was homebound his entire school career, and graduated in 2010. Visitation was April 3 at the Atkinson Funeral Home, Harrisonville. The funeral service was April 4, at the funeral home. The family suggests contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Follow RP 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 update family, friends or professional peers in short messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.

Project Grad buy-out

The Project Grad Parent Buy-Out Program is still open and available. If you prefer to make a donation to Project Grad instead of fund-raising, the buy-out is $125. Send check to: Project Grad, P.O. Box 1513, Raymore, MO 6408

Performances through April 15

Ray-Pec to present play 'Almost, Maine'

The Raymore-Peculiar High School Theatre Department announces its upcoming production of "*Almost, Maine*." Remaining performances of the play aree at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

Almost, Maine takes place in a mythological town called Almost. The play is divided into eight vignettes and a prologue, interlogue, and epilogue. Each vignette is about some aspect of love. The characters experience love as magical, sometimes heartbreaking, and even joyous.

The cast includes **Sawyer Henkle** as Pete, **Tatum Branson** as Ginette, **Omari Collins** as East, **Logan Schoessel** as Glory, **Thomas Davis** as Jimmy, **Zhahn Gonzalez** as Sandrine, Lauren Ellsworth as Waitress, Nate Weber as Steve, Madilynn Mansur as Marvalyn, Nellie Maple as Gayle, Alden Stockam as Lendall, Todd Bowles as Randy, Brooks Mackender as Chad, Jacob Trumbo as Phil, Madelon Wink as Marci, Karl Bradford as Man, Audrey Cetto as Hope, Rhett Laffoon as Dave, and Alyssa Moore as Rhonda.

Working behind the scenes are Teacher Kelly Freeland as the director and Teacher Karla Penechar as the scenic designer and technical director. The assistant director for *Almost, Maine* is Student Delaney Swanson. The stage managers are Morgan Shea Lyle and Jacob Trumbo. The assistant set designer is Dylan Powell. The lighting designer is Allie Kotzias. The master electrician is Mallory Pearson. The sound engineer is Kate Young. The props manager is Sonia Jacobson. Master carpenters include Austin Mezzacasa, Jordan Pashen, Andy Peveler, and Dylan Powell. The costume mistress is Megan Settle and co-mistress is Nellie Maple. Dalton Shumaker is on the costume crew and hair and make-up crew.

Reservations may be made by calling the ticket reservation line, 892-3999, extension 2400. Tickets are $6 for adults and $5 for students. Children under five will not be admitted. Free child care will be provided.

District teams work on eight areas of focus to revise Ray-Pec strategic plan

Eight teams of volunteers continue work in the areas of strategic planning, goal setting and revisions to the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). Each team has a different area of focus, including leadership and governance, communication, stakehold focus and workforce focus. The teams include district employees and members of the community. The teams are working to draft goals, objectives and action steps in each area. The work began on Feb. 29 for all goal team members. Meetings are continuing through this month.

The district is working with Raina Knox, president of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation, on the new strategic plan.

The goal teams are reviewing existing district data as part of the process to draft the new strategic plan. Additional surveys and focus group interviews are anticipated as the district seeks to determine the wants and needs of stakeholders.

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RPHS bands receive high ratings at contest

Congratulations to the Ray-Pec High School Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble for receiving a One (Superior) Rating on March 23 at the Missouri State High School Activities Association Large Ensemble contest. The Concert Band received a Two (Excellent) Rating.

Panther VolleyCubs Open Gym for students to learn volleyball basics

Panther VolleyCubs Open Gym is a new opportunity for boys and girls in grades 2-6 to learn about volleyball. Coaches and current and former members of the volleyball team will help boys and girls learn passing, serving, setting, attacking, and basic game play.

Panther VolleyCubs Open Gym is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Ray-Pec High School south gym. The dates will be: April 5, 12, 19 and 26, and May 3 and 10.

The cost per student is $5 each open gym. For more information, see the flyer at: http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=320. You may also contact Head Coach **Katie Dowden** at 816-588-3946 or 816-892-1572 or kdowden@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Soccer team plans Youth Night for April 19

The high school girls soccer team will have Youth Night on April 19. Students who wear their team jersey will get in free. Kids can also win a chance to compete on the field at half-time.

Project Grad offers raffle at home baseball games

The Project Graduation Committee is raising funds to cover the cost of the Senior Party at PowerPlay on graduation night. This event is a drug and alcohol-free celebration for the seniors. Project Grad volunteers plan to sell raffle tickets at varsity home baseball games. During the sixth inning, a ticket will be drawn. The winner will receive a $50 sonic gift card if a home run is hit, or a $100 Sonic gift card if a grand slam is hit during that inning.

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Diversity Appreciation Night set for May 2

The Ray-Pec School District will host its second Diversity Appreciation Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Ray-Pec High School. The event includes student artwork, entertainment and cooking demonstrations.

