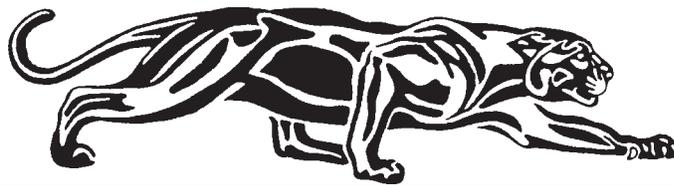


# Raymore-Peculiar School News



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## Debbie Dragoo is the 2009 Ray-Pec Support Staff Employee of the Year

**Debbie Dragoo**, the principal's secretary at Raymore-Peculiar High School, is the 2009 Support Staff Employee of the Year for the school district.

The announcement came during the May 6 dinner to honor 10 finalists for the award. At the conclusion of the event, School Board President **Joe Anthuis** and 2008 Support Staff Employee of the Year **Cyndi Lueckenotto** unrolled a banner to reveal the winner.

Debbie has been working for the school district for one year and seven months, all at the high school.

High School Teacher **Beth Forney** nominated Debbie for the award. Beth wrote: "Debbie has made RPHS a more organized and efficiently-functioning

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## Job Olympics scheduled for Friday, May 8

The Cass County Special Education Cooperative has scheduled its second annual Cass County Job Olympics from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Belton Community Center, 16400 S. Mullen Rd., Belton.

Students with disabilities from five school districts will compete in a variety of job skills.

The cooperative includes the Belton School District, Cass-Midway School District, Harrisonville School District, Pleasant Hill School District and Raymore-Peculiar School District.

## Last day of school

Did you know? The last day of school is Friday, May 22. Schools will dismiss three hours early on that day.

The school calendar lists Wednesday, May 20, as the last day of school. Because we are making up days lost to inclement weather, May 20 will be a full day of school, May 21 will be a full make-up day of school, and May 22 will be an early-release day.

## Mobile recycling units to return this weekend

The mobile recycling units will return this weekend. The collection units will be located on the parking lot of the Ray-Pec Freshman Center. You may drop off recyclables from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10.

You do not need to sort the materials. Here is a partial list of the things you may bring: aluminum and steel (tin) cans, newspaper, paper, junk mail, paperboard, corrugated cardboard, phone books, books, and plastics. No glass is accepted at this time.



Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** congratulates **Debbie Dragoo** on being named the 2009 Support Staff Employee of the Year. Debbie is the principal's secretary at Raymore-Peculiar High School. Holding the banner are **Joe Anthuis**, School Board President, left, and **Cyndi Lueckenotto**, para-professional and 2008 Support Staff Employee of the Year, at right.

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*"Through collaboration among parents, students, staff and the community, the Raymore-Peculiar School District will ensure that each student masters specific and challenging learning objectives that maximize achievement and lead to lifelong productivity."*

# Debbie Dragoo named Support Staff Employee of the Year

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building. Her presence makes my colleagues and I want to come to work each morning ready to work and get things done. To me, she has one of the most stressful positions



Debbie Dragoo

within a school building. She must keep the entire building informed (administrators, teachers, custodial staff, substitutes, students, visitors, etc.) as well as parents, guardians, and community members.

“Debbie has been yelled at, cried to, nagged at, complained to, gossiped to, etc., and yet she has always exhibited a professional and confidential demeanor with each

and every situation and individual. How she does this, I’m sure I’ll never know.”

High School Principal Dr. Sherri Miller wrote: “She is the most amazing individual I have ever had the privilege to work with. She has been superb and her performance goes unmatched in every area possible.”

Sherri asked others at the high school to share their thoughts about the impact she has on the high school. After sending out an email requesting feedback, Sherri received 25 replies within 30 minutes. She also received multiple comments from students. Dr. Kyle read some of those responses aloud at the banquet.

Debbie told the judges that the students are her inspiration. She enthusiastically talked about customer service and said she loves her job. She wants to solve everyone’s problems and said she believed her job affect’s how everyone’s day goes. The judge said the glass is always half full with Debbie.

Attending the banquet with Debbie were her husband, Todd, and daughters Kim Dragoo and Kristen Rew. The couple also has two other daughters, Kelley and Kari.

Debbie was in the U.S. Marine Corps and was trained as a computer programmer. She was stationed in Kansas City. She earned the Good Conduct Medal.

She has also been a preschool teacher at Bright Cherubs and the Director of Christian Education at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Raymore. She loves to read, watch movies, garden, and hang out with her daughters. She also is a new quilter.

Each finalist for the award was asked to tell how their job makes a difference in the Ray-Pec School District. Debbie wrote:

“It is important when people walk into this building that they see a calm, smiling, friendly face. No matter what they bring to the building, they are looking for someone who will take care of whatever they need, someone who will listen to them if they are having a bad day or just need someone to pay attention to them. I may be the only contact they have with the district. It is important that I am that calm, smiling, friendly face. It is my job to make the difference.”



The Blues Brothers (also known as David Coffelt, left, and John Hoffman) provided entertainment during the Support Staff Employee of the Year banquet.

As the Support Staff Employee of the Year, Debbie receives \$500 from the George K. Baum & Co., a \$100 savings bond from UMB, banners for her office and school, and her photo on display at the Administrative Services Center.

In addition, she received a flower arrangement from Cosentino’s Price Chopper, Raymore; and gift certificates from Ray Rae’s Rib Shack, Pizza Hut of Peculiar, The Locker Room, and Chartreuse Caboose. Her photo will be on display at the Administrative Services Center.

## Finalists honored

All 10 finalists for the 2009 Support Staff Employee of the Year award were honored during the May 6 banquet.

