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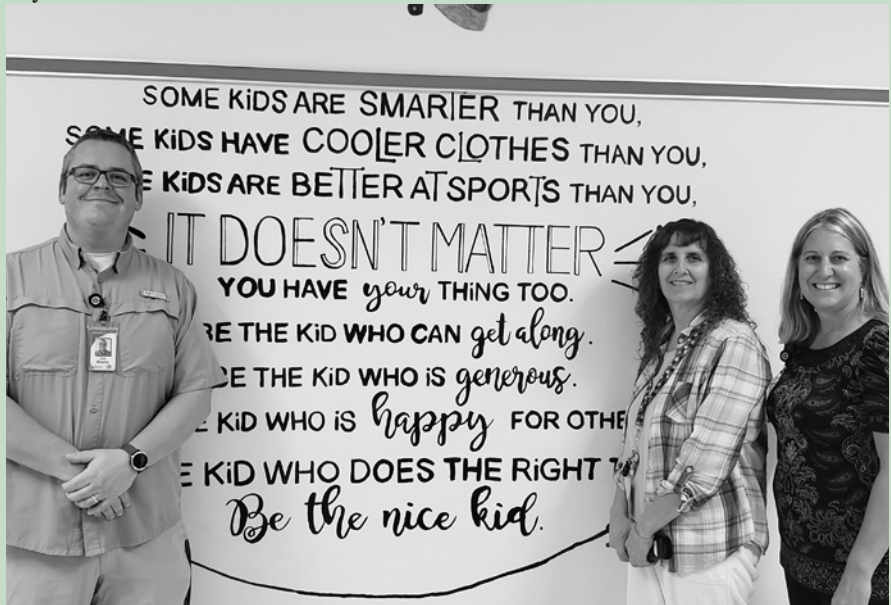
Rosendale-Brandon School District Newsletter

October 2, 2021

RBSD Teachers Win in Back-to-School Giveaway!

RBSD Band Director James Blashe

Three Rosendale-Brandon School District teachers were winners in a back-to-school giveaway sponsored by Air-Tech Heating. During the month of August, community members in the Fond du Lac and surrounding areas could nominate a teacher to be entered in a prize drawing. On September 1, Air-Tech Heating held the drawing to select winners. Prizes included (1) \$500 Grand Prize, (4) \$250, and (5) \$100 prizes. Special Education teacher Jen Boardman was drawn as the \$500 Grand Prize winner, Band Director James Blashe was drawn as a \$250 winner, and General Music teacher Tammy Vande Berg was drawn as a \$100 winner. Prizes were given out as VISA gift cards to be used for classroom supplies or to help with any student needs.



RBSD "Back To School Giveaway" winners James Blashe, Jen Boardman and Tammy Vande Berg.

The Planning Never Stops

Submitted by Superintendent Wayne Weber



It's the middle of September as I write this article. Like last year at this time, we are educating our students in person five days a week. However, this year I am happy to say our return-to-school plan included returning to our normal daily schedule and fully utilizing our facilities. We are fully utilizing our facilities to promote student learning, meaning our students can move to physical education, music, art, and other spaces without restrictions due to COVID protocols. Also, teachers are again free to employ all necessary instructional approaches to promote learning for all students. This includes utilizing field trips where appropriate. A field trip can be an important component to learning. It's a shared social experience that provides a means to enhance learning and explore concepts in real-world settings.

Additionally, staff members have been busy planning and preparing for the return of other very important social experiences. Planning for Homecoming activities including the parade, Grandparents' Day for Rosendale elementary students, and Brandon School's Veterans Day Program is underway. While I can't say we are planning these events to take place exactly like they did pre COVID, it still is great that we are able to plan the events at all. These events are as important to our students as they are to our community as a whole, and we look forward to them every year. I am so happy we can again engage in these events and others.

Other important planning also continues. By the time this article hits your mailbox, the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) will have presented its recommendation to the school board (September 20 board meeting), which includes closing Rosendale Primary, major additions and renovations to Laconia to make room for a separate middle school and high school under one roof, renovations to Brandon Elementary, which remains 4K-5, and renovations to Rosendale Intermediate to house 4K-5.

As you may recall, the board formed the FAC in order to examine our current facilities and develop a plan to rightsize and modernize our district. The FAC has been meeting since January to accomplish this goal. The board will have final say on the overall plan that will be presented to the public, but the next step in the process will be to gather community input on the plan. While the FAC has put much thought and effort into developing this plan, ultimately, in order for the district to move forward with any plan of this magnitude, we need to gauge the priorities of our community.

To gather this information, the district is partnering again with School Perceptions, an independent, Wisconsin-based firm with expertise in conducting community surveys. Watch your mailboxes in October for the survey, which includes details of the FAC plan as well as other pertinent information to help you make informed decisions. Your input is extremely important and will help shape the future of our district. We look forward to hearing from you.

WE NEED YOUR DIRTY JOBS!

Submitted by LHS Teacher Jenny Pilsl

Laconia High School will be sponsoring a student volunteer day on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. We are looking for community and organization projects within the Rosendale-Brandon District. We would like to encourage our students to become involved in the communities that have generously supported them through the year.

We are looking for:

1. Volunteer locations and activities
2. Numbers of students needed for required activities
3. Adults who can supervise the student volunteers on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. between the hours of 1:00-3:15.

In the event of inclement weather on October 20, the rain date for this event will be October 27 and will still be held from 1:00-3:15 pm. Please submit your requests and suggestions to Jenny Pilsl by Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Any requests received after this date will not be considered for this event.

Responses should be directed to Jenny Pilsl(Pill-Sill) at:

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Autism Awareness

Submitted by Renee Postotnik

Every year in April we celebrate Autism Awareness month. Two years ago we were unable to celebrate due to COVID; however, we were still able to order shirts. Last year, we were able to celebrate Autism Awareness month again, so we picked a day and wore the shark shirts that Damien designed. Damien loves sharks!



Back row: Torrie Grade, Jennifer Boardman, Jenni Post, Missy Hoinacki, Renee Postotnik, Danica Riedeman, Mary Verch. Front row: Kristin Jones, Luciana Jessesky, Damien Scheuers, Lynn Alsum.