Peculiar Police offer Drug Take Back

The Peculiar Police Department is conducting another "Drug Take Back" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the police station at 224 N. Main St., Peculiar. The police department will collect unneeded or unused prescription medications for safe disposal.

Project Grad schedules Skeet Shoot event

Come out and test your sharp-shooting skills for Project Grad! This Skeet Shoot event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Heartland Trap and Skeet, with a luncheon, silent auction and raffles. Two to three parents are needed to help plan this event. Contact Peggy Olsen at polsen@comcast.net or 331-8808.

Major Saver campaign raises $32,360

The Major Saver discount card fundraiser raised $32,360. Half of the money raised, or $16,180, goes to the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation, which supports the school district in a variety of ways. The other half of the proceeds was divided among the participating elementary and intermediate schools, based on card sales. Students sold the cards, which offer discounts at area restaurants and businesses, for $10. Pictured in front are **Al Voelker**, principal of Bridle Ridge Intermediate School, left, and **Randy Randolph**, principal of Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Pictured in back, from left are: **Jerrod Fellhauer**, principal of Creekmoor Elementary School; **Lovie Driskill**, principal of Timber Creek Elementary School; **Missy Mattingly**, principal of Shull Elementary School; the representative from Major Saver; **Rob Weida**, principal of Peculiar Elementary School; **Doug Becker**, principal of Stonegate Elementary School; and **Michelle Hofmann**, principal of Raymore Elementary School. Funds earned by school are: Raymore Elementary, $3,080; Creekmoor Elementary, $2,215; Timber Creek, $2,000; Bridle Ridge, $1,930; Stonegate Elementary, $1,905; Shull Elementary, $1,792.50; Peculiar Elementary, $1,522.50; and Eagle Glen, $1,522.50.

Author autograph

Creekmoor Elementary School student **Braden Zaner** meets author Alexandria LaFaye at the Children's Literature Festival in Warrensburg.

Children's Literature Festival

These students from Creekmoor Elementary School read the Mark Twain-nominated books and then attended the Children's Literature Festival in Warrensburg.

Publication recognition

Rep. Chris Molendorp, R-123, left, and **Sen. David Pearce**, R-31, congratulate **Barbara Boucher**, reading specialist at Creekmoor Elementary School, for her recent publication in the magazine "The Reading Teacher." Molendorp and Pearce presented proclamations on March 30 from the state House of Representatives and Senate to recognize Boucher for her achievement. Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services **Dr. Kevin Daniel**, and Creekmoor Principal **Jerrod Fellhauer** were also on hand for the recognition. Boucher's article, "Putting Life in Literacy," was published in the March 2012 issue. The magazine is greated for teachers of students up to age 12. It includes teaching ideas, articles to help transform research into effective practice, and information on critical issues in teacher. The magazine is published online and in print eight times each year, from September to May, with a combined Deccember/January issue. Boucher said, "I'm proud that I'm able to bring positive news for our Ray-Pec district. My hope is that my efforts will inspire our great teachers at Ray-Pec."

Panther Cub Academy offers preschool care

The Panther Cub Academy has some full-time and part-time openings for the current school year. PCA offers year-round, full-day for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained. PCA will have open enrollment for summer and fall from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 2-13. Contact Director **Marie Davis** at 892-1943 or mdavis@raypec.k12.mo.us during those hours for more information and to schedule a tour. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once all openings are filled, there will be a waiting list..

Panther Cub Academy is located on the lower level of Raymore Elementary School at 500 S. Madison St., Raymore.

PCA is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program 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.

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State announces change to A+ program eligibility

The A+ program offered through the Missouri Department of Higher Education has changed its requirements for eligibility beginning with the class of 2015. Students who enroll into the A+ program must receive a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I End of Course Exa (EOC). The Missouri Department of Higher Education is providing an alternate path for eligibility for students who do not meet the proficient or advanced requirement during high school.

All assessments that students take are important, and our district encourages students to do their best on each assessment. With the A+ program change in its requirements for Algebra I, students should be aware how their performance on a state assessment can impact eligibility into this program.

A letter has been sent to parents of current freshmen and middle school students that explains the district's role in assisting students with this requirement. Parents who would like to review their student's assessment score can use Parent Portal and find this information under the Other/assessment tab.

For further information, please contact **Eric Sclesky**, A+ coordinator, at esclesky@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Project Grad sets golf tournament for April 30

The Project Grad Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 30 at Creekmoor Golf Course. This annual tournament will offer 18-hole play, scramble format. There will be lunch, prizes and raffles. To help, contact Mark Harrington at 509-1973 or harrington9@hotmail.com or Christopher.m.harrington@irs.gov.

