



RTNJ NEWS

Randolph Township Schools Newsletter

April 28, 2016

Upcoming Events:

**April 28: RHS
Global Cafe**

**May 2-20: PARRC
Testing**

**May 2-6: RHS AP
Exams**

**Teacher Apprecia-
tion Week**

**May 2: RHS
"Share the Keys"**

**May 3: BOE Meet-
ing**

**May 4: Fernbrook
Spring Concert**

**May 5: Shongum
Grade 5 Dance**

**Center Grove
Spring Concert**

**May 6: Fernbrook
Grade 5 Dance**

**RHS Percussion
Festival**

**Shongum Spring
Concert**

**May 7: RHS SAT
Testing**

**Evening of Per-
cussion**

**May 9: RMS Cho-
rus/Orchestra
Spring Concert**

**May 10: RHS Un-
derclassman Art
Show**

**Ironia Spring
Concert**

Board Names Fano as Finalist

At its meeting on April 12, the Randolph Board of Education announced that it had selected Interim Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano as its finalist for the superintendent position following a lengthy search.

"We are extraordinarily pleased to have made our selection and know Jenn Fano will be an outstanding superintendent," said Board of Education President Al Matos. "After reviewing applications from about three dozen candidates and interviews with five finalists, it became apparent that the best choice for the district was already at the helm."



The board named Fano Interim Superintendent this past fall following the retirement of the former superintendent. Fano has served as the district's assistant superintendent from 2011-2015. She received her Advanced Certification in Teaching and Learning with Technology from Columbia University in New York. Fano began her career at Randolph Township Schools as vice principal at Ironia Elementary School in 2005. In 2009, she was chosen to be a district administrator, and in 2011, she was appointed assistant superintendent. In that role, she served as district personnel director, responsible for 700 full- and part-time employees. In 2014, Fano was honored by the Randolph Education Foundation as its Administrator of the Year.

"I am so pleased and honored that the Board of Education has confidence in me to implement our shared vision for the district and its nearly 5,000 students," Fano said. "We have dedicated teachers and administrators, highly engaged parents and outstanding students. I believe the board recognizes that I share its commitment and passion."

(Pictured above, BOE President Al Matos and BOE Vice President Chrissie Aulenbach, right, congratulate Superintendent Finalist Jennifer A. Fano, center.)

"Ladies Night Out"-A Big Success

The Randolph PTO council hosted a successful "Ladies Night Out" raising thousands of dollars to benefit Randolph Township Schools. Ladies enjoyed a buffet dinner and basket raffle at the Hanover Marriott on April 15. *(Left, PTO Council VP Maria Riz-zolo with PTO Council President Sherryll Penney.)*



Randolph's Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

Randolph has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Randolph joins 476 districts across the country in receiving the prestigious award in 2016.

The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Districts that have been recognized by the NAMM Foundation are often held up as models for other educators looking to boost their own music education programs.

"Randolph has a long-standing reputation as being one of the most respected and strongest music programs in the state, and we are very proud of that fact," said Frank Perrone, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts. "Receiving this designation for the ninth consecutive year shows the pure dedication our music teachers along with the administration, board of education and the community have in providing the absolute best musical experiences for the students of Randolph."



(Interim Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano congratulates Supervisor Frank Perrone.)

Board of Education Observes National Teacher's Day

The Randolph Board of Education and Interim Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano presented a proclamation for National Teacher's Day to Shongum paraprofessional Angela Cordova at the April business meeting. Cordova is the representative for the Randolph Education Association. National Teacher's Day is May 3 and recognizes that great teachers make great schools and that teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams and fill many roles including as listeners, role models, mentors etc. *(BOE President Al Matos and Interim Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano, right, present the proclamation to REA representative Angela Cordova at the April board business meeting.)*





Scenes from Kindergarten Orientation! About 200 future Randolph kindergarteners and their families attended special orientation programs at the four elementary schools. Children drew pictures, listened to stories and got to ride a school bus!



RMS and Fernbrook STEM fun!