The selection process began in February with the collection of nomination letters. Teachers and administrators were not eligible. Employees had to have completed at least one year working in the district. There was also requirements for attendance, positive evaluations and the

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## Support Staff finalists honored at banquet

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recommendation of the principal or supervisor. From the nominations, 10 finalists were selected.

Each finalist had an interview with these three judges: Sherry Chatfield, secretary to the Superintendent and Board of Education at the Cass Midway R-1 School District, Steve Pearce of Pearce Photographics, and Tim Rosa, project manager for Titan Construction.

The judges reviewed resumes and nomination letters, and at the conclusion of the interviews, selected the winner.

Each finalist received a plaque and goody bag, along with other gifts and coupons. To read about each finalist, see other pages in this newsletter.

The Support Staff Employee of the Year banquet was catered by Affordable Elegance.

The major sponsor for the Support Staff Employee of the Year event is the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation. Other sponsors include: Apple Bus, CBIZ, Emerald Data Solutions, Field Turf USA, Inc., incite Design Studio, Keystone, Konica Minolta, Pearce Photographics and Protection One.

Contributors include: Community Bank of Raymore, Control Service Co., Country Mart, Major Saver, and Sonic of Peculiar.

### 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: Dr. Terri Jamison, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 366, Peculiar, MO 64078. 816-892-1300.



Todd Dragoo congratulates his wife, **Debbie**, after the announcement. Also attending the banquet were two of Debbie's daughters, Kim Dragoo and Kristen Rew. The couple has two other daughters, Kelley and Kari. Standing with her back to the camera is High School Principal **Dr. Sherri Miller**.

## Meet the Support Staff Employee finalists

### Diane Crane

Diane Crane is a para-professional in the Early Childhood Special Education program, which is located at Raymore Elementary School. She has worked more than two years for the school district.

#### From her nomination letters:

*"Diane Crane is a remarkable person who amazes me everyday. She is assigned to primarily working with a student who has significant delays in development and requires a lot of intensive, one-on-one instruction. Diane is one of the most devoted paras that I have had the privilege of working with - and I have worked with many. She spends four hours a day, five days a week, tirelessly training our little guy 'how to learn.' She does it with love, hope and determination."*

*"Diane always gives the impression that everything is under control through her unwavering confidence. She keeps us informed on a daily basis of his progress and activities of the day."*

(Meet more finalists on next two pages)



# Meet the finalists for 2009 Support Staff Employee of the Year

## Gale Garten



Gale Garten is the attendance and discipline secretary at the Raymore-Peculiar Freshman Center. This is her second year in that position. She has worked for the school district since 1991.

**From her nomination letter:**

*"For the past two years, we have been fortunate to have Gale in the front office of the Freshman Center. Her organization skills are legendary. She is very efficient and thorough in her work.*

*"If it is on Gale's list to do, it will be done well. There is another side to Gale Garten that not everyone sees. Under her very efficient exterior, there is a teddy-bear heart. Many hungry students who have gone to the office to place a call for forgotten lunch money have been slipped a few dollars from a sympathetic Gale. She has donated to many good causes in our building without any fanfare.*

*"Gale is just a really good person! In conclusion, many of us at the Freshman Center believe Gale Garten is the best choice for Raymore-Peculiar Support Staff Employee of the Year."*

## Cindy Moore



Cindy Moore is the cafeteria manager at the Raymore-Peculiar Freshman Center. This is her first year in that position, but she has worked for the school district for six years.

**From her nomination letter:**

*"Cindy always has a smile on her face, no matter what. She is always respectful of the students and staff needs. She makes all the students feel special. She knows how to put that special taste to all the food she prepares.*

*"You never really see her stressed or upset. If she is, she doesn't show it.*

*"She just makes sure everyone's needs are met, regardless of what she has to do to meet them. She has stated on numerous occasions that it is her job to make everyone happy and satisfied, regardless. I feel she goes above and beyond her duties, including managing her kitchen.*

*"If everyone had the mild manner and good manager skills that she possesses, then things would go a lot smoother. She is loved by everyone here at the Freshman Center."*

## Jeff Helzer



Jeff Helzer works in facility maintenance as part of the Buildings and Grounds Department. Although based at the district warehouse, his job includes working at every building, district-wide. He began working for the school district in September 1989.

**From his nomination letter:**

*"We consider Jeff a hero, coming to our aid on numerous occasions. Jeff genuinely cares about proper care and maintenance of our facility and he enjoys his job by the pride he takes in his work. He takes the time to listen to our problems in an attentive manner, asking the appropriate questions to try to help problem-solve if the solution is not readily apparent.*

*"If he can't fix something right away, he will at least attempt a temporary fix. If this isn't possible, he takes the time to talk with us about what he has done, what needs to be done and how soon he will be able to fix the problem. He never leaves us guessing."*

## Brenda Reinholdt



Brenda Reinholdt is the media assistant at Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen intermediate schools. She has held this position since August 2005.

**From her nomination letter:**

*"Brenda is amazing at every aspect of her job, and many jobs that are not hers.*

*"Brenda has the best work ethic of any person I have ever known. She is here before most teachers and stays until the job is done without ever complaining or worrying about her time sheet. Brenda has a tremendous ability to see what work needs to be done and work until it is accomplished.*

*"She has a wonderful rapport with staff. Teachers depend on her and know she will come through with whatever they need.*

*"You can always find Brenda where she is supposed to be and doing what needs to be done. The pace she works at, shelving and processing books, far surpasses anything I could hope to achieve."*

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# Meet the finalists for 2009 Support Staff Employee of the Year

## Faith Schucker



Faith Schucker is the focus facilitator at Timber Creek Elementary School. This is her fourth year in that position. She has worked for the school district since 1997.