Restaurant Mania

It's Restaurant Mania – another fundraiser for Project Grad. Eat at Buffalo Wild Wings or Jose Peppers on Mondays in April, and the restaurants will donate 10 percent of sales to Project Grad. On April 18, you can eat at Culvers and benefit Project Grad. Go here for the coupon: http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=300

March 8th grade honorees

Here are the eighth grade Students of the Month for March at Ray-Pec East Middle School. In the front row, from the left: **Josie Brown** and **Haley Burge**. In the second row: **Bonny Scott, Dylan Cambron**, and **Ryanne Linn**. In the third row: **Youxing Yang**, **Autumn Green**, and **Alyssa Randol**. In the top row: **Taylor Felz**, **Kathryn Elliott**, and **Guin Wright**. At right is **Nick Watkins**, who was also named Student of the Month.

March 7th grade Students of Month

Here are the seventh grade Students of the Month for March at Ray-Pec East Middle School. In the front row, from left: **Cole Graf**, **Zach Newman**, and **Autumn Crandall**. In the second row: **Caitlin Hoke**, **Grace Hart**, and **Trea Loveland**. In the third row: **Hunter Wilson**, **Lauryn Whitney**, and **Sarah Scieszinski**. In the top row: **Mickaile Price**, **Quinn Perry** and **Brooke Crabtree**.

Book fair fun

Creekmoor Elementary School celebrated with a Reading Luau Book Fair during March and raised more than $1,200 for a children's charity. Throughout the collection week, students and staff participated in theme days. Second grader **Riley Flessner** sported a wild hairdo for "Wild and Wacky Keikis" day. (Keikis is Hawaiian for children.)

State DECA competition

Congratuations to these students who competed at the State DECA Career Development Conference March 18-20. Pictured, from left, are: **Cheyenne Ely**, **Devon Lea Harris**, **Kayla Tomosieski**, **Keith Chastain**, and **Kristen Grantham**. Two students placed and qualified to compete at the International DECA Career development Conference in Salt Lake City. They are: Keith Chastain in Marketing Management and Kristen Grantham in Retail Merchandising.

RPHS band qualifies 37 events to state competition on April 27

Congratulations to the Ray-Pec band on great performances at the Missouri State High School Activities Association District Solo/Ensemble Festival March 30 at Pleasant Hill.

Ray-Pec had 37 band events receive one (superior) ratings, and 30 events received two (excellent) ratings.

These events received one ratings and qualified for state competition Friday, April 27, in Columbia:

- **Flute Solos**: Kelly Briner, Ashley Parker, Angela Bradford, Madelon Wink, Sonia Jacobson, and Emily Jordan.
- **Flute Trio**: Angela Bradford, Kelly Briner, and Ashley Parker.
- **Flute trio:** Erin Bua, Laura Braga, and Callie Brown.
- **Clarinet Solo**: Jackie Couturier.
- **Woodwind Trio:** Brianna Velez, Collin Ryser, and Angelina Mills.
- **Saxophone Solos:** Taylor Byrnes, Ryan Corkhill, Jack Renfro, and Sawyer Henkle.
- **Sax Trio:** Rebekah Wratney, Alexis Bruhn, and Jack Renfro.
- **Trumpet Solos:** Jason Scrivener and Tommy Renfro.
- **French Horn Solos:** Nic Wilson and Tyler Trusk.
- **Baritone Solo:** Travis Hopkins.
- **Trombone Trio:** Rebekah Mueller, T.J. Stephens, and Paul Wulff.
- **Mixed Brass Trio:** Nathan Parke, Luke Balsiger, and Nic Wilson.
- **Tuba Solo**: Logan Jungman and Seth Worden.
- **Mallet Keyboard Solos:** Kit Leonard, Daichi Tadokoro, and Austin Coop.
- **Snare Solos:** Morgan Elliott and Luke Randolph.
- **Timpani Solos:** Mallory Pearson, Daichi Tadokoro, and Will Whelan.
- **Multi Percussion Solo:** Austin Coop.
- **Percussion Trio:** Morgan Elliott. Mallory Pearson, and Austin Coop.
- **Percussion Quartet:** Austin Coop, Tyler Turner, Kit Leonard, and Daichi Tadokoro.
- **Piano Solos:** Elizabeth Daugherty and Kit Leonard.

Read Across America

Timber Creek Elementary School celebrated Read Across America on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday. These students won a contest to create a logo for a Seuss character. The student with the best logo from each class earned a certificate, a Wacky Pack meal from Sonic, a book, and a sign that says: "Reading: Do Not Disturb." On the front row, from left to right, are: **Michael Viermann**, **Trinity Harrison**, **Chloe Robertson**, **Ayden Jackson**, **Kaden Young**, **Shannon Finn**, and **Amaya Barnes**. On the back row, from left, are: **Jalia Hunt**, **Angelica Zagar**, **Ella Schnake**, **Ean Poe**, **Melissa Timmons**, **Clarissa Meyers**, and **Rowan William**s. Not pictured are **Zach Pace** and **Tierani Booker-Smith**. Students also watched "Guess Who Grew Up Loving Books," a PowerPoint presentation of staff member baby pictures. Students also wore red and white to school on March 2 to fit with the theme, "Hats off to Dr. Seuss."

