

Randolph Public Schools
"Building Tomorrow, Today"

RPS



**School
Accountability
Levels**

LEVEL 2

Elizabeth G. Lyons ES
Randolph HS

LEVEL 3

John F. Kennedy ES
Margaret L. Donovan ES
Martin E. Young ES
Randolph MS

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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*"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail.
Without it, nothing can succeed." - Abraham Lincoln*

Greetings Randolph Public Schools Parents and Community,

After many months of debating, numerous press conferences and media attention, Election Day – November 8th – is only hours away. We must take advantage of our opportunity and exercise our right and VOTE!

**There is NO school for students on this day as staff will be in professional development sessions.*

Again, KUDOS to Ms. Cindy Lopez, principal, and to the students and staff at **Lyons Elementary School – RPS' newest LEVEL 2** school.

RPS' Continued Progress

We've made marked progress in several areas over the last two years. Here are a few highlights:

- Randolph HS and Lyons ES rated Level 2
- Advanced Placement exams (students earning college credit) up 11.6%
- SAT scores up 75 points
- MCAS Overall Proficiency scores up 2% in Math / Up 3% in ELA
 - Students with Disabilities up 4%
 - RCMS ELA up 7% (57%)
 - Overall CPI: ELA (80.4% - highest ever) / Math (69.5% – highest since 2010)
- Retained close to \$2M to put into RPS classrooms (in district Special Education programs)
 - *In the past these were funds that left the district*
- Transportation increase for grades 6 – 8 and all students receiving specialized services



Filipino Educators "go to school in Randolph"

As part of the Filipino Educators' Global Education Initiative, organized by the Teacher's Gallery and the office of Congressman Alfred Vargas of Quezon City, Philippines, Randolph Public Schools welcomed back 17 Filipino educators on October 26 and 27.

Non-Discrimination Policy

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They enjoyed visiting and learning about Randolph Public Schools' Special Education programs. They have invited two of our educators to participate in a global exchange of learning experiences.

Literacy Update

Helping to Build Your Child's Vocabulary. To succeed in school and beyond, children need to build a robust vocabulary. Kids learn a lot from the adults in their lives and there are many ways you can help your child learn new words. "Parent Toolkit" expert and University of Michigan Education Professor Nell Duke has shared several tips/activities you can use at home to expand your child's vocabulary. <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=97AA2240-F7CE-11E3-921A0050569A5318>

Five Minutes to Spare!

Making it easy to support your child's development, see the video links below on how you can support your child's overall development in a few spare minutes each day.

<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=6AF1ACD0-50EE-11E5-8F900050569A5318&targetObj=D761C470-50F0-11E5-8F900050569A5318>

Many students are participating in an art work and essay competition, "What is a Veteran?" The students at the Middle and High Schools have given great effort to their work and it shows. Students provided their insight into how they view Veterans in our community. We CONGRATULATE the winning artist, **Hannah Nguyen, 6th grade** and Honorable mention is to partners, Janae Gomes and Harold Smith III.

Links for Families:

Kindergarten – Grade 3: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-11-languages#english>

Grades K -12 <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583&navItemNumber=3363>

Curriculum Update

Global Leadership Academy: The program has close to 50 students enrolled this year in grades 8 - 10. Our target over the next two years is to have a max of 25 in each grade, 9 – 12, and 25 in 8th grade at the middle school. Students from the middle school are now able to participate in two classes at Randolph HS. Our work with Emerson College continues.

The Family Resource Center and The ELL Department

RPS is offering English as a Second Language classes for our parents. Notices were sent home inviting adults to join classes. Parents should contact the Family Resource Center to register and/or ask questions by calling (781) 961.6220, ext. 558.

Parent Engagement Opportunities:

ELA and Math Nights – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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| ➤ Donovan ES ELA Night: 11.16.16 | Math Night: 1.30.17 |
| ➤ JFK ES ELA Night: 12.5.16 | Math Night: 1.11.17 |
| ➤ Lyons ELA Night: 12.19.16 | Math Night: 1.24.17 |
| ➤ Young ES ELA Night: 11.15.16 | Math Night: 1.10.17 |
| ➤ RCMS ELA Night: 1.18.16 | Math Night: <i>to be scheduled</i> |
| ➤ RHS ELA Night: <i>to be scheduled</i> | Math Night: 1.31.17 |

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Athletic Department Update

- The Boys varsity soccer: making its 6th straight tournament appearance
 - 1st round match - Sunday, November 6th at Diman Regional, Fall River 2:00 PM
- Welcome new Girls Varsity Basketball coach: Ashley Barron
 - <http://bluedevelopathletics.com/2016/08/26/welcome-to-our-new-girls-varsity-basketball-coach>

WINTER SPORTS: PARENTS INFORMATION & MEET THE COACHES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Special Guest Speaker: Bill Overton (NFL, CFL, Actor, Author)



Randolph High School Auditorium

6:00 PM- 7:30 PM

Breakout sessions with the head coaches of each winter sport will follow

For more information, contact: Mr. Tony Price, Athletics Director, 781-961-6220. Ext.560

www.bluedevelopathletics.com

Facility Renovation

- Randolph High School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School have each received a tremendous face lift and a substantial efficiency improvement with the upgrade of new windows and doors. The high school will also include handicap access improvements to its main entrance.
- **Educational Facilities Planning:** We are preparing to enter into the MSBA approval process for possible building modifications over the next 3 – 5 years. There is a lot of work to be done and we are using the Master Plan as a guide as we work with the town offices.

Our students are working to reach new heights every day under the direction of our very capable and caring staff. We have a lot in which we should be proud, and with your support and participation in your child's education there are no boundaries for students in Randolph Public Schools.

Let us always remember that our schools are all Levels 2 and 3:

LEVEL 2: Randolph HS

LEVEL 2: Lyons ES

LEVEL 3: Donovan ES

LEVEL 3: Young ES

LEVEL 3: John F. Kennedy ES

LEVEL 3: Randolph Community MS

Please access our website: <http://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/> for updates and more school related information.

As always thank you for your support and for entrusting us with your most prized possession, your children.

With Randolph pride,



Thomas Anderson, Superintendent
Randolph Public Schools

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RANDOLPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOALS

GOAL 1: Enhance the Teaching and Learning Process

Increase academic achievement of all students through aligned assessments, effective instruction and standard-based curriculum that is challenging and engaging.

GOAL 2: Improve Accountability Structures

Improve data systems that will support student learning, staff development and resource management.

GOAL 3: Increase the Quality of Engagement

Increase academic success for all students through quality family and community partnerships.

GOAL 4: Human Capital Management

Maintain, enhance and support a quality workforce that is diverse, highly skilled and professional.

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