

The *Communique*

Dec. 6, 2010

For employees of the Raymore-Peculiar School District



'Keeping it Real Challenge'

On Dec. 2 and 3, eighth graders at Ray-Pec East Middle School took part in a program designed to stop teen violence and alienation. The goal of the "Keeping it Real Challenge" program was to build empathy and community in the school. School Resource Officer Audra Ayers coordinated the program. Along with Officer Ayers, 12 Ray-Pec high school juniors and seniors helped with facilitating each of the sessions.



High School Senior **Erika Howard** was one of 12 Ray-Pec High School students who assisted with facilitating the Challenge program on Dec. 3.



Following the training, each eighth grade student will receive a "Be The Change" T-shirt. This is the back of the T-shirt. The Ray-Pec Sunrise Optimist Club donated \$1,200 to pay for nearly the entire cost of the T-shirts.

December pay dates

The December pay dates will be Dec. 10 and Dec. 23. You may see the entire pay date schedule on the Intranet under Payroll. For more information, contact **Nicole Osborn**, Benefits/Payroll Coordinator, at 892-1324 or nosborn@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Welcome

Please welcome these new employees to the school district:

- **John Hershey**, Technology Department.
- **Lawrence Wolf**, custodian.
- **Jennifer Boyer**, lunch monitor.
- **Carl Kiefer**, crossing guard, Timber Creek
- **Michelle Haynes-Winter**, focus facilitator, Timber Creek.
- **Tiffany Best**, lunchroom monitor, Ray-Pec East Middle School.

Transfers

The Board of Education on Nov. 23 approved two internal transfers in the Technology Department.

Anthony Whelan is now a network administrator for the district. **Linda Portman** is moved to a Technology Technician Level III position.

School board meeting

The December Board of Education meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday, Dec. 20. The open session will begin at 6 p.m.

(The meeting was originally scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21.)

School board action

To review action from the Nov. 23 Board of Education meeting, go to: www.raypec.k12.mo.us/boarddocs



Ray-Pec Student Success Council

Dr. Kevin Daniel, assistant superintendent for instructional services, speaks about the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act at the Nov. 4 meeting of the Ray-Pec Student Success Council. The federal act requires that 100 percent of students be advanced or proficient in communication arts and math by 2014. He explained about Adequate Yearly Progress, which measures progress toward this goal. Despite the challenges of meeting this target, Dr. Daniel pointed out that in the state of Missouri, Ray-Pec is accredited with Distinction, which is the highest accreditation level.

Meeting for student success

Ray-Pec staff and administrators joined with parents and students for the Nov. 4 meeting of the Ray-Pec Student Success Council. The Student Success Council was created during the 2006-2007 school year as a way to expand the district's focus on student success and becoming a Professional Learning Community. The group provides feedback and offers suggestions on district-wide efforts that focus on improving student performance and success.

Ray-Pec grad to have Dec. 11 book signing

Ray-Pec High School graduate **Aric Henderson** will sign copies of his book "Social Inspiration" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Christian Campus House, 704 S. College Ave., Columbia, Mo.

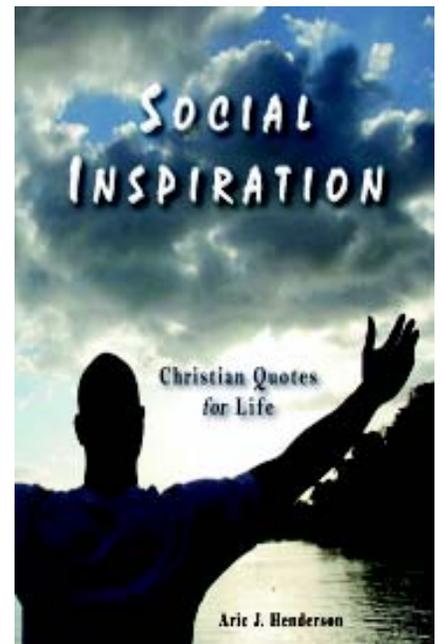


Aric Henderson

Aric is a graduate of Ray-Pec High School. He will graduate on Dec. 18, 2010, from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"Social Inspiration" is a compilation of original quotes written by Aric during his four years in college. The words of wisdom are designed to encourage college students who desire to live for God and who are seeking strength to maintain spiritual growth during their college years.