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Bridle Ridge PTA elects officers for 2012-2013

The newly elected 2012-2013 PTA Officers for Bridle Ridge Intermediate School are President **Kim McCauley**, Vice President **Krina Snider**, and Secretary **Allison Bruflat**. The office of Treasurer and some Committee Chair positions are still open.

If you will have a 5th or 6th grade student attending Bridle Ridge in the fall and are interested in serving on the PTA Board, please contact Kim McCauley at kimmcc@fairpoint.net.

A+ students may earn community service hours at school carnival

High School students in the A+ program who need volunteer hours can work at the Timber Creek Elementary School spring carnival on April 20. Contact Heather Williams with the Timber Creek PTA at ekjmom@hotmail.com.

RPHS choir qualifies 15 events to state competition

Congratulations to the Ray-Pec High School choir students on their outstanding individual performances at tge District music solo and ensemble contest March 30 at Pleasant Hill.

Of the 36 entries from Ray-Pec, 15 received ratings of one (Superior) and qualified for the state music competition in Columbia. Sixtreen entries received ratings of two (Excellent).

The following events received a one rating and qualified for state:

- **Concert Choir Quartet** – Hayley Farrell, Nellie Maple, Bobby Turnbough, Alden Stockam
- **Concert Choir Girls Sextet** – Abbie Hockett, Haley Crane, Emma Howlett, Julia Craig, Bracie Bradford, Mallory Misemer
- **Concert Choir Double Quartet** – Abbie Hockett, Savannah Zielinski, Alexa Storms, Emma Howlett, Alden Stockam, Rob Smith, Karl Bradford, Josh Wagner
- **Vocal solos:** Abigayl Hockett, Hayley Farrell, Nellie Maple, Megan Settle, Bobby Turnbough, Alden Stockam, Mallory Misemer, Haley Crane, Josh Wagner, Megan Simmons, Janie Turner, and Haley Wilson.

The following events received a two rating:

- **Vocal solos:** Paige Reinholdt, Michaela Yoakum, Simone Rall, Savannah Zielinski, Bailey Stevens, Thomas Davis, Angie Bird, Brenna Sanders, Julia Craig, Bryanna Bivens, Alexa Storms, Karl Bradford, Kyle Berry, and Emma Howlett.
- **Concert Choir Double Trio** – Michaela Yoakum, Simone Rall, Paige Reinholdt, Jami Cobb, Rebecca Barron, Megan Settle
- **Concert Choir Trio** – Sammie Rooney, Haley Wilson, Bryanna Bivens

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Enrollment under way for summer child care

Panther Pride School Age Child Care is beginning to accept enrollment for Summer Camp 2012.

Panther Pride offers children (K-6th grade) with a safe, well-supervised and fun environment.

Summer Camp care will be provided at Stonegate Elementary School for grades k-6.

For an enrollment form, go to the district web site: www.raypec.k12.mo.us or call 816-892-1668.

The Panther Pride School Age Child Care program offers before and after school care for children (grades K-6). During the school year, 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 full-day care for children on some days when school is not in session, and during the summer. Special activities and field trips are planned on the no-school days.

Students in fifth and sixth grade 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 or contact **Sharon Perkins**, School Age Child Care Coordinator, at 816-892-1668.

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.

Performance at the Capitol

The Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School cast of *"The Music Man"* performed for the Annual Missouri Alliance – Fine Arts Education Day on March 20 in the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City. They are pictured with Rep. Chris Molendorp, R-123, and Sen. David Pearce, R-31.

Fifth grade artist wins first in Missouri Reflections Program

Move over, Thomas Hart Benton, Missouri has a new artist in town. Fifth grader **Adeline Aube** at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School was recently awarded first place in the visual arts category of the 2011-2012 Missouri PTA State Level Reflections Program.

She entered a drawing using pen and colored pencil on paper. This year's national theme was "Diversity Means..."

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Reflections Program is designed to support quality arts education and recognize outstanding art. Students were invited to submit entries in the six categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. The entries in each category are judges in four grade divisions: primary (preK-2), intermediate (3-5), (middle/junior) 6-8, and senior (9-12).

As the first place winner in Missouri for visual arts entries for grades 3-5, Adeline has been entered into the national contest.

Bridle Ridge Principal **Al Voelker**, said, "Adeline's entry truly moved me. The combination of her inspiring artwork and expression statement was profound."

Adeline's artistic talent comes naturally, as she's been drawing daily since she was a toddler. Her father, Michael Aube, an illustrator for Hallmark Cards, and mother, Laura Aube, an art therapist and counselor, have also been ongoing inspirations to Adeline.