**Randolph Celebrates Read Across America Day!
CG Cat in the Hat!**



RHS One-Act Play Festival

Seven plays written, directed and performed by Randolph High School students were featured in the recent RHS One-Act Play Festival organized by teacher Cara Canfield.

(Arianna Pereira, Isabel Litterst and Julia Frost perform a scene from the play "California" written by Peter Geanakakes.)



Youth Art Month in Randolph!

The artwork of students from Randolph's four elementary schools was featured in a special art show at S. Clare's Medical Center in Denville.

The show, organized by Art Educators of New Jersey, featured artwork from 20 elementary schools.

The art teachers who helped organize the show are Maura Boucher from Shongum, Kendra Weiss from Center Grove, Kate Siano and Robert Mendez from Fernbrook and Perry Tyroler from Ironia. *(Above, Center Grove's Kendra Weiss with student Dante Lam.)*

Register for Randolph Community School Summer Camps

The Randolph Community School is offering new and exciting trips and activities this summer at its three summer camps: Summer Kids (grades K-1), Summer Stars (grades 2-5) and Camp Discovery Travel (grades 5-8). Give your child the summer to remember before space runs out. We offer eight one-week sessions from June 27-August 19. Summer Kids and Summer Stars are conveniently located at Fernbrook Elementary School while Camp Discovery Travel is located at Randolph Middle School.



New this summer: dance, improv, jewelry making and more athletics and new field trips to exciting places. Camp Discovery Travel now offers three fun trips per week!

The Community School will also offer Young Rembrandts art workshops at Shongum and Center Grove elementary schools and Super Science Workshops at Shongum School. For more information, please visit rtnj.org and click on the channel bar for Community School and then summer camps. Call (973) 361-0808 ext. 8603.



MakerDay Fun

Randolph students are enjoying free MakerSpace programs thanks to the Randolph Education Foundation which has funded the free programs for elementary and middle school students. *(Students enjoy "Making Circuits" with Board of Education President Al Matos in the first program earlier this month.)*

RHS Student Wins Film Festival Grand Prize

RHS senior and mass media student Gabriella Cecala's film "I Remember" won the grand prize in the experimental category at the Montclair Film Festival's "Emerging Filmmakers" competition. "I could not have done this without Mr. Finning," said Gabby, who created the film at the NYU Summer Film Workshop. Three other students helped produce the film. RHS Mass Media teacher Robert Finning said he was not surprised by Gabby's award. "Gabby has always been one of my most prolific film students. She is certainly well-deserving of this award. I am sure she's about to begin bigger and better things." For a link to her film, click [here](#).



Randolph Rocks 5K Registration Open

The Randolph Education Foundation is accepting registration, sponsors and volunteers for its seventh annual Randolph Rocks 5K Run/Walk. For info, click [here](#).

Students Hosted TedX Event

RHS Option II students hosted Randolph High School's first ever TedXYouth event with live music, videos and dynamic speakers on April 16.. (Photo courtesy of Tap Into Randolph)





Swimmer and Coach Recognized

The Randolph Board of Education, Interim Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano as well as the Randolph Township Mayor and Council recognized RHS freshman swimmer Vinny Marciano and RHS Varsity Swim Teach Coach Linda Poppy at recent meetings. Vinny is the first RHS swimmer to win a state title and has broken seven records this season and helped his team break four others. Vinny is an Olympic contender. *(Vinny is pictured with Coach Poppy and Mayor Roman Hirniak.)*



Mr. RHS Named

RHS senior Mateo Panizza was crowned Mr. RHS after talent, swimsuit and formal wear competitions. Tyler Volk was named runner up. *(Photo by Joey Hart left.)*



Penguin Visit

Saba the penguin from Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant traveled to Center Grove School for a special visit. Students learned all about African penguins and laughed as he waddled around the school's all-purpose room. *(Saba poses for the camera.)*



RMS Hosts Successful Steam Night

Many RMS families enjoyed a fun night out at RMS STEAM night where students and their families engaged in a variety of fun experiments. *(Families created ziplines, above.)*

Shongum Spelling Bee

Principal Cliff Burnes congratulates spelling bee winners: first place Gavin Emdur and second place Madeleine Brown, right.