**From her nomination letters:**

*"When a child needs to visit her with some problem, she listens with full attention and helps each child figure out the answer to the problem. She is a great mediator, problem solver and mentor."*

*"Faith Schucker is a great candidate for the support staff award. She not only sees some of our more challenging students daily, but she visits with other students to give them positive support to start their day. The teachers can take a child that cannot be safe in the regular classroom into her room and know that she will find out what is troubling him or her."*

*"We all know she has one of the most difficult positions in our building, and yet she can see through to the heart of her many students. She is the support, rock, disciplinarian and great role model for all the students who pass through her door in a day."*

## Abby Webb



Abby Webb is the benefits assistant and payroll lead in the Ray-Pec Human Resources Department. She has worked for the school district since July 2007.

**From her nomination letter:**

*"Abby has been a great asset to this district. Abby brought with her a vast knowledge of payroll law, but had no school district experience. Abby has gone out of her way to learn the school-specific differences and make sure we keep in compliance."*

*"She is always confidential and very kind and patient with everyone she deals with. Abby also deals with many outside vendors and can be counted on to respond in a very professional and timely manner."*

*"Abby is a team player who is always looking to help those around her. Abby can always be counted on to meet any deadlines that are thrown her way, even when it requires extra time. She has trained our two new payroll clerks while continuing to meet all of her payroll deadlines. Abby was very patient and did a fabulous job training these ladies."*

## Jerry Trueblood



Jerry Trueblood is the focus facilitator at Peculiar Elementary School. She has held this position for five years, and has worked seven years for the school district.

**From her nomination letters:**

*"Jerry is a very caring person who puts the needs of the child first and tries to make sure that every child receives the best education possible. Jerry arrives at school around 6:30 a.m., long before others have arrived. She sets up her room and gets things organized so when the children arrive in the morning, everything is in the proper place so learning can begin."*

*"Jerry works with teachers, sharing what she knows about a child, what techniques she has found to be successful and setting up target behaviors for students. Jerry is always there to help a student be successful."*

*"Jerry Trueblood truly does put children first. She helps create the friendly and helpful climate that we have in our building."*

## Jeanne Wild



Jeanne Wild works as a cashier, cook and food server in the Child Nutrition Department. Since fall 2006, she has worked at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School. She has worked for the school district since September 2005.

**From her nomination letter:**

*"She gets to know each child by their first name. She learns their personalities, who needs a kind voice and a smile, and even who to keep in line. Children years later remember her and give her a hug and a big, 'Hello, Mrs. Wild!'"*

*"Jeanne has worked for the district for several years. She has worked in several different Ray-Pec schools. She takes a great deal of pride in what she does every day."*

*"Despite the hard work, Jeanne loves her job because of the children. She wants lunch to be a break and a happy moment in each child's life."*



## Welcome to the farm

John and Janice Fogle, in picture at left, welcome first graders from Creekmoor Elementary School to their dairy farm. It was the first field trip that the Fogles' had hosted. The Fogles milk twice daily, and sell their milk and cream to Belfonte and Robert's through the Borden Milk Company. In the picture at right, students in Mrs. Taylor's classes prepare for a hay ride. The first grade classes had a chance to watch cows being milked and to feed calves and baby goats. Students took a hay ride, ate cheese and learned about erosion. The Fogles are patrons of the school district. Two grandsons who live on the farm are students at Peculiar Elementary School.



## Little Cheer Clinic

The Ray-Pec Cheer eighth annual Little Cheer Clinic was Saturday, May 2. Thanks to the Ray-Pec Middle School and parent volunteers who helped make the event a success. Little Cheer participants:

- **Kindergarten:** Maya Bennett, Kendra Kincaid, Rachel Lowery, Gloria Tate, Tara Thomas.
- **First grade:** Ariss Carpenter, Kayla Casey, Peydnn Cohen, Carrie Eckerle, Catie Johnston, Molly Loman, Jordan Scrivener, Amara Smith.
- **Second grade:** Emily Brandenburg, Julia Fenaroli, Jessica Kies, Ashley Preator, Brooke Sharp, Madison Welty.
- **Fourth-sixth grade:** Kyndal Feight.

# News Briefs

## RPHS band students perform well at state

Congratulations to RPHS band students who performed well at the state solo/ensemble contest May 1 in Columbia. These students received an excellent rating of II:

- **Elysia Gooding**, flute solo;
- **Marie Whelan**, tenor sax solo;
- **Rebekah Wratney**, alto sax solo;
- **James Taylor**, French horn solo;
- **Seth Worden**, tuba solo; and
- **Meggie Hoffman, Nicholas Bravo and Jordan Smith**, tuba trio.

## Freshman recognition

Congratulations to freshmen **Katie Brock** and **Trevor Benthusen**. Their names were selected from the Student Recognition drawing for the month at the Ray-Pec Freshman Center. They will each receive a \$25 gift card.

## Ray-Pec is top in state for Polar Plunge funds

Wow! Ray-Pec was the top fundraising school district in the state this year for the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics.

Ray-Pec Polar Plungers raised more than \$16,000 for Special Olympics this year. Thanks to students, staff and families for your support.

Next year's goal: \$20,000. The fundraising was kicked off this week with \$900 raised at the Mr. RP contest.

## Board of Education meeting is May 21

The next regular meeting of the Raymore-Peculiar School District Board of Education is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd.

The meeting is open to the public.

To preview the agenda, or review action from a past board meeting, go to the district web site at:

[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). Select "Board of Education" and then "Board Docs." Then, choose the meeting date to review the information.



## Poetry Night

Peculiar Elementary School second graders shared their creative writing talents during the April 27 Poetry Night in the school library. At left is **Emma Snider**. At right is **Ashlee Loomis**.



## Art, Music, Action!

The end-of-year PTA meeting at Peculiar Elementary School included music performances by fourth graders playing recorders, displays of art as part of the annual Art Fair, and the opportunity to make unique hats. In the picture at left, **Ian Phillips** plays the recorders. At right are **Daisy Bobbett** and **Jozzy Treolo** at the Art Fair.