As part of her winning artwork entry, Adeline included an accompanying statement.

"My inspiration was the diversity of people around the world and I wanted to show girls from places like China, Africa, and India. With the girls side by side in the drawing, others can see that even though they have different features, they are all beautiful. By seeing this piece of artwork, people can see that our world is a diverse place and that diversity means uniqueness. Because there are different races, our world is interesting and isn't bleak and boring."

Adeline will be honored at the state PTA conference on May 5 in Columbia, Missouri and her artwork with be on display May 4-5 during the conference. Missouri PTA will be notified by National PTA in May of any National Award winners.

Diversity means...

Fifth grader **Adeline Aube** created this entry using pen and colored pencil on paper to express the theme "Diversity means..." It won first place in the visual arts category in Missouri for grades 3-5.

Winning artist

Bridle Ridge Intermediate School Principal **Al Voelker**, right, congratulates fifth grader **Adeline Aube** for winning first place in the visual arts category of the Missouri PTA Reflections Program. Adeline's entry has been sent to the National PTA for judging.

Journalism students earn 17 all-state honors at state contest

Raymore Peculiar High School journalism students earned 17 All-State honors at state journalism contest. State contest is sponsored by the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA). The contest was April 3-4 on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia.

These Ray-Pec High School journalism students attended the state journalism contest April 3-4 on the campus of the University of Missouri, Columbia.

All-state honors

1. **Keishaunna Reynolds, Bailey Coin**, and **Hannah Roth** received a Superior Award in Sports Design for "Outdoing the Others."

2. **Keishaunna Reynolds**, **Bailey Coin**, and **Hannah Roth** received a Superior Award for Sports Design for "Different Strokes."

3. **Alesha Hall**, **Alison Hammell**, **Rachael Smith**, **Katelynn Shepard** received Superior Awards for Overall Theme/Concept for "The Beat."

4. **Kris Hudson**, **Hannah Roth**, **Sydney Gibson** received an Excellent rating in Sports Design for "Hitting to the Stars."

5. **Justin Thomas**, **Bailey Coin**, and **Sydney Gibson** received a Superior Award for Academic Design for "A Form of Expression."

6. **Kris Hudson, Hannah Roth**, and **Sydney Gibson** received a Superior Award for Academic Design for "Behind the Scenes."

7. **Rachael Smith** earned a Superior Award for Sports Design for "It's all about teamwork."

8. The Panther Times newspaper earned the "Merit Award" in overall newspaper evaluation. The Panther Times is lead by seniors **Meghan Duane** and **Emily Rapp**. Assistant Editors are juniors **Amber Vandegrift** and **Ashely Ulsh.**

9. **Caleb Scott** received a Superior Award in the Editorial category for "Adults stuck with rules intended for minors."

10. **Caleb Scott** received a Superior Award in the News Story category for "Broken windows, spray painted walls, and objects being stolen."

11. **Tyler Wornell** received a Superior Awards in the Feature category for "Taking a look at unsung heroes."

12. **Valerie Lightle** received a Superior Award in the Feature category for "Grades face off in clash of the classes."

13. **Hannah Roth** earned a Superior Award for Sports Feature Photojournalism with for "Golfing."

14. **Alison Hammell** earned a Superior Award in Organization Coverage for "Meghan."

15. **Austin Coop** earned a Superior Award in Sports Action photojournalism for "Keep Going."

16. **Paige Gower** earned the Show-Me Award in Sports Action for "In the Air."

17. **Ashley Dwyer**, **Hannah Hegarty, Samantha Hurt, Collin Ryser, Austyn Cochran, Zach Oshel**, **Seth Worden** earned a Show-Me Award in the Show Opening category for KPTV Panther Television Intro

Conference activities

Students had the chance to take tours of the campus and J-School, participate in breakout sessions, attend sessions with speakers, and observe a live 5 p.m. newscast at KOMU 8, an NBC affiliate.

Senior editors **Rachael Smith**, **Alison Hammell**, **Katelyn Sheppard**, **Meghan Duane**, and **Emily Rapp** lead an Editor's Roundtable discussion for students from around the state. Ray-Pec publications are advised by teachers **Stefani Russ** and **Brett Barbarick**.

Administrator award

Ray-Pec Journalism students nominated Ray-Pec High School Principal **Dr. Sherri Miller** as Missouri Administrator of Year for the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association. She was recognized as a finalist during the awards presentation.

Board of Directors

Russ was elected to the Regional Board of Directors for the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association. Russ will serve a two-year term.

Eagle Glen wins in first Ray-Pec Intermediate Scholar Bowl

Eagle Glen Intermediate School squeaked by Bridle Ridge Intermediate School to win the the inaugural Raymore-Peculiar Intermediate School Scholar Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School.

The event included the fifth and sixth grade gifted students from Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen. There were 58 competitors in the "friendly" academic competition between the two schools. PTAs from both schools provided light refreshments and funded a traveling trophy.

