Fifth graders at Frank Rushton are the fastest around!

By Sarah Waggoner

At the end of each school year, KCCKS hosts the “Are you faster than a fifth grader?” event, in which fifth grade students from each school in USD 500 compete against the superintendent in a two mile run. This year the fifth graders from Frank Rushton Elementary school performed particularly well, with all 15 runners finishing faster than superintendent Dr. Anna Stubblefield, and they had the most students place out of all the schools. This marks the third time Frank Rushton has won first place out of all the schools.

Fifth grader Nickolette, Elijah’s mother, shared with me about her son’s recent accomplishments.

“Elijah is a strong, smart, and level-headed kid who loves a challenge! He has won many academic awards in the past, and most recently received the Anna Powers Award, which recognizes perseverance in students in KCCKS. These accomplishments really show Elijah’s ability to persevere and overcome. Elijah was diagnosed with a degenerative eye disease and has experienced a lot of trials and tribulations. To see him being recognized for his strengths is incredible.”

Congratulations to Frank Rushton Elementary and all participating fifth graders for a job well done.

To share your story of a good neighbor in Rosedale, contact Sarah Waggoner at sarah@rosedale.org.
Welcome back Ajhana’!

Ajhana’ Franklin first joined RDA as an AmeriCorps member in June 2019, working as a classroom facilitator for the Rainbow Summer Program. For the next two summers she returned, serving as the Site Coordinator for the program. We are so excited to announce that she is returning to RDA full-time as our new youth program coordinator this summer! Ajhana’ recently received her Bachelor’s degree in youth program coordination from Baker University, and we are thrilled to have her back to support the Rainbow Summer Program team.

Ajhana’ moved to Kansas City from Jackson, Mississippi, and she has a passion for serving youth in underserved communities. She is a natural leader with a strong work ethic and a commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those she serves.

Campers prepare for a week of fun at Wildwood.

Wildwood provides summer adventure for Rosedale youth

By Ajhana Franklin

Rosedale youth are invited to get outdoors and be adventurous this summer at Rosedale wa...