



**GO REBELS!**

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# THE RANKIN REVIEW

Rankin School District #98 - Community Newsletter - Vol. 3

## RANKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #98

**MISSION:** Empowering all students to reach their maximum potential and become productive, respectful, responsible, and well-rounded citizens.

**VISION:** Building the foundation of the future by engaging youth through rigorous and diverse educational opportunities.

**MOTTO:** Our School is a Great Place to Learn

**CONNECT WITH US:** Website~ [www.rankin98.org](http://www.rankin98.org), Twitter~ @RankinRebels98, Facebook and District App~ Search for "Rankin School"

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Rankin's STEM Program recently completed its second year. Mrs. Hilarie Withrow, STEM Teacher, led the successful launch and implementation of our new, engaging program! Our K-8 students participated in a variety of hands on activities throughout the year, which included problem solving activities, exploratory projects, keyboarding skills, and coding opportunities for our junior high students.



- Miss Gabby Lewis, Music Teacher, led our students in the Spring Concert on May 12, 2022. The K-3 Concert was "Hats!" It was an event filled with singing, dancing, and acting! Our Junior High Band highlighted the 4th-8th Grade Concert, which also included performances from our 4th Graders on the recorders and 5th Graders on the bucket drums!



- Rankin's Strategic Plan, School Improvement Goals, Long-Term Maintenance Plan, and 15-Year Master Capital Improvement Plan can all be found on our website at [www.rankin98.org](http://www.rankin98.org).

- Rankin hosted a successful Career Day on May 5, 2022. Mrs. April McLaughlin, Principal, commented, "It was a great experience for all as we had several positive comments from our guests as well as our students." Rankin School District #98 is extremely grateful for all of the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to teach our students about a variety of careers!



- In dramatic come-from-behind fashion, Rankin made history on December 2, 2022, when Lily Towery drained a three-pointer at the buzzer to win Rankin's first-ever 8th Grade Girls Regional Championship! Please check out our Facebook page to watch this historic shot and immediate post-game interview with Lily!



- On October 12, 2022, Miss Jayza Riley, Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Track and Field Coach, finished the Boston Marathon in 3 hours and 21 minutes! Congratulations to Miss Riley! Bring on the mile run in P.E.!



## STRONGER TOGETHER!

Celebrate! On May 24, 2022, PFK hosted a Day of Awesomeness! Then, on June 1, 2022, Student Council hosted "Field Day" on the final day of the 2021-2022 school year. The kids had a blast with both activities as they celebrated the end of the school year. Dr. Matt Gordon, Superintendent, commented, "The success associated with the 2021-2022 school year was a total TEAM effort! While the pandemic has created a variety of challenges and obstacles throughout the last two and half years, Rankin has proven to be resilient and **STRONGER TOGETHER!** Thank you to our students, staff, families, Board of Education, and community for their support!"



## RANKIN REPORT CARD

Rankin's annual report card be found at the [illinoisreportcard.com](http://illinoisreportcard.com) website. ISBE did not issue summative designations for Illinois schools in 2021 due to the pandemic. Rankin's Summative Designations on [illinoisreportcard.com](http://illinoisreportcard.com) for 2019 and 2020 are listed as Exemplary, which is defined as "Schools performing in the top 10% of schools statewide, with no underperforming student groups."

## Principal's Corner - Mrs. April McLaughlin

Thank you everyone for a great school year! We are proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our students and staff!

We are excited for the summer, but planning for the new year has begun!

Our first day back with students will be August 17, 2022. Supply drop off will be August 15, 2022. We will be hosting a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation Night on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will also host a K-5 Orientation Night on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information about supply drop off and orientation nights will be sent to our families later this summer.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT ~ Meet Ms. Ronda Bryant!

Rankin receives many compliments each year about the cleanliness and appearance of our facilities. Our Maintenance-Custodial Team does a tremendous job! Please meet Ms. Ronda Bryant, Head Custodian, who is approaching her 20th year of working at Rankin as a member of our M-C Team and Kitchen Team.

Ms. Bryant shared her thoughts about Rankin, "I would describe Rankin as one big family. Everyone here is always willing to help each other out. The teachers go the extra mile to make sure children are learning and understanding. They strive to make sure everyone is included and children aren't left out or bullied. The environment is safe and clean. Our cleaning staff is amazing, and we pride ourselves in being one of the cleanest schools in the area. I love the kids so much and enjoy being around them. They always make my days brighter."



Dr. Matt Gordon, Superintendent, commented about the M-C Team and Ms. Bryant, "Our Maintenance-Custodial Team led by Ron Uselton, Director of Facilities, and Ronda Bryant, Head Custodian, take so much pride in maintaining a safe, neat, and clean learning environment for our students and staff. Ms. Bryant's tireless work ethic, dedication, and heart for everyone has been a staple of the foundation at Rankin for many years!

## 2022 HVAC RENOVATION PROJECT

The final phase of upgrading and modernizing the District's entire HVAC system is underway! The work for this project is taking place in the 1956 and 1966 Building Sections. The project includes removing the noisy, inefficient, and troublesome single air handling units and replacing them with a modern, efficient, and centralized system. Also, the two boilers in the 1956 Section have been replaced that service these building sections. In addition to improved air quality in these sections, our entire HVAC system for our facility will become manageable via our online program, which will assist with efficiency and troubleshooting. The project officially began on April 11, 2022, and is on target for completion before the start of the 2022-2023 school year!



## RANKIN CLASS OF 2022!

Congratulations to the Rankin Class of 2022! The Graduation Ceremony took place inside this year on May 26, 2022. We are so proud of our graduates! Best wishes to all of our graduates in their future endeavors! #OnceaRebelAlwaysRebel!



## WE ARE PROUD OF OUR REBELS!

### FINE ARTS

Mrs. Shelly Hall, Art Teacher, commented about Rankin participating in the Fine Arts Celebration in March, "March is a special Fine Arts Celebration Month exclusively in the state of Illinois." Mrs. Hall reported that our K-8 students made visual projects celebrating artists from over 600+ years that represented art media, empathy and story telling, and cultural diversity.



### TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS BREAK RECORDS!

#### STATE CHAMPIONS

\*7th Grade Boys 4x100 Relay - Lakin Flynn, Bryson Rumler, Isaac Wallace, and Avery Wolfe

\*7th Grade Boys Mile Run - Wes Thompson

\*8th Grade Girls Discuss - Kylea Seidell



Also, we had numerous other track and field student-athletes qualify for and then place in the IESA State Track and Field Meet while breaking records. We are in the process of updating our record boards now!

In addition, our Track and Field Girls Teams brought home state trophies that are now proudly stored in our trophy case at Rankin!

\*7th Grade - 3RD PLACE!

\*8th Grade - 4TH PLACE!