The day began at 9 a.m. with a number of academic/cognitive games between the students.

The Scholar Bowl competition itself was judged by Larry Scofied, treasurer for the Gifted Association of Missouri (GAM), and a gifted education teacher in the Blue Springs School District.

It was a close competition, with the schools tied with the number of questions answered correctly. But, because of the higher point value of the questions answered by Eagle Glen students, Eagle Glen was declared the winning school.

Eagle Glen will house the trophy for one year in the trophy display case until the next Scholar Bowl in the 2012-2013 school year.

Top scoring sixth graders from both schools will be combined to form a Ray-Pec Sixth Grade team that plans to prepare and travel to Delta Woods Middle School to compete against its sixth grade gifted students later this year.

Lezlie Waltz is the gifted teacher for fifth and sixth graders at Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen.

Scholar Bowl

These Bridle Ridge students take their turn answering questions at the Feb. 16 Intermediate Scholar Bowl. Pictured, from left, are: sixth graders Addy Wright, Kira Horton, and Mason Anthuis, and fifth grader Cam Gillespie. Other Bridle Ridge participants included: fifth graders Taylor Bates, Bailey Crabtree, Madilynn Herrell, Grant Hutchings, Kamryn Martin, Shane Martin, James Mendenhall, Trent Oberlander, Faith Stillings, Megan Strauss, and Tammy Yang; and sixth graders Shane Bruflat, Josh Figge, Hannah Hornbeck, Molly Johnson, Logan Mangrum, Alex Moon, Jacob Sibert, Hayden Smith, David Stutzman, and Lawson Sumer.

Matching wits

These Eagle Glen fifth graders prepare to answer questions in the first-ever Ray-Pec Intermediate School Scholar Bowl on Feb. 16. Pictured fron left, are: Jacob Scott, Jessica Kies, Cece Moss, and Alexis Thornhill. Other Eagle Glen participants were: fifth graders Emily Buasri, Noah Dorweiler, Julia Fenaroli, Katie Gregory, Erin Hill, Wesley Horner, Jaden Lanza, Laurana Mitchell, Kaylee Pace, Jordan Pietschmann, Wyatt Quest, Kaleb Shukeat, Matthew Stewart, Megan Sundquist, Faith Swenson, Alexis Thornhill, Cate Wilhite, and Carson Zimmerman; and sixth graders Trevor Diepenbrock, Peter Dyreng, Lauren Erdman, Tyler Kudron, Makenzie Meyer, Elizabeth Montrose, Sarah Poisner, Will Reicher, CJ Russom, Alex Schaffer, Skylar Setzer, and Song Waltz.

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Project Grad schedules Zumbathon for April 21

Project Grad announces a Zumbathon from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. Zumba with certified instructors Brenda Wilson, Carrie Cohen and Cindy Clements. The cost is $5 per person, and no pre-registration is required.

Donated prom dresses to benefit girls, Ray-Pec in Lions Club Panther Princess Project

Attention high school girls and recent graduates: The Panther Princess Project is coming! Here's an opportunity to recycle your Homecoming or Prom dresses to benefit Ray-Pec, other girls and possibly your parents' taxes.

The Bel-Ray Lions Club is collecting donated dresses. Next year, before Homecoming, and again before Prom, the club will sell dresses for $20 each. The dress collection will begin after this year's Prom. On Monday, May 14, and Tuesday, May 15, volunteers will be available at the entrance to both high school buildings to collect dresses. (No need to have the dresses cleaned or pressed – the club will handle that.)

For each donation, you will receive a charitable donation voucher that can be used when filing taxes, and a $5 coupon good for entry into the future dress sale. Next year, when the Panther Princess Project dress sale opens, girls who donated a dress will have free admission. Others may also come and shop for a $5 entry fee.

All dresses will be sold for $20, and the Lions Club plans to donate the money to the school district. The sale gives girls the opportunity to find a beautiful dress at a fraction of the cost. Dresses of all sizes are needed.

For more information, contact Amber Branson at: amber@lonniebranson.com.

Baccalaureate is May 17

Baccalaureate for all 2012 seniors will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 310 Johnston Parkway, Raymore.

Eagle Glen fifth grade Students of the Month

Here are the fifth grade Students of the Month for March at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. The character trait was perseverance. In the back row, from left, are: **Atif Choudry**, **Deja McKenzie**, **Bryon King**, and **Alyssa Woodward**. In the front row, from left, are: **Ben Simpton**, **Ethan Holman**, **Xavier Madden**, and **Mckenzie Holbrook**.

Eagle Glen sixth grade Students of the Month

Here are the sixth grade Students of the Month for March at Eagle Glen Intermediate School. The character trait was perseverance. In the back row, from left, are: **Sarah Meyers**, **Mason Pratt**, **Ismael Olvera**, and **Haleigh Brown**. In the front row, from left, are: **Cassie Mauch**, **Gage Ruppard**, **Aidan Wetsch**, and **Morgan McLaughlin**.

