

RICH EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome To Rich East!

A lot of positive things are happening to Rich East this year as a result of our recent success on the Prairie State Achievement Exam. Over the past 2 years, our test scores have doubled in both reading and math, finishing with 60.2% and 55.1% respectively, which equates to a growth rate of 106% in each content area in our Economically Disadvantaged category. This supports our belief that all children can learn and we are a living example of that here at Rich East High School. Our scores are the highest in District 227 and align with our earlier recognition of having the highest graduation rate and the highest percentage of students over a 2.0 Grade Point Average in the district.

We were recently awarded a \$233,000.00 School Improvement Grant by the Illinois State Board of Education to administer federal dollars in areas of school improvement, which will lead to student achievement. Our plan includes a parental involvement piece that will provide classes and activities to stimulate interaction with parents to become more involved with the education of your children. We are looking forward to rolling out these ideas to the Rich East family once final budget approval has been made.

Rich East has been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education as a leader in student achievement growth and was asked to provide seminars to other schools that want to emulate the success we have been achieving here with your children. In short, we take the responsibility of providing a quality education for your children very seriously, and other school districts in the state have taken notice.

Our PTSO and Booster Club have merged to form a single entity called the Rocket Booster Club, which now has membership in excess of 125 dedicated adults. During our recent Open House, many of those members assisted us in providing a BBQ, which served over 400 parents who turned out for the event. The Open House proved to be a very successful event and kicked off a great start to this school year.

Great things are happening at Rich East High School and we invite all of you to get involved and help us reach our ultimate goal of meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which this year is 77.5%. If we experience the same percentage of growth this year as we have enjoyed over the past 2 years, we will meet that goal. Our teachers, staff and administrators are committed to that goal and with your help; our kids will accomplish something that few schools have ever done. I am extremely proud to be associated with an organization like Rich East and work with a group of adults totally committed to improving the lives of your children. This will be a tremendously successful school year for all of us and we are excited to get started!

Go Rockets!

Mark Kramer