## Ray-Pec theatre nominated for Cappies

The Ray-Pec theatre program has been nominated for many awards through the Kansas City Chapter of the Cappies, a critics and awards program for high school theatre. Ray-Pec has nominations for the play *Antigone* and the musical *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The play *Cash on Delivery* was not included in the competition. Each participating school may enter two shows.

Ray-Pec is nominated for these awards:

- Lighting, **Devin Connelly**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Costumes, **Ellie Fowler**, *Antigone*;
- Make-up, **Hayley Farrell**, **Ellie Fowler**, **Samantha Grove** and **Alaina Sharp**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Props and Effects, **Bree Bersherse**, **Sonia Jacobson** and **Morgan Lyle**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Ensemble in the Play, Student Resistance Chorus, *Antigone*;
- Ensemble in a Musical, The League of the Scarlet Pimpernel, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Comic Actor in the Musical, **Jacob Gollither**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Featured Actress in a Musical, **Sophia Brown**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Featured Actor in a Musical, **Maurice Roper**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Lead Actress in a Play, **Alaina Sharp**, *Antigone*;
- Lead Actor in a Play, **Jacob Gollither**, *Antigone*;
- Lead Actress in a Musical, **Elyssa LeMay**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Lead Actor in a Musical, **Seth Jones**, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Male Critic, **Connor Branson**;
- Female Critic, **Alaina Sharp** and **Rebekah Youmans**;
- Critic Team;
- Song, *Madame Guillotine*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*;
- Play, *Antigone*; and
- Musical, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.



## News Briefs

### District officials learn more about H1N1 flu

Representatives from the Ray-Pec School District participated May 5 in a county-wide meeting about H1N1 flu.

The Cass County Health Department scheduled the meeting, which included people from hospitals, clinics, police departments, emergency management agencies, cities and school districts.

The health department presented information, answered questions, and reviewed its Pandemic Influenza Response Plan.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of H1N1 flu in Cass County.

To prevent the spread of illness and H1N1 flu in Cass County, please take basic steps to protect yourself and your family.

Here are some tips: Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you are sick, do not go to work or school. Limit contact with other people to keep from infecting them.

For more information, go to: <http://www.preparemetrokc.org>

If students are sick with fever, vomiting or diarrhea, they should stay home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours.

The Cass County Health Department has increased its surveillance efforts. For schools, this means that school nurses are reporting to the health department daily about the illnesses seen in schools.

Earlier, the Centers for Disease Control was recommending a school closure of up to 14 days if there was even one confirmed case of H1N1 flu involving a student or staff member.

On May 5, the CDC revised those guidelines.

Now, school closure is not advised for a suspected or confirmed case of H1N1 and, in general, is not advised unless there is a magnitude of faculty or student absenteeism that interferes with the school's ability to function. You can read more at: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).



### Top in sales

These students from Eagle Glen Intermediate School won a limo ride and pizza at Pizza Shoppe for selling the most Major Saver discount cards. Sales of the cards benefitted the school and the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation. Standing in front of the limo, from left, are: **Kylie Reichmann**, **Joe Gott**, **Tyler Putney**, **Corey Alston**, **Brayden Roberts**, **Becka Stephens**, **Kelly Bradin**, **Sydney Boude**, **Madison Blackwell**, **Josie Craig**, and **Hannah Rose**.

# News Briefs

## RPHS vocalists at state

Congratulations to high school vocalists on individual performances at the state music contest May 1 in Columbia.

Receiving a Superior rating of I for vocal solos were:

- **Erin Highland** and
- **Elyssa Lemay.**

Receiving an Excellent rating of II:

- Chamber Choir Girls Sextet;
- **Nicollette Thompson**, vocal solo;
- **Heazy Ward**, vocal solo;
- **Liz Barron**, vocal solo; and
- **Connor Branson**, vocal solo.

## RPHS theatre students recognized at state

Congratulations to Ray-Pec High School theatre students for outstanding performances at state.

**Sophia Brown** placed second in prose interpretation.

**Alaina Sharp** placed fourth in dramatic interpretation.

**Hayley Farrell** and **Nellie Maple** placed fourth in duet acting.

## Former RPHS athletes do well at track meets

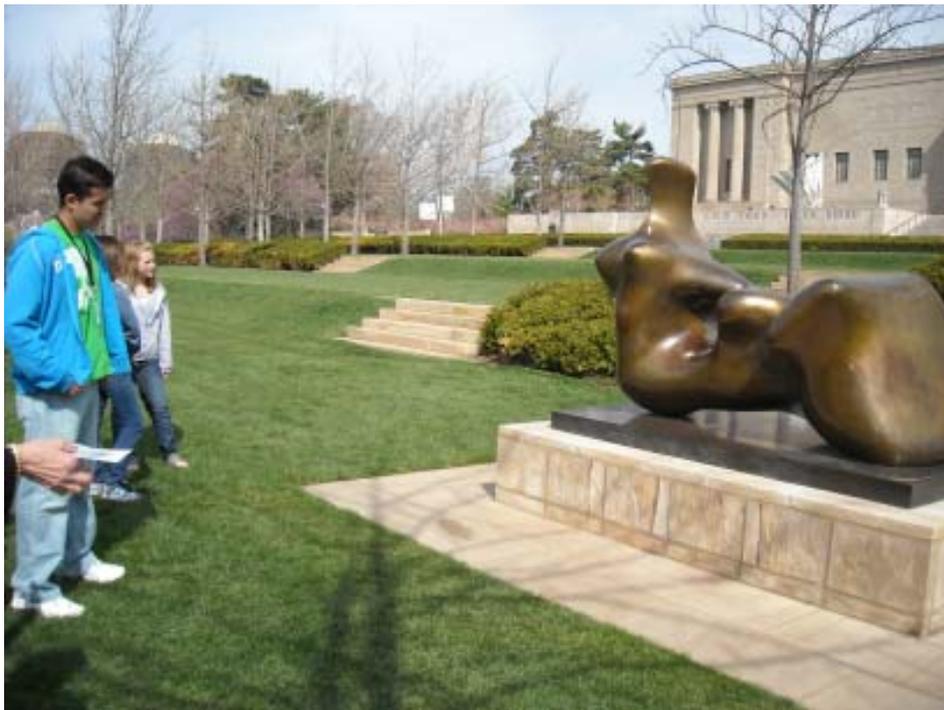
Four former Ray-Pec High School athletes fared well at college-level conference track meets recently.