During college, Aric lived in the Christian Campus House, went on mission trips and worked with youth.





Honoring Veterans

Ray-Pec graduate **Travis Hille** participated in the Veterans Day ceremony last month at Raymore City Hall. In the photo above left, Travis is pictured with his mother, School Board Member **Dana Hille**, and Superintendent **Dr. Jeff Kyle**, left. In the photo above right, Travis is in the center.



Festive vest

You either love 'em or hate 'em, but it's the season for holiday sweaters. **Eric Arnold**, assistant principal at Ray-Pec East Middle School, shows off the embellished vest he wore on Friday, Dec. 3, for Bad Christmas Sweater Day. Middle school staff modeled a variety of holiday sweaters during the day.

News Briefs

Wedding bells

Congratulations to **Amber Beck** and John Adams, who were married Nov. 20. Amber is a first grade teacher at Raymore Elementary School.

Birth announcement

Congratulations to **Bob and Tara Zaner** on the birth of their son, Parker Davis Zaner, who was born Sept. 19. Parker weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. He joins big brothers Braden and Carson.

Bob Zaner teaches physical education at Creekmoor Elementary School. Tara Zaner teaches computers at Creekmoor Elementary.

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, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Raymore-Peculiar School District, P.O. Box 789, Peculiar, MO 64078. 816-892-1300.

The Polar Plunge is set for Jan. 29, 2011

Once again, the Ray-Pec High School Student Council is searching for brave souls to take the Polar Plunge, which is a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

For the past two years, the Ray-Pec School District has had at least one person from each building plunge into Longview Lake on the last weekend in January. The date for the next plunge is Jan. 29, 2011.

Ray-Pec raised more money than any other school district in the state over the past two years (averaging about \$15,000 over those two years). Last year, Ray-Pec had more than 100 students and staff plunge for Special Olympics.

If you are interested in participating, contact Student Council Sponsor and Teacher **Jeff Moore** at: jmoore@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Here are the participants to date:

- Academy: **Adam Krohn**
 - Bridle Ridge: **Dan Garrison, Melissa Darby**
 - Eagle Glen: **Andrew Perkins**
 - High School: **Cara Hornbeck, Rebecca Justesen, Brett Johnson, Jason Watermann, Macey England, Mike Williams, Tiesa Smith, Joe O'Neal, Scott Jermain, John Wilson, Heidi Lanksbury**
 - Peculiar Elementary: **Emily Gartman, Michelle Proctor, Missy Lucas**
 - Raymore Elementary: **Amy Leizer, Samantha Allen, Gina Grossman**
 - Stonegate Elementary: **Erica Stock, Jacqueline Lair**
 - Timber Creek Elementary: **Jon Books**
- If you cannot plunge on Jan. 29, you can still help by supporting the fundraising efforts of Ray-Pec team members.



Meet your wellness representatives

Here is the district's Wellness Committee, which includes a representative from each building and department in the district. The wellness representatives attend Wellness Committee meetings, promote programs and motivate and encourage employees to take place in wellness opportunities. Leading the efforts of the committee is **Kate Zeysing**, the district's Employee Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, pictured in the front row at right. Look on the next page of this newsletter for a list of some wellness program opportunities. In the front row, from left, are: **Lora Kurzweil**, Ray-Pec East Middle School; **Pepper Grimm**, Stonegate Elementary School; and **Kate Zeysing**. In the middle row, from left, are: **Elizabeth Breier**, Bridle Ridge Intermediate School; **Carol Barnes**, Creekmoor Elementary School; **Ellen Wilfong**, Buildings and Grounds Department; **Nicole Osborn**, Benefits and Payroll Coordinator; **Dana Markey**, Eagle Glen Intermediate School; and **Wendell Pritchett**, Raymore Elementary School. In the back row, from left, are: **Matt Majors**, north high school; **Carrie Harmon**, north high school; **Michelle Workman**, Shull Elementary School; **Joyce Webb**, Peculiar Elementary School; **Dona Cundiff**, Timber Creek Elementary School; **Carol Brandt**, south high school, and **Norma Mann**, Technology. Not pictured are: **Dr. Terri Jamison**, assistant superintendent for human resources; and **Janet Law**, Child Nutrition Department.

News Briefs

Mentors needed

Do you have an extra hour each week that you can spend with a student? Ray-Pec has a mentoring program called Together We Can YouthFriends. You meet with a student at school for lunch, reading, helping with school work, working on a hobby or just talking and listening.

