



Northwest Newsletter

A Message from Principal Zelazny

First, I would like to thank Northwest Families for attending our annual open house night! It was great to meet parents and families. Please remember to schedule a parent teacher conference if you have any concerns about your child's success.

As the second marking period begins we are having a renewed focus on improving our culture and climate, here at Douglass. Currently, we are focusing on **arriving to class on time**, and **respectful behaviors towards peers and adults**. This means students should be minimizing their time in the halls and using appropriate language and actions to express themselves. Families, we are asking for your support with this initiative in order to work together to improve our students educational needs.

Upcoming Events

November 9th –
End of 1st Marking Period

November 10th –
No School - Veterans Day
Observed

November 22nd to 24th –
No School - Thanksgiving
Recess



Congrats Ms. Ridgeway!

Our very own Teacher Assistant, Wanda Ridgeway received two prestigious awards for her involvement as Executive Director of Rise Up Rochester, a certificate of Special Mayoral Recognition from Mayor Lovely Warren, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from former President Barack Obama.

Reminders

If you have not already signed up for the health center, you can still pick up your enrollment forms in the health center on the first floor. The health center is ran by Strong Hospital and offers free medical and mental health services to students.

- Sign-up Today! -

Happy Birthday Panthers!

* Yanais Ortiz * Deshawn Campbell * Genesis Arzuaga * Mehmet Buyan *
* Jade Morel Suero * Lyniecia Terry * Daysiamae Johnson * Daysian Johnson
* Ky Walker * Alexander Ramos * Rukia Issack * Dae'Shaun Moore *
* Antonio Rivera * Marco Lee * Willie Patterson * Samari Bones * Shazia
Danzy * Iseila Perez * Anthony Stephens * Delon Stephens * Ricky White *
* Angel Simmons *

Join ParentCONNECT

Communicate and view your child's progress by signing up for ParentCONNECT. This can be done by going to the district website and clicking on the ParentCONNECT icon.



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Staff Spotlight



Mrs. Rath
ELA 8 Teacher

Mrs. Rath is our 8th grade ELA teacher. She is certified in Secondary English and Secondary Special Education. Literature is her passion and much of Mrs. Rath's college courses focused on African American Literature. She earned her undergrad from SUNY Brockport and her graduate work at Roberts Wesleyan. Mrs. Rath enjoys practicing and teaching yoga. She also enjoys participating in humanitarian work. She and her husband have two young boys, ages 2 and 6 months.

Panther Parents

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring he or she:

- 1) Arrives on time, and is prepared for the day's learning experiences.
- 2) Completes all homework assignments in a timely manner.
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills.
- 4) Communicates needs for additional help or support with their teacher, counselor, or trusted staff member.
- 5) Follows the dress code outlined in the RCSD Code of Conduct. Spaghetti straps, sagging pants, belly shirts, and clothing that promotes drugs or violence **will not** be permitted in the school building.

Growth Mindset vs Fixed Mindset

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



- I can learn anything I want to.
- When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
- I want to challenge myself.
- My effort and attitude determine everything.



- I am either good at it, or I'm not.
- When I'm frustrated, I give up.
- I don't like to be challenged.
- When I fail, I am no good.

Try to have a growth mindset!

Remember

- ✓ School begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- ✓ Winter sports are starting! Please be sure all requalification papers are submitted in order to participate.

1st marking period report cards will be mailed home the week of November 20th