- **Vincent Howze**, competing with a shoulder that had been partially dislocated during practice, captured the MIAA 400-meter hurdle title. His time of 52.36 leads the nation this year for the NCAA Division II.

- Also at the MIAA conference meet, **Rebecca Brigance** ran well in her 5,000-meter race with a time of 19:33.

- **Ivey Lee** also competed well at the MIAA conference track meet, placing fourth in the 200 and earning all-conference honors.

- **Lisa Scrivener** placed third in the 10,000-meter race with a time of 42:29 at her HAAC conference meet, earning an all-conference award.



## Sculpture field trip

**Chandra Beadleston's** Sculpture classes at Ray-Pec High School took a field trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art to view artwork by sculptors they have studied in class. Here, students are looking at one of Henry Moore's monumental bronze sculptures.



## The Mrs. Redpath Award

**Karen Perry**, reading interventionist at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, was treated to a limousine ride and a dinner out. Steele Chamberlain, owner of Collision Plus, Raymore, presented the "Mrs. Redpath Award" to Karen. Chamberlain created the award to honor teachers and school staff who make a difference in children's lives. He named the award after an elementary teacher who changed his outlook and encouraged him to make something of himself. Karen's sister Ronna Grimes accompanied her on the outing.

# News Briefs

## Students create Healthy Living posters

### RP graduate drafted to Cincinnati Bengals

Congratulations to **Chase Coffman**, the first Ray-Pec High School graduate to be drafted into the NFL. Chase was drafted in the third round to the Cincinnati Bengals. You can search on-line for many news accounts or follow the link below to the Bengals web site: <http://tinyurl.com/dgmccw>.

### Teacher asks: Do you remember Bill Dooley?

Do you remember former Ray-Pec High School Teacher **William (Bill) Dooley**? He began teaching science (mainly biology) in 1977 at Ray-Pec High School and taught here for 17 years before moving the family to Richmond, Mo., where he was a middle school principal, high school principal and seventh grade science teacher for the past 15 years. He is retiring, and his daughter, **Beth Forney**, teacher at Ray-Pec High School, is helping to create a memory book. Write down some memories, stories, well wishes, and submit them via email to Beth at [bforney@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:bforney@raypec.k12.mo.us).



### Healthy living posters

Sixth graders in **Connie Huckleby's** Healthy Living class at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School made posters showing what drugs can do to your body. Each student made a poster with a catchy slogan or picture to relay the message. In the back, from left, are: **William Crotty, Nate Morgan, Rhet Hammers, Cameron Austin, and Alex Vestal**. In the front are: **Montana Vaughn, Shae Vaughn, Rebecca Scott and Stephanie Scott**.



### Healthy living posters

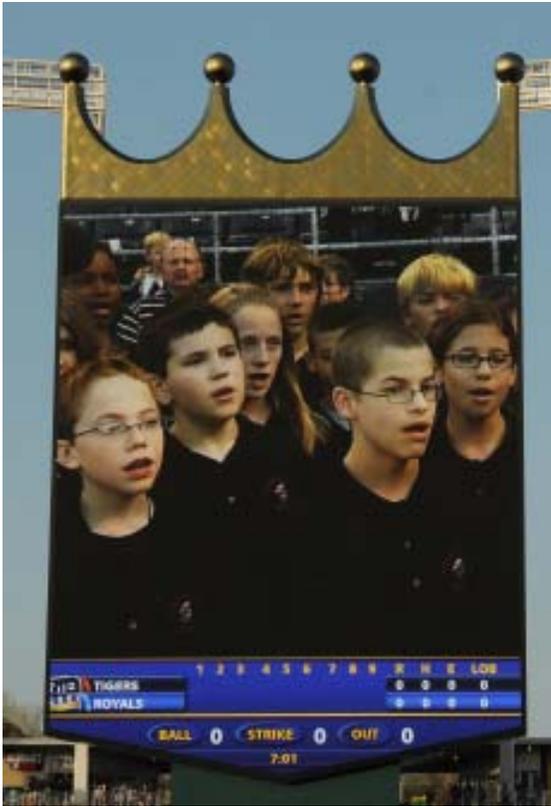
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### Healthy living posters

Sixth graders in **Connie Huckleby's** Healthy Living class at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School made posters showing what drugs can do to your body. In the back, from left, are: **Quintin Monteer, Ryan Butler, Jason Chambers and Justin McClain**. In the front, from left, are: **Kyle Bussell, Dakota Hineman, Dakota Allison and Mattathias Davis**.

## Eagle Glen choir performs at April 24 Raymore Night at The K



The sixth grade choir from Eagle Glen Intermediate School sang the national anthem for the Kansas City Royals game on April 24. This is the second year for the Eagle Glen choir to sing at a Royals game.



The Kansas City Royals mascot, Slugger, carries student **Brittney Stoneking** during the pre-game activities. Sixth grader Brittney attends Eagle Glen Intermediate School. The Raymore Chamber of Commerce and its members sponsored the Eagle Glen choir to sing at the April 24 baseball game.