Bridle Ridge Intermediate announces third quarter honor rolls

Al Voelker, principal of Bridle Ridge Intermediate School, announces the third quarter honor rolls.

Principal's Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Gracie Allan, Chloe Alleman, Savannah Alvarado, Jacob Anderson, Zachary Aswegan, Tayler Bates, Gary Beatty, Derek Beauchamp, Jacob Beauchamp, Lisa Blankenship, Jamie Boden, Jacob Boles, Kaitlyn Boman, Nash Braley, Emily Brandenburg, Gabrielle Brockman, Elaina Bruflat, Crystyn Campbell, Magdalyn Carlson, Kaytlin Clemmons, Kathryn Clewell, Naomi Cooper, Bailey Crabtree, Christopher Cramsey, Nicholas Eggers, Cassidy Elrod, Tyler Fagan, Devioun Foskett, Hayden Foster, Joanna Fowlston, Cameron Gillespie, Hannah Gray, Olivia Grieve, Chelsea Hall, Mia Hauptmann, Madilynn Herrell, Connor Houck, Kayla Hughes, Liam Hulsey, Grant Hutchings, Dustin Johnson, Madison Johnson, Douglas Jones, Blake Jungman, Chloe Kampe, Alexandra Kelley, Jack Keys, Ethan King, Riley Linn, Jacob Lopez, Mariah Mann, Kamryn Martin, Shane Martin, Kathryn McCauley, Annalyse McDermott, Morgan McIntosh, James Mendenhall, Cole Mitchell, Zackary Moore, MacKenzie Morgan, Emma Newman, Caleb Norman, Trent Overlander, Ashton Paith, Anna Patterson, Jaydon Piburn, Jaonna Ramirez, Sadie Rann, Alec Rath, Justin Rewarld, Megan Russell, Ethan Sherrick, Hanna Skaggs, Alyssa Smith, Emma Snider, Anna Spalding, Faith Stillings, Jayla Storms, Megan Strauss, Bailey Stuart, Brady Terry, Joshua Thomas, Michael Thomas, Janae Thurston, Jacob Vassar, Grace Wansing, John Wiseman, Avery Woodfine, Jordan Wright, Michael Wright, and Tammy Yang.

Sixth grade: Mason Anthuis, Jackson Armor, Tyler Austin, Alex Barberis, Carissa Beaman, Emerson Bishop, Avery Brooks, Shane Bruflat, Corey Burdick, Jasmine Collier, Mara Davis, Dakota Demaranville, Mattison Derby, Ashley Dimarco, Sarah Edington, Karla English, Madeline Eshleman, Joshua Figge, Kira Florece, Kody Frazee, Mikayla Gifford, Jacob Govro, Alexandra Green, Luke Harding, Lillian Harlan, Sadie Harmon, Nolan Harshbarger, Amber Heath, Hailey Hensley, Tristan Holmes-Dye, Lauren Hopkins, Hannah Hornbeck, Kira Horton, Mallory Huggins, William Hulett, Molly Johnson, Aimie Keesler, Zachery Kerfoot, Brandon Lewis, Benjamin Luebbert, Amiyah Lynn-Zalzala, Logan Mangrum, Deanna Margita, Shelby Martinez, Justin Masters, Wesley McCullough, Brian Moon, Taryn Moore, Patrick Morrison, Jordan Morrow, Zachary Newkirk, Grace Newton, Noah Novak, Sara Patterson, Madelyn Pinney, Conner Raby, Johnathon Raby, William Retter, Michael Rexroad, Madison Riley, Amber Rogers, Leah Rogge, Antonia Santamaria, Adam Sesher, Jacob Sibert, Hayden Smith, Olivia Smith, Mikayla Smuder, Zachary Starforth, Evan Steers, David Stutzman, Gabrielle Sullivan, Lawson Sumler, Josie Sydney, Katlyn Taylor, Jenna Toone, Jorri Toone, Allison Trageser, Brandon Tygret, Luke VanDyne, Reilly Vargas, Brittany Walkingstick, Dawson Wehmeyer, Erin Woolf, and Adaline Wright.

Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Dalen Adamson, Mikinzi Ash, Ann Barton, Katharine Bower, Taylor Boyd, Samuel Brauer, Kamren Chalmers, Caylie Clements, Rachel Collinsworth, Jalen Cosby, Grace Cratree, Michael Crane, Anjolina Cratic, McKenzie Crawford, Miranda Dick, Jessica Edmonds, Brenton Eggers, Samantha Ehrhardt, Jacob Elliott, Courtney Farr, Drew Fulk, Austin Gardiner, Lauren Gebauer, Victoria Gloeckler, Trevor Golden, William Greble, Brooke Haling, Mollie Halseth, Libbie Hays, Burke Holt, Ian Hornbeck, Ariel Hosman, Morgan Houston, Chase Hutchison, Kailey Jacobs, Eric Jones, Harrison Jones, Clarissa Kampe, Mia Kester, Chloe Kimbrell, Maxamillion Kratofil, Megan Lesmeister, Zachary Lewis, Ashlee Loomis, Yama Lueke, Sydney Malcolm, Megan Massey, Caytlin McBride, Grace Millard, Chloe Mohn, Corey Morrison, Chloe Newton, Kennedy Noble, Kelsey Norton, Zachary Odum, Cole Penn, Carley Peters, Mikayla Powell, Brynn Riegert, Janelle Roberts, Jacob Ross, Dominic Sanders, Brooke Sharp, Jessica Siders, Kayla Smith, Caleb Stegner, Parker Strang, Kaitlyn Tomblin, Dakota Triplett, Seth Wansing, Rebeka Whitehead, Savannah Wolff, Colby Zellers.

Sixth grade: Devin Adams, Jessica Ashley, Damon Austin, Noah Austin, Bryan Bassett, Kaden Bauernfeind, Ashley Beaton, Kobe Bennett, David Bogar, Arizona Booher, Chloe Broom, Salena Browne, Jacob Buerge, Alisa Cahoon, Katelyn Carlisle, Jordan Carpenter, Brandon Carvan, Evan Cole, Gavin Cummons, Samantha Curphey, Austin Damron, Jade David, Conner Deardorff, Nolan Dick, Jacob Dougan, Abby Emerick, Delaney Fraccascia, Ameila Franklin, Kiara Galloway, Alaina Garrington, Christopher Gnad, Erik Gordy, Tyler Gray, Trevor Grindstaff, Austin Hacker, Lucas Hagelin, Makilah Harris, Matthew Marryman, Kristen Heard, Chase Hess, Miranda Howe, Madison Huisman, Haylie Jackman, Mason Jensen, Macabe Johnson, James Johnston, Shania Jones, James Kelley, Mitchell Kibling, Heather King, Payton King, Kaile-Ana Kirby, Sean Kirkwood, Elijah Kobel-Stultz, Tyler Lanning, Michael Lewis, Kiley Lopez, Kaitlyn Marsh, Dylan Massey, Mason McGilton, Breanna Meuret, Christian Morehead, Cody Morgan, Kenya Oliver, Elyzabeth Pennington, Montana Prickett, Hugana Rios, Jesse Roberts, Shelby Ronnberg, Michael Rood, Jenna Scali, Sarah Scott, Destinee Shehan, Reagan Shepard, Malinda Smedley, Kinlie Smith, Michael Staudinger, Ammy Strawn, Blake Strobach, Sophia Tibbetts, Chenoa Toler, Selen Valenzuela, Jordan Van Schepen, MacKenzie Waide, Megan Ward, T'Juan Warfield, Jonathan Watkins, Jajuan Willis, Rachel Wilson, and Adriana Wright.

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Birthday greetings

You can have birthday greetings placed on the large lighted marquee sign in front of the Ray-Pec High School south building for $5. Payment must be received by **Dianne Harmon** at the high school at least one week before the birthday.

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.

Find us on Facebook

Find us on Facebook! You can now become a fan of the Raymore-Peculiar School District on Facebook. More than 3,100 people are fans of the district on Facebook. Go to: www.facebook.com/raypec. It's free to create your own account at www.facebook.com.

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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 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

Software discounts

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

Go to 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 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.

Battle of the Belt

Ray-Pec High School was named a 2011 winner in the Missouri Department of Transportation Battle of the Belt competition. Melanie Lanigan with MoDOT came to the school on March 21 to present a Silver Award trophy, a banner, and four signs that say: Ray-Pec CARES, Please Buckle up. She presented the awards to members of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Last November, SADD coordinated the Battle of the Belt challenge at the high school, and 95 percent of students were wearing their seatbelts during an audit. Pictured, from left, are: Assistant Principal **Jeanne Kuhlman**, School Resource Officer **Audra Ayers**, **Kylie Bain**, **Natalie Conner**, **Alex Kranz**, **Janak Patel**, **Lexie Bruhn**, **Bridgette Sappington**, and Sponsor **Tina Fultz**.

Rotary Student of the Month

Senior **Emily Amerson** was the Ray-Pec High School Rotary Student of the Month for March. Matt Hocker, president of the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club, presented Emily with a certificate at the March 28 lunch meeting. Each month, the club honors a senior from Belton High School and Ray-Pec High School.

The weather was nice, so kindergartners at Creekmoor Elementary School went outside to learn about Mother Goose during a library lesson in March.

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. 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. In the body of the message, type "Subscribe RP Update." You may enroll yourself by following a link at: 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

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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