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Dear Ralph R. Smith Families,

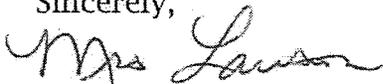
Our school is embarking on a wonderful adventure called Passion Projects! This started as a goal from our Building Leadership Team (BLT). We wanted to find a way to help students develop a love of life-long learning, which is directly linked to our District's Profile of a Graduate. What better way to do that than to explore what each person is passionate about?

Currently, our BLT members are working Passion Projects that will be shared with staff and students. I am working on a project that explores using recycled materials to create art. Part of my project was to research items that are contributing to our landfills that do not break down over time. I found that plastic is one of the biggest issues. In addition, many plastic bottle caps can't be recycled. This gave me the idea to collect them and reuse them to create art in and around our school.

I asked faculty and staff to collect any plastic bottle caps for my project. I have created an owl mosaic to hang in our cafeteria. I do not want to stop there, however. This is where I need your help. I would like to involve students in creating more art using plastic bottle caps. Please send in any washed plastic bottle caps that your family uses. There will be collection boxes in the lobby. Once we have a variety of colors and sizes, we will begin to create art!

I truly appreciate your help. You will be able to see my completed Passion Project along with others at the Student Expo in May. It is our goal that Passion Projects will be completed by staff members so that we can learn from the process and develop a way that our students can begin to explore topics that are of interest to them. Exciting things are happening at RRS!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Lawson
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