### Eagle Glen Sixth Grade Choir

Raymore Night at The K featured 107 members of the Eagle Glen Sixth Grade Choir, who sang the national anthem for the April 24 Kansas City Royals game. The Eagle Glen Music Teacher is **Jennifer Gibson**.

17,000 pounds of food

## High School teams with Harvesters to help 255 families



Student and adult volunteers staffed tables of food to give to families during the Food Drop on May 2.



Available food included baked goods, canned goods and produce.



Student and adult volunteers arrived early on the morning of Saturday, May 2, to meet a Harvesters truck loaded with 17 pallets of food. Because of uncertainty about the weather, the volunteers set up distribution in the high school commons. About 255 families attended to pick up groceries.



Hundreds of people volunteered and 255 families picked up groceries at the Food Drop.



Volunteers included students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators. Organizations included Student Council and athletic teams.

## News Briefs



### Induction ceremony

The Raymore-Peculiar High School National Honor Society inducted 53 new members on April 28.

### National Honor Society inducts students

The Ray-Pec High School National Honor Society inducted 53 new members on April 28.

#### Here is a list of the new members of NHS:

Shawn Adams, Michelle Bennett, Zachary Berends, Daniel Breit, Megan Brigance, Chenea Coleman, Terrial Collins, Symone Davenport, Keith Dougherty, Larry Flanagan, Samantha Forrest, Elizabeth Fowler, Kala Hille, Sophia Howard, Anna Jablonski, Aaron Kuhn, Catherine Laylin, Lauren Leible, Elyssa Lemay, Taylor Lininger, Shelby Lueckenotto, Dominique Marin, Ie'shia McDonald, Mickael McNeil, Deanna Millard, Yasmine Mitchell, Courtney Morgan, Erik Morris, Alex Olsen, Dipen Patel, Pritesh Patel, Thomas Pruitt, Clint Quade, Emily Ray, Hannah Redding, Bethany Roth, Kelsey Rutledge, Jacob Sapp, Paul Sappington, Keton Schroeder, Kristina Sellmeyer, Megan Severt, Hayley Sexton, Rachelle Spurgeon, Kristyn Stidham, Nicollette Thompson, Alexzis Thomson, Sarah Unruh, Sam Wagner, Kristine Walkingstick, Marie Whelan, Rebekah Youmans, and Markeyta Young.

#### Here are the first-year members of NHS:

Bradley Aubin, Ashley Bishop, Kelly Capper, Ariel Carpenter, Jessica Crozier, Lilly Ellebracht, Lisa Everhart, Megan Fox, Kristen Galant, Lyndsey Gruber, Monica Harlan, Rachel Hegarty, Cameron Hockett, Megan Hoffman, Ben Jones, Mandy Lange, Allysa Massie, Dani Mowell, Colton Niswonger, Spencer Phillips, Brittney Rockman, Maurice Roper, Kelsay Roth, Stacey Schneider, Nisha Sharma, Becca Sibert, Lydia Smith, Laprichianna Tabron and Lisa York.

#### Here are the second-year members of NHS:

Emily Barnes, Brandon Blackwell, Eric Brewster, Sophie Brown, Joseph Burke, Matilda Ceesay, Kelsey Cornell, Jaron Fowler, Jake Gollither, Elysia Gooding, Trevor Hackworth, Scott McMahon, Brie Mizell, Mark Sappington, Kelby Schroeder, and Chris Sumner.

### Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate, a religious ceremony honoring the RPHS graduates, is set from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at Rock Brook Church, 1617 E. 173<sup>rd</sup> St., Belton. The ceremony includes an address to the class. It is optional for seniors and family members. Seniors should report by 4:45 p.m. wearing caps and gowns.

### Senior finals

Senior finals are May 11-12. Attendance is required on both days from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. On May 11 will be the finals for Blocks 5, 6, 7 and 8. On May 12 will be the finals for Blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4. Students may begin the check-out process using forms from the front office.

### Graduation rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal is Wednesday, May 13. All seniors must arrive at school by 7:15 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. bus ride to the Community of Christ auditorium in Independence. Attendance is required, and all seniors must ride the bus. Students will arrive back at school at about 11:30 a.m. for a senior-only lunch. They can watch the senior video, pick up yearbooks and complete check-out.

### Seniors awards

The Senior Awards Assembly and reception is from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the main gym. All seniors and their parents are invited. Seniors should wear their caps and gowns.

### Graduation

Graduation is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the Community of Christ Auditorium in Independence. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Seniors must arrive by 6:15 p.m. Seniors will pick up their diplomas downstairs after the ceremony.

### Project Graduation

Project Graduation, an after-graduation party planned by parents of the senior class, is scheduled from 10:30 p.m. May 15 to 6 a.m. Saturday, May 16. Buses will leave PowerPlay to return to the high school at 2 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Parents please note that your students have the option to leave at 2 a.m.

## News Briefs

### Student places second in cheer competition

Congratulations to **Katie Bledsoe**, sixth grader at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, for placing second with her team from All American Cheer and Stunt on May 23 at the Columbus, Ohio, 2009 All Levels Cheerleading Championship.

### Panther Cub Academy has child care openings

The Panther Cub Academy has openings for its summer and fall sessions.

The Panther Cub Academy offers full-day care and preschool for children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained.

The Panther Cub Academy is located on the lower level of Raymore Elementary School. PCA is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuition is \$95 per week. There are some part-time openings available, with a two-day minimum. For more information, contact Panther Cub Academy Director **Marie Davis** at 892-1943.