Training for new mentors is scheduled periodically throughout the school year. For information, contact Social Worker **Janet James** at jjames@raypec.k12.mo.us or 892-1459.

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.



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www.facebook.com/raypec

Panther Market offers Ray-Pec apparel, gifts

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

January/February wellness opportunities

You can always see a list of wellness program opportunities on the district website. Log onto the Intranet (for employees only) and select Health and Wellness. To log onto the Intranet, your username is usually your first initial and last name, and the password is "password" unless you have already changed it.

For more information, contact **Kate Zeysing**, Employee Health and Wellness Program Coordinator, at 892-1315 or kzeysing@raypec.k12.mo.us.

"Biggest Loser 2011" Weight Loss Challenge

- 7,500 Points to Blue!
- New this year: Four ways to win
- Details and registration link @ :
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/CurrentEvents.aspx?EID=10387>

There is a \$5 entry fee, and four ways to win. ASC/Technology employees will need to weigh in with the nurse at Shull. Please make sure she is aware you are registered under ASC so she can keep you on the correct list. The entry fee should be turned in to Nicole Osborn.

Tuesday Toning Classes

- Ongoing/on-site/FREE for all employees
- 500 Points to Blue per class!
- 3:15 p.m. at North HS
- 4:20 p.m. at Bridle Ridge
- Details & registration link @ :
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/CurrentEvents.aspx?EID=10395>

Aerobics Class

- Ongoing/on-site/FREE for all employees
- 500 Points to Blue per class!
- Mon/Thurs
- 3 p.m. @ North HS Pod 700
- Fun music and zumba-like moves for all fitness levels
- Just show up!

Zumba Fitness Classes

- at High Blue Wellness Center, Belton
- 750 Points to Blue per class!
- Details & registration link @ :
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/CurrentEvents.aspx?EID=10390>

"Weigh To Go"

- 8-week weight loss class - **Webinar Series**
- FREE for BCBS members. \$75 non-member charge paid by the employee.
- 25,000 Points to Blue!
- Details & registration link @ :
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/770381219>

"Balanced Budget, Balanced Diet"

- Nutrition Class - **Webinar**
- FREE to ALL RPSD employees.
- 5,000 Points to Blue!
- Details & registration link @ :
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/877277755>

Marketplace

This is the place to advertise items to sell or trade, or to seek items you wish to buy. Employees and their immediate family members may place ads in the Marketplace at no charge. Business ads are limited to 25 words and must include a contact name. Employees may not list school telephone numbers in a business ad. As with any purchase or service, employees should seek references before buying or hiring services.

House for sale by owner

For sale by owner - Realtors welcome. Custom-built home, 6 years old. Features 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3-car oversized garage. 3,000 feet of upgrades galore with custom window treatments, finished walkout to common area. Decorator's dream. Call Paula at 816-898-4903.

Lia Sophia jewelry

Need Christmas ideas or gifts? Let me help. I love Lia Sophia jewelry. Great hostess rewards. Lifetime guarantee. Contact **Wanda Gordon** - Independent Consultant, 816-803-7067 or LiaSophia.com

For sale: Furniture - prices reduced

For sale: Furniture. Solid oak 48-inch round table with 21-inch leaf, claw foot base, and 6 high-back chairs. Antique reproduction style, medium oak stain, owned for 27 yrs. Like new - very minimal wear on table top. Asking \$500 for set or best offer. Solid oak antique reproduction high chair, owned 26 yrs., some mildew stain on tray from plant. \$75 or best offer. 1940s cedar chest (Lane, I think) in great shape inside with shelf, only damage is chipping of veneer on bottom front edge. \$125 or best offer. (Pictures are posted on Craig's List furniture.) Contact **Jo Anne Bohannon** at jbohannon@raypec.k12.mo.us.

For sale: Home gym, pool table, and entertainment center

For Sale: 1) DP Ultra Gym Pac home gym with all accessories and manual. Mounts to wall. 2) Mizerak pool table, outside dimensions are 80" x 44". Includes balls, 2 cues, rack. 3) Entertainment center by Sauder. Wall unit, 66" high, 72" long, 18" deep. Dissassembled, instructions are here. First we emptied basement, now the garage. Please make offer. **Clayton Hockett**, 331-1016.

