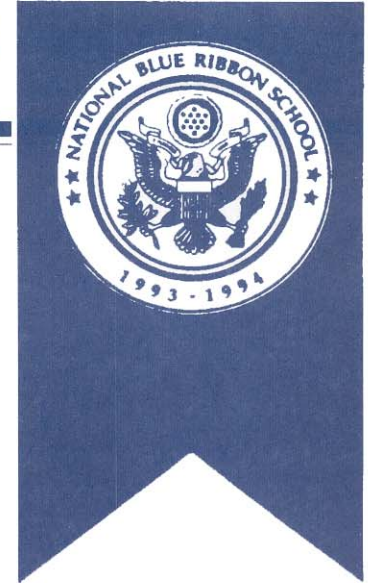


Ballwin Elementary ★★ National Blue Ribbon School

Bear Tracks



March 1, 2010

Dear Ballwin Families,

The MAP (Missouri Assessment Program) Assessment will be given March 30 – April 20th. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will take the Communication Arts and Math Assessments. 5th grade students will take an additional Science Assessment. Through our curriculum implementation and assessment process, our students will be prepared to do their best on the MAP assessment. Students have also been exposed to test taking strategies and problem-solving skills that will assist them in being successful. Following are some suggestions for successful test taking that may help your child do his/her best:

Test Taking Tips for Students

Have a Positive Attitude

Approach the big test as you'd approach a giant jigsaw puzzle. It might be tough, but you can do it! A positive attitude goes a long way toward success.

The Night Before

Remember all the strategies that your teacher has taught you in order to be successful on the MAP assessment. Get to bed early. Remember, your brain and body need sleep to function well, so don't stay up late!

The Morning of the Test

Did you know that you think better when you have a full stomach? So don't skip breakfast the morning of the test.

Test Time

Before the test begins, make sure you have everything you'll need - scratch paper, extra pencils, etc. Remember to take a deep breath and focus on ANSWERING THE QUESTION.

Quality Answers

Scan through the section of the test you are working on before starting. Carefully review the directions, and double check your answers making sure you have marked the appropriate answer or included strong details in your constructed responses. If you are writing a performance event, review your writing making sure you stuck to the topic including a beginning, middle, and end.

I'm Stuck!

Those tricky problems can knock you off balance. Don't get worried or frustrated. Reread the question to make sure you understand it, and then try to solve it the best way you know how. What if you have no idea about the answer? Review your options and make the best guess you can.

Multiple Choice questions: The process of elimination can help you choose the correct answer in a multiple-choice question. Start by crossing off the answers that couldn't be right. Then spend your time focusing on the possible correct choices before selecting your answer.

I'm Done!

Not so fast - when you complete the last item on the section, remember that you're not done yet. First, check the clock and go back to review your answers in the section, making sure that you didn't make any careless mistakes (such as putting the right answer in the wrong place or skipping a question). Spend the last remaining minutes going over the hardest problems before you turn in your test.

Follow these test tips to ensure you will do your best- congratulations!

We look forward to seeing you at parent teacher conferences March 8 and March 10. If you have not scheduled a conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule one. We value this time to meet with you to discuss your child's progress.

Have a wonderful Spring Break from March 12-21. School resumes March 22, 2010.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Gay

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For more information, please visit our Web site at:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/ballwin

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Calendar of Events

MARCH 2010

1-5 Rockwood Reading Week

- 2 Early Dismissal Day – PM Kdg attends during AM
LUNCH IS SERVED
- 3 National School Principal's Day
- 4 2nd Grade Musical, 6:30PM, Gym
Board of Education Meeting, Crestview MS, 7PM
- 5 Hat Day – Bring .50cents or more!
- 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30PM
Scholastic Book Fair
1st Grade Art Show, 3:30 – 7:30PM
- 9 Scholastic Book Fair
PSO Meeting, 6PM, Library
- 10 Breakfast with a Friend - Child-\$1.45 Adult - \$1.70
Parent /Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:30PM
Scholastic Book Fair
1st Grade Art Show, 3:30 – 7:30PM
- 12 NO SCHOOL
- 15-19 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
- 25 Board of Education Meeting, Crestview MS, 7PM
- 27 Rockwood Science Olympiad, 9AM – 3PM, Eureka HS
- 31 BEAR TRACKS



CHARACTER EDUCATION

The word of the month for March is **Courage**. **Courage** means to act responsibly despite fears or difficulties. **Courage** means doing the right thing even when it is difficult. People who are courageous do not engage in reckless behavior. Some ways to show courage are to say no when someone asks you to do something you know is wrong. Talk to your parents, teacher, or counselor about any difficulties you are worried about. Practice giving your opinion when others disagree. Choose friends who show good character traits. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."