### Peculiar and Raymore schedule reunions

It's been 50 years since the last classes graduated from Raymore High School and Peculiar High School. Every diploma since then has said Raymore-Peculiar High School. The Raymore and Ray-Pec Alumni Association annual dinner is set for Saturday, May 16, at Holmes Hall at Foxwood Springs Living Center. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, contact Doris Elkins at 816-331-6648 or Bearl Dean at 816-331-3854. The Peculiar Alumni Association has planned its Biannual Alumni Banquet for Saturday, June 13, in the Lions Club building in Peculiar. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, contact Edward Wooten at 816-781-1138.

### Superintendent's stories

Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** has a blog. To read "Superintendent's Stories," go to the district web site: [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us). There is a link on the right-hand side of the home page.

## Drawings of Ray-Pec East Middle School



This drawing shows the north side of the building and signage.



This drawing shows the south side of the building and signage.

## Ninth annual Peculiar Spring Festival is Saturday, May 16, at Peculiar Elementary

The ninth annual Peculiar Spring Festival is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 16, on the grounds of Peculiar Elementary School.

The event includes food, entertainment, rides and games.



There will be a "Mr. and Miss Sunshine Contest" for children ages 2-4 and a baby contest for children ages 3-24 months. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners in each category.

Organizers are seeking teens and young adults to perform on stage. They're looking for a variety of acts, including singing, playing an instrument, dancing, karate, juggling and acting.

New this year - the festival will have a "Food Fear Factor" event for youth ages 5-17. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

To register or for more information, contact Joelle Orrange at 974-0295 or via email at [joelle.orrange@jjmj.net](mailto:joelle.orrange@jjmj.net).

Organizers are also seeking financial sponsors. You can help sponsor the festival by donating \$50 or more. In-kind donations of items for the raffle, silent auction and concession stand are also needed. Please contact Leah Eve at 816-803-5550.

## News Briefs



### Presentation on autism

The Raymore-Peculiar Special Education Parents' Advisory Council hosted a presentation on autism April 16 at the Raymore-Peculiar Freshman Center. Dr. Paul LaCava from the University of Kansas was the speaker. Current research findings were discussed, as well as developmental issues, and contributions of autistic individuals to society. He also answered questions from the audience. Many parents of Ray-Pec students attended.

### Extra RPHS yearbooks

A few extra copies of the 2008-2009 Ray-Pec High School yearbook are available. The cost is \$70. See Teacher **Stefani Russ** in room 202.

If you pre-ordered a yearbook, seniors will receive yearbooks at the senior bbq May 13. Students may only sign for and pick up their own books. Underclassmen will receive yearbooks on the last day of school through their advisement class. If students are unable to pick up yearbooks at those times, they may pick up the books from Mrs. Russ on May 28 and 29.

### Diversity theme days

The Raymore-Peculiar School District Diversity Committee has selected a theme or topic each month during the 2008-2009 school year. Each school is encouraged to plan activities or lessons around the theme. On May 11, schools are having activities and lessons related to Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

### Find us on Facebook

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

Search "pages" for the Raymore-Peculiar School District. This is another way to keep up with Ray-Pec news, information, photos and video. If you are not a member of Facebook, you can go to: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to sign up.

### You can follow Ray-Pec 'tweets' on Twitter

Ray-Pec has added Twitter to the district's communication tools. Updates will be available to Twitter members who sign up as Ray-Pec followers. You can view Ray-Pec information at the Twitter site and also become a follower of Ray-Pec 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). At the Twitter site, you can create an account and view a video that offers additional explanations. Twitter is a free online service. Through this "micro blog," users may update family, friends or professional peers in 140-character messages delivered to cell phones or through the Internet.

## Information about Summer School 2009

"*A Burst of Learning*" will again be the theme for Ray-Pec's Summer School. The dates for Summer School are June 2-26, 2009.

May 1 was the enrollment deadline for students entering grades K-8 for summer school.

Enrollment packets have gone home with students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Enrollment forms for grades 9-12 can be found on the district website or at the high school counseling office.

Summer School sites will be:

- Creekmoor, Raymore and Shull for students entering grades K-4
- Bridle Ridge Intermediate School for students entering grades 5-6
- High School for students entering grades 7-12

Students who attend Stonegate during the regular school year will attend Creekmoor for Summer School. Students who attend Timber Creek during the regular school year will attend Raymore. Students who attend Peculiar Elementary during the regular school year will attend Shull.

All incoming fifth and sixth graders will attend Bridle Ridge. All students entering grades 7-12 will attend the High School.

Here is the daily schedule for students:

- 7:20 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. for grades 7-12
- 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for grades 5-6
- 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for grades K-4



# Success Council reviews communication and quality staffing



Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle** welcomes participants to the April 28 meeting of the Raymore-Peculiar Student Success Council. He also provided an introduction to the topics of communication and quality staffing.

The Raymore-Peculiar Student Success Council on April 28 reviewed district goals and action steps in the areas of communication and quality staffing.

The district is revising its Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). The process includes gathering feedback from various groups.

**Michele Donahoe**, communication coordinator, told about the district's communication efforts. Donahoe and **Jeffi Jessee**, Associate Superintendent for Special Services, led a working group to review the CSIP area of communication.

**Dr. Terri Jamison**, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, spoke about quality staffing, and **Sherrie Piedimonte**, Director of Professional Development and K-6 Curriculum, spoke about the district's mentoring program for new teachers.



**Dr. Terri Jamison**, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, asked the group to brainstorm the qualities of a great teacher. She reviewed the goals and action steps related to quality staffing in the district's current Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. She also presented an overview of suggested changes.



## Ray-Pec Student Success Council

The Raymore-Peculiar Student Success Council includes administrators, teachers, parents and students. This year, the council's vision has been "Raising Standards While Improving Performance." After each presentation on April 28, participants at each table discussed specific topics. At this table, from left, are: **James Brown**, principal of the Ray-Pec Academy (Alternative School); **Toni Newton**, president of the Ray-Pec Council of PTAs; **Donald Novak**, computer teacher at Bridle Ridge Intermediate School; and **Linda Bass**, special education process coordinator.

