Diversity
Raymore-Peculiar School District

Diversity News

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Raymore-Peculiar School District

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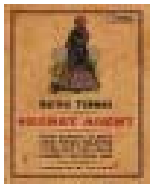
Young poet from Shull shares her diversity poems

The Nightmare That Came True

Slavery
Black People
Plantation
Hate!
Families Separated.
No More Love!
Finally,
Freedom!

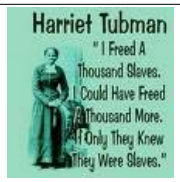


Barefoot

Barefoot,
Cold Nights,
Blistering Winds.....
Hate,
Come to a Stop.
White People,
Surrounded!
No Place to Hide!
Quick!
Go Underground!
No Place to Run!
Go!!! Go!!! Go!!!
Hurry, Fast!
Made it Home.
Safe

Look Out!

Start.
Look,
See,
Goooo!
Might make it!
Run! Run! Run!
Look out!
Hide under a bush!
Bees!
Jump into a lake!
Swim!
Wait, go back!
SAVE FAMILY!
Did it!
Almost There!



Freedom

Tick Tock
Freedom!
Tick!
Tock!
We need!
Freedom!
Tick!
Tock!
Where is
Fredom!!
We need Help!
Harriet Tubman!

Elaine Riley, second grade teacher at Shull Elementary School, read a story to her students about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. Emma Menzel, one of Miss Riley's students asked if she could write a poem. Miss Riley answered yes, and within 30 seconds Emma had written the first of four poems.

DIVERSITY APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Raymore-Peculiar School District invites you to join us in celebrating Diversity! Community members, parents and students are invited.

7 - 8:30 p.m.
May 5, 2010
Raymore-Peculiar High School

Highlights of the evening include:

- Student work on display
- Student performances
- Cooking demonstrations with recipe sharing
- And so much more

In the News

Visit us at the
Raymore-Peculiar School District's
Diversity Website.
Go to www.raypec.k12.mo.us.
Click on Diversity
on the left side of the page.

Suggestion Box

Make suggestions about
diversity planning, ideas and
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Raymore-Peculiar Diversity Vision

Raymore-Peculiar School District will build upon dignity and respect in an atmosphere that embraces and values diversity. We will provide opportunities where individual strengths are fostered in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Raising Minority Academic Achievement

Patricia Hayes and Matt Majors presented at the 3rd Whatever it Takes Conference on March 11. Their presentation was titled "Raising Minority Academic Achievement."

Ray-Pec High School celebrates black history month

Students from the No Place FOR Hate group at Ray-Pec High School put together a fantastic performance Feb. 23rd in celebration of Black History Month. Some of the students who participated were Tristian Griffin, Brock Mathis, Caleb Holman, Mie'Sha, and Ie'Sha McDonald, Kiesha Hayes, Austin Harrison, Mahogany Marostan, and KeiAuna Clay. The students performed songs, read poetry, danced, and played instruments. Students took advantage of technology to advertise the event by posting the time and date on Facebook, creating flyers to post around the school, and of course, through word of mouth. Starbucks donated coffee for the evening, and the group provided cookies. The evening was a hit for all in attendance. The following is a statement by one of the performers, Tristian Griffin:

"I believe if historians that supported black history, could see the performance my peers and myself displayed, they would give a standing ovation. Not because the students of Ray-Pec are talented in various ways, but that the generation that's next in line respects and celebrates their sacrifices, humiliation, courage and faith. I was truly honored to be part of the program and an extremely proud of No Place FOR Hate group, as well as, the volunteers including: the technicians, teachers, Starbucks and, most importantly, the performers."

The students participate in No Place FOR Hate, and Friends of Rachel at the High School. Both programs are dedicated to promoting diversity in the district and working towards creating an atmosphere where students can feel safe. As our district continues to become more diverse, more community, staff, parent, and student involvement is encouraged to help these students succeed. Please help us take an active role in promoting these programs.

Diversity Newsletter

Raymore-Peculiar Diversity News will be published once a semester and posted on the school district website.

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Monthly Celebration Ideas

During the month of May, Ray-Pec Schools will celebrate countries that are members of The United Nations.

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