

September 7, 2018

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

As a regular addition to my weekly notes, I will be introducing you to our staff in the “staff spotlight”. This week, we are shining the RJH spotlight on a staff member who is an integral part of our community, **Sheila Adams**, 8th grade science teacher. She has been a part of the RJH family for 38 years. During her time at RJH, she has taught science at all grade levels and always manages to make lessons engaging and exciting for our students. Sheila’s passion for science and technology extends beyond the classroom, as she travels the country during her personal time to stay up-to-date with the best practices in her field. Most recently, Sheila traveled to Chicago this past June to attend the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference. Sheila is a respected member of a variety of local and national science and technology committees where she is able to network with other educators across the country.

In the classroom, Sheila uses hands-on approaches with the students to enrich learning. Whether she is working with NASA to bring in Moon Rocks, which are considered to be a national treasure, facilitating student participation in University of New Hampshire New England Astronomy Festival, hosting an international Earth Day student webcast, or allowing students to use technology in a meaningful and creative way during after school meetings in Technology Club, Sheila’s expertise and dedication affords students a unique opportunity to grow in the fields of science and technology.

Sheila is a proficient grant writer and is regularly awarded funding for her innovative projects. This past school year, Sheila was a recipient of a grant from The Clipper Foundation for an initiative where students will construct a small-scale sailboat, equipped with a GPS transmitter for tracking, that will be launched into the Atlantic Ocean. Students will observe data from the boat’s journey and learn about ocean waves, currents, and geography.

Her positive disposition towards students, immense knowledge of her content area, and her unwavering commitment to RJH, prove that Sheila Adams is an invaluable educator, and we look forward to her continued years of service.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picture Day: Is Wednesday, September 19th. School picture forms were sent home with students yesterday. Please be sure your child has his/her picture form on the 19th, or place your order online at mylifetouch.com.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help facilitate the picture taking on that morning. It typically lasts an hour. If you are willing, please email Elizabeth Figliulo @ efigliulo@sau50.org.

PaySchools Central: We are pleased to announce a new online lunch payment system through PaySchools Central. This service, which is entirely **optional**, allows you to manage your child's lunch account online. An email was sent out last week which provided the unique student ID and registration instructions. If you did not receive this email, or if you need assistance, please contact Database Administrator Lorraine Curtis at lcurtis@sau50.org.

Open House: is being held on Thursday, September 13th from 6:00 – 7:30. We will begin in the gym for a short presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RJH Open House: Thursday, 9/13 6:00-7:30pm

Picture Day: Wednesday, 9/19

Rye School Board Meeting: Wednesday 9/19 @ 5pm