Talk to your child about the character words of the month. Encourage them to participate in our home-school connection. A sheet on courage will be coming home soon. These are displayed on our bulletin board by the multi-purpose room.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Early Dismissal Days

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming staff development days. It is very important to inform your child's teacher of any transportation changes on these days. School Dismissed at 12:08PM – PM Kindergarten attends from 8:23 AM to 12:08PM, LUNCH IS SERVED. For more calendar information please visit www.rockwood.k12.mo.us

September 15 _____	December 8 _____	March 2 _____
October 13 _____	January 15 _____	April 1 _____
November 5 _____	February 12 _____	May 4 _____

ACCELERATION/DIFFERENTIATION IN 1ST GRADE

In the first grade, students are encouraged to grow and learn from their beginning level to mastery of the first grade objectives and beyond. Throughout the use of a variety of teaching strategies, instruction is given to accommodate individual learning styles.

In **math**, students have been learning through the use of hands-on activities such as: manipulatives, games, and technology. The **Everyday Math** program has a spiraling approach which means there are several concepts that are introduced and practiced within a unit. Students are further accelerated through the use of computer programs, problem solving activities, and math games that are varied by levels of understanding.

In **language arts**, first graders are involved in both flexible and ability grouping in reading. The Harcourt basal provides a variety of stories that focuses on specific skills and reinforces skills previously taught. Also, student and teacher-choice activities are given which expands on various group literature selections that have been read. Grammar and handwriting skills are also part of the language arts program in first grade. Writing assignments are tiered according to a student's writing ability. Technology is involved in many of these activities.

In **science** and **social studies**, students learn about the world around them through the use of textbooks, trade books, speakers, experiments, cooperative group activities, and field trips. Research skills are introduced with assignments tiered according to the student's ability. The integration of literature with math, science, social studies and language arts is developed through the use of thematic units such as animals, plants and the family.

First graders will continue to grow and learn while working with their immediate goals in order to achieve all that they are capable of achieving.



YOU ARE WHAT YOU READ!

The Ballwin Diner Scholastic Book Fair

Hungry for a good book? Please join us at the grand opening of The Ballwin Diner Scholastic Book Fair. Fill those reading appetites and imaginations as they experience and share the joy of reading and build their understanding of the world through books. Here are the hours of the grand opening:

March 8th - 8AM - 7PM
March 9th - 8AM - 3PM
March 10th - 8AM - 7:30PM

Be a volunteer and contact **Kristin Clark** at 636-207-2533 ext. 237, if you can help!

ROSE AWARD NOMINEES

Congratulations to the following staff members and parents who were nominated for the 2010 Rockwood Rose Award. The Rose Award honors those who have made a significant difference in a child's life, the school community or the Rockwood School District.

Julie Gay – Principal
Dr. Dan Gieseler – Administrative Intern
Megan O'Leary - 3rd Grade Teacher
Beverly Evans – 1st Teacher
Kelly Hutton – 1st Grade Teacher
Lucy Day – Secretary
Trish Sapenaro - Parent



HATS ON! FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

Please don't forget that Friday, March 5th is our Annual Hat Day for kids with cancer. Everyone is welcome to wear a hat with a donation of at least \$.50 or more. All the money will go to Friends of Kids with Cancer. The class that raises the most money will receive a popcorn party. Let's make this year even more successful than last year with 100% participation. Please give donation to your classroom teacher, and wear a favorite hat on Friday, March 6th. Please call Mrs. Linda Newton at 636-207-2533 for more information.

BREAKFAST WITH AN ADULT OR SPECIAL FRIEND

Please join Ballwin Elementary in celebrating National School Breakfast Week by joining your student for breakfast on **Wednesday, March 10th** at 8:05AM. The cost for adults is \$1.70 and students are \$1.45.

Breakfast Menu Includes:

Warm Cinnamon Roll or Choice of cereal & Breakfast Bar
With Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice,
Choice of Milk 1% Milk

SPRING PICTURES COMING HOME SOON

Just a gentle reminder to all parents that your child had their picture taken in February for "Spring Pictures." This program by Lifetouch allows parents to preview the pictures prior to purchasing. If you decide to purchase the packet or a partial packet, please return payment to the school OR return the entire packet to school. No pre-orders were necessary, so if you missed "Fall" pictures, this is your opportunity to have a keepsake of your child's school year. When you receive the packet, please review the packet and either send payment or return the packet to school. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

REMINDER TO 5th GRADE PARENTS

Students entering 6th grade in the fall must submit a physical within 30 days of starting school. If your child has a physical before the end of the school year, please send it to the Ballwin nurse. During the summer or in the fall, send it directly to the middle school nurse.

ROCKWOOD READING WEEK AT BALLWIN ELEMENTARY

March 1-5, 2010

"Explore the World of Books"

Daily Reading Activities:

"Jep-BEAR-dy" – Questions about books are asked over the intercom. Class that calls 221 first with the correct answer is the winner. Extra recesses will be awarded. There will also be adult questions daily.

Drop Everything and Read – D.E.A.R. Time – Students and staff must have something to read in hand at all times during Reading Week, because DEAR time will be announced at least once a day at any time and last for 10 minutes.

Guest Readers – Teachers invite special guests, (parents, administrators, community members and friends) to come into the class and read a favorite book.

Guess the Staff Member with his/her favorite book – Photos will be posted in the hallway for students to join the guessing game.

"Caught You Reading" Coupons – All staff will be provided with coupons to give to students seen reading. Daily drawings will be held with books and posters as special prizes.

