



Director of Communications and Grants Update

October 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Several of our stories from this month's newsletters were especially well-received on social media, including pieces on a display of sportsmanship by Varsity Football Coach Mike O'Donnell (192 likes), security upgrades at RCHS (127 likes), and Homecoming festivities at RCHS and CEJ (372 total likes). *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence)*.
 - Currently working on three separate Rush City Education Foundation grants in partnership with RCHS teachers. *(Strategic Plan: Educational excellence, Finance and management)*.
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COMMUNICATIONS

- Published Community Edition newsletters on Oct. 2 and Oct. 16. *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence)*.
- Published Family Edition newsletters on Sept. 25 and Oct. 9. *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence)*.
- Published Staff Edition newsletters on Sept. 25 and Oct. 9. *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence)*.
- Made 20+ posts to Facebook and Instagram this month. We will continue to emphasize our theme for the year: **Listen. Reflect. Transform.** *(SP: Strengthen community relationships, Educational excellence)*.

GRANTWRITING

- Worked with staff to make sure grant deadlines are being met; wrote and edited grant reporting documents for completed grants. *(SP: Finance and management)*.
 - Working with CEJ and RCHS staff to research grant opportunities and discuss potential grant-funded projects. *(SP: Educational excellence, Finance and management)*.
 - **Adding it up, we've received 5 grants totalling \$37,475 since 8/1/26.**
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COMING UP

- Looking forward to telling more fantastic stories from teachers and staff in the weeks ahead!
- Continuing to work with the Rush City Education Foundation to support their efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our students and schools! - Mike Gainor