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### 50 years ago

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### Walk for Heart

The Walk for Heart is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 6.

The four-mile walk begins and ends at Research Belton Hospital, U.S. 71 and M-58. It is a fundraiser for the Research Belton Foundation.

Walkers are asked to collect contributions for the foundation. A walker can raise any amount.

If you'd like to participate in the walk, contact Communication Coordinator **Michele Donahoe** at 892-1314 or [mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:mdonahoe@raypec.k12.mo.us).

The Research Belton Foundation uses the funds raised to award scholarships to students at Ray-Pec, Belton and Grandview high schools, and to pay for dental care for children in the community who do not have dental insurance.

### Cross Country plans half-marathon in June

The Ray-Pec Cross Country team will sponsor a 5K walk/run and Half-Marathon road race on June 20.

It will be a family event including a free kid's race, child care during the event, awards, post-race food, and lots of prizes to be raffled off. Visit this webpage for more information <http://www.RayPecCC.com>.

For questions, contact Teacher **Jamin Swift** at [jswift@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:jswift@raypec.k12.mo.us). For on-line registration, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) and search for "Lucky 13.1."



### Oath of office

**David Crabtree**, left, and **Dana Hille**, take the oath of office April 16 during a special reorganization meeting of the Ray-Pec Board of Education. Crabtree and Hille were both re-elected on April 7 to three-year terms on the school board. Hille will also serve during the coming year as vice-president of the board.



### Freshmen Students of the Month

Here are the April Students of the Month from the Raymore-Peculiar Freshman Center. In the front, from left, are: **Kaitlyn Gerant**, **Ashley Berkley** and **Elisa Tusa**. In the back, from left, are: **Zac Sargert**, **Seth Worden** and **Cole Frakes**.

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## Job openings

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

If interested in a position, obtain an application in person or on-line, complete it, and submit it to: Ray-Pec Schools Human Resources, 21005 S. School Rd., P.O. Box 366, Peculiar, Mo. 64078.

## RPHS 1989 reunion

The RPHS Class of 1989 has scheduled its 20-year reunion for July 31 through Aug. 2, 2009. Please see the Facebook "Ray-Pec Class of 1989" web page for updates and details.

## Plans for Costa Rica trip

Planning is under way for a trip to Costa Rica for June 2010.

For information, please contact Teacher **Heidi Lanksbury** at [hlanksbury@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:hlanksbury@raypec.k12.mo.us). For more information, go to: <http://www.eftours.com/ForTeachers/PriceTours/TourDetail.aspx?TourCode=CRX&Year=2010&Product=ET&Tab=itin> (Or go to [www.eftours.com](http://www.eftours.com), select tours, select Latin America, scroll down and click on Costa Rica Expedition.)

## Ray-Pec Foundation offers software

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

Go to [www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us) and click on the Foundation software purchase link. 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.



## United Way Circle of Caring Award

The Greater Kansas City United Way presented Raymore-Peculiar School District with the Circle of Caring Award to recognize the significant increase in contributions from Ray-Pec employees. **Dana Terry**, Ray-Pec Communication Assistant, at left, coordinated the district's United Way campaign and accepted the award on behalf of the district. Pictured at center is Rick Viar, president of Summit Bank of Kansas City. At right is Diane Seif, president and CEO of DVA Enterprises Inc., and past chair of the local operation board of the Eastern Jackson and Cass County United Way office.



## Gift of Life

Kim Harbur, left, and Phil Duncan spoke to students at Ray-Pec Freshman Center about organ and tissue donation. Harbur is the co-founder of Gift of Life, a non-profit organization that provides programs and information to schools, civic groups and faith organizations. Duncan, former mayor of Belton, is an heart transplant recipient. Harbur and Duncan shared their stories of how organ and tissue donation has affected their lives. Harbur's son, Luke, received a liver transplant as a young child. To learn more about Gift of Life and organ and tissue donation, go to: <http://giftdonor.org/donation.asp>.

## 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 Ray-Pec School District, visit the district web site at:

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

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

### RP Update

To receive e-mail news from the school district, send a message to: [rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us](mailto:rpupdate@raypec.k12.mo.us). In the body of the message, type "Subscribe RP Update." RP Update is sent out on Tuesday.

## Safe and Drug Free Schools Federal Grants Title IV Annual Report

School districts in Missouri are required to present an annual report to the public describing school programs that were funded with Title IV, Safe and Drug Free dollars, and to identify how these programs support the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) objectives.

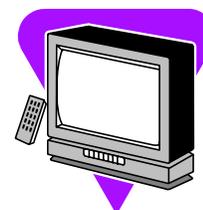
The Ray-Pec School District provided the following programs and activities, which were selected and designed to address district CSIP objectives for student achievement and safe and productive learning environments.

Stop Violence Now programs on bully prevention, prevention of violence in school, prevention of substance, alcohol and tobacco abuse and anger management skills were presented throughout the school year.

Funds also supported instructional supplies and materials for classroom and small group guidance lessons with students. Small groups and some after-school groups focused on such topics as: stress management, friendships, diversity, tolerance, peer pressure, conflict resolution and building social skills.

At the secondary level, funds also helped support an online alcohol education program to help tutor students to make good decisions regarding social pressures dealing with alcohol use or experimentation.

Title IV funds also helped support the mentoring program "Together We Can," which provides adult mentors for elementary students. Adult volunteers meet with students on a weekly basis to offer assistance with school work, or just be a friend to a student identified at-risk socially or academically.



For more news and information  
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check out:

Comcast Cable Channel 15

and our web site at:  
[www.raypec.k12.mo.us](http://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 366, 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: Dr. Terri Jamison, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 366, 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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