For sale: Bakugan bedding sets

For sale: Bakugan bedding. Two full-size sheet sets and two full-size comforters. Less than 1 year old. \$15 for each set. **Amanda Wallace**: awallace@raypec.k12.mo.us or in the evening, call 506-5090 or 816-732-5366.

For sale: Firewood

For sale: Seasoned oak firewood, split and delivered for \$200 a cord. Contact **Steve Hatfield** at shatfield@raypec.k12.mo.us.

For sale: Desk, microwave cart

For sale: "Student" desk with 4 drawers, bookshelf with 2 shelves. Great for kid's bedroom. Medium brown wood grain. 36 1/2" wide, 74" high, 15 3/4" deep. \$25. Microwave cart with drawer and storage cabinet, on wheels. White with oak trim. 23 3/4" wide, 45 1/2" high, 15 1/4" deep. \$20. Pictures available. Contact **Carol Brandt**, 816-318-9655 or cbrant9999@comcast.net.

For sale: 800 Polaris 4-wheeler

For sale: 800 Polaris 4x4 with winch. 70 hours. Silver anniversary. \$5,500 OBO. Call Daniel at 913-526-7570.

For sale: Train table

For sale: Thomas the Tank Engine train table. White with two drawers. Needs a little clean up. Green surface to build train on. \$20. Contact **Renee Freers** at: 892-1345 or rffreers@raypec.k12.mo.us.

Do you like Silpada jewelry?

How about 1/2 price Silpada jewelry? If you are interested in 1/2 price retired pieces and some current catalog pieces, contact **Karen Moore**, kmoore@raypec.k12.mo.us or 331-0602.

For sale: Sporting goods items

For sale: Century Heavy/Speed Bag stand: Looks new, bought at Dick's Sporting Goods a year ago April, hardly used. \$100. Rawlings 40-lb bag, \$40. Bought at Dick's Sporting Goods. Hardly used, still looks new. Schwinn Bike Trainer, \$40. Attach your bike and train indoors. I have pictures of all items, if interested. They would make excellent Christmas gifts. Contact **Joyce Sampson** at Jsampson@raypec.k12 or cell 816-585-1836.

For sale: Pop-up camper

For sale: 1987 Starcraft pop-up camper. Great condition, new tires, A/C, sleeps six comfortably. \$1,200. Camping gear can be purchased separately. Contact **Rhonda Weis** at 816-674-2750.

Letter jacket sewing

Letter jacket patch sewing available for less than the area competition. Contact **Kerri Reed** at kreed@raypec.k12.mo.us. I will send you a price list itemized per patch. Jackets can be brought to the high school.

Need a holiday gift?

Scentsy Warmers and Wax are the perfect gift. Safe around kids and pets. No harmful pollutants! 80+ scents. Over 100 warmers, for any decor. Call **Eva Flannagan**, 816-204-1853, www.scentsifiedsisters.com

Antique furniture restoration

Antique furniture restoration. I have school employee references. For information, contact **Randy Norcross** at 816-258-2371.

Scentsy Wickless Candles

Take a Scentsy Warmer or Plug-In, add one of 80+ fragrances, and enjoy! For the latest styles and scents: <https://england.scentsy.us/Home>. Contact **Macey England** at mengland@raypec.k12.mo.us.

I love to clean!

Let me clean for you. Schedule now for a neat, professional job. 26 years of experience. References available. Free estimates. Call **Linda McNeil**, 816-509-5296. Bonded.

Silpada Jewelry

New 2010-2011 Silpada jewelry catalogs are in! Host a party and your jewelry is free! Contact **JoAnn Tinney** at jrt.bling@live.com, 816-806-2194, or mysilpada.com/joann.tinney.

Got kitchen tools?

Need quick and easy meal ideas? The Pampered Chef can help! Contact **Karla Heinrich**: karlaheinrich@juno.com or 331-7782. Place orders online 24/7 at: www.pamperedchef.biz/chefkarla.

Painting and deck staining

Interior/exterior painting and deck staining. Contact **Dan Rangel** of Rangel's Painting at 816-718-6652.

I Run Errands for You

Need help with errands? Automotive appointments, licensing, deliveries, shopping, transportation, house sitting, more. Contact **Jay Johnson** at 816-721-1349 or go to: <http://irunerrands4u.com>.

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