

The opening of the new World Language Lab was a chance for the RFHRHS school community to come together to thank the hard working members of the Rumson-Fair Haven Education Foundation for their dedication and generosity to Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School. The donation of the World Language Lab is significant and will make a difference in the education of all of the foreign language students who hone their skills on this cutting edge technology equipment. Please read more...



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RFHRHS World Language Lab Officially Opened at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

For many months, RFHRHS students have been learning language skills through the new state of the art Sony Virtuoso Language Lab, which has been in place but waiting for customized furnishings to arrive in order to make it complete and ready to be formally presented. Everything finally arrived and was put together, and the new World Language Lab was officially opened at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held on May 28th in the Media Center. The Rumson-Fair Haven High School Education Foundation has provided many new opportunities for the school in the past year, and the World Language Lab is the gift which will reach the largest number of students. Purchased in the hope of providing help for classes of all levels as they seek to achieve foreign language proficiency, this interactive computer based system gives entire classes the chance to practice written, auditory and verbal skills. The power point documentary about the World Language Lab that was shown at the ceremony was screened on the Media Kiosk, a communications system that provides professional quality presentations; earlier in the year, this was also a donation of the Education Foundation. The program showed students doing a variety of tasks on the new World Language Lab equipment and gave a sense of how well this donation is fitting in with the curriculum. Some students were listening to foreign language dictation and responding in writing, and some were paired randomly to converse with classmates in the chosen languages. Others were listening to podcasts and connecting with speakers from different parts of the world. Language students were shown making recordings that they could later review and replay to practice pronunciation skills. Exams can be taken on this equipment, and the recent French Advanced Placement tests were administered in the World Language Lab.

At the ribbon cutting event, Michel Salazar-Linden, RFH Supervisor of World Languages, said "The kids and the staff love it. This staff is so creative, and our teachers are creating fascinating activities such as podcasts and webquests which are energizing this language program beyond anything that we could have hoped for. We can't thank the Education Foundation enough for this wonderful addition to our World Languages Program."

RFHRHS Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Peter Righi concurred, "Thanks to the generosity of our parents, and the hard work of the members of the Foundation, our students can now immerse themselves in their study of a World language. This lab utilizes technology to improve the way teachers can deliver World Language instruction and the way in which students learn!"

Lisa Bitterly, Education Foundation President said, "We are very proud to be a part of such a supportive and generous community that allows our students to have access to state of the art equipment. The faculty has also been wonderful in working hand in hand with students. It's truly empowering, and we look forward to future projects to enrich our academics at the high school."

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Formal opening ceremonies were held for the RFHRHS World Language Lab, which was donated by the Rumson-Fair Haven Education Foundation. L to r : Michele Salazar-Linden, Supervisor of World Languages, Lisa Bitterly, Foundation President, Dr. Peter Righi, Superintendent of Schools, Tracy Handerman, RFHRHS Principal.