School wide Reading Goal – Students are challenged to earn 500 Accelerated Reader points during Reading Week. The final number of points will be tallied and announced on Friday of Reading Week.

Celebrate Reading with your Buddies – Classes will read with their buddy classes.

Weekly Reading Activities:

Monday – March 1st – Reading Week Begins!

Tuesday – March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Birthday - Storyteller, Chris McBrien Will Read to Students & Dress as Your Favorite Character Day

Wednesday – March 3rd – READ ME Day – Wear something with writing on it so others can "read" you!

Thursday – March 4th – District wide SSR 10 – 10:15AM.

Read and Feed Book Discussions during 4th and 5th grade lunch. Sign up with Mrs. Clark. 4th grade book, How Angel Peterson Got His Name, by Gary Paulsen. 5th grade book, A Dog's Life, by Ann M. Martin & Bring Stuffed Animal to School Day - read with your favorite friend all day!

Friday – March 5th – Hat Day – Please bring .50 or more, all proceeds to benefit Friends of Kid's With Cancer

Rockwood Reading Week Presents

Little Red Riding Hood by Springboard

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, please join Rockwood families for The Little Red Riding Hood, by Springboard at Woerther Elementary, 314 New Ballwin Road, from 7 8PM. Rockwood Reading Week presents a musical version of Little Red Riding Hood. It is the classic tale of a young girl, a grandmother and a wolf, but adds humor and "nutritious" twists! You won't want to miss this performance. All Rockwood School District families are invited

The performances are FREE, but a donation of a new children's book will be accepted. Donations will given to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. For more information, please call Lynn Hoover (636) 938-2354 - Sponsored by Title I.



PAPER, PENCILS & GLUE, OH MY!

While many of you enjoy shopping for school supplies with your children, Ballwin Elementary would like to share an opportunity for school supply purchasing. Pre-purchased school supplies include custom packaging and will be delivered to your child's classroom on "Back to School Night in August." **NEW THIS YEAR** – If your child is going in 5th grade next fall, the pre-packaged school supply kit also includes the 7-pocket plastic organizer, what a great deal! Order forms will be sent home soon. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education next year.



5th GRADE CHORUS SINGS AT BUSCH STADIUM

GO CARDS! Please join us at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 1st at 12:10PM and enjoy an afternoon full of MVP-style fun and celebrate the Cardinals 3-time National League MVP Award winner, Albert Pujols, while the Cardinals take on the Cincinnati Reds.

Saturday, May 1st is Albert Pujols MVP Canvas Print Day. A beautiful photo of Albert, mid-swing, printed on a 9" x 12" canvas and mounted as a complete wall hanging is one you will definitely want to add to your collection, compliments of Bank of America.

"God Bless America" will be sung by our Fifth Grade Chorus directed by Ms. Jennifer Burke. Tickets for the 5th grade chorus members and their families will be on sale beginning Monday, March 1st. Tickets for all Ballwin families and friends will be on sale beginning Monday, March 8th. Order forms will be coming home soon!

MATHATHON COMING SOON TO BALLWIN!

Ballwin Elementary will be participating in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon this spring. Math-A-Thon is an educational program that teaches students the importance of math while helping children in need of cancer treatment. St. Jude is partnering with Scholastic to incorporate national math standards with the Math-A-Thon program. This will help our students practice and prepare for standardized testing. More information will be coming home soon.

THANK YOU BALLWIN PARENTS & COMMUNITY

Thank you to all the parents and community members that have been helping throughout the year with all our events and daily happenings at Ballwin. Thank you to the following presenters at the 5th Grade Career Fair on February 17th, **Greg Kaempfe, Linda Lewis, Rhonda Costa, Cheryl Foote, John Fortune, Sukanya Subramanian, Pat Heirty, Robin Wolf, Ron McKenzie, and Officer Hawk and Officer Rogers**. Thank you to the parents that planned the Valentine's parties, everyone had a great time!

A big bear hug goes out to all our students for their participation in "Jump Rope For Heart." Our families and friends donated \$2,985 to the American Heart Association, we are extremely grateful for all the support. Thank you to **Jennifer Knisely, Kathleen Maas Stokes, Lee Delgado, Reshma Patel, Angela Schnieders, Carol Morrow, Gail Fleming and Melissa Shipman** for their help at this wonderful event.

BALLWIN BEAR CATCHES A DREAM

Congratulations to 4th grader **Olivia Emert** for being selected to receive one of the 48 Rockwood Schools Foundation 2010 Dream Catchers Scholarships. The Dream Catchers Scholarship program is an innovative opportunity for students in grades 4th – 11th to afford the opportunity to pursue programs, camps, lessons, conferences, or specialized courses of study in the areas of arts, leadership, community awareness, history and the sciences.

Olivia dreams of becoming an author and will be using her scholarship to attend the YPI Connecticut Summer Arts Camp for writing, this summer in Suffield, Connecticut. A big Ballwin thank you to Mrs. Kristin Clark and Mr. David Mathys for assisting Olivia with helping her find the resources to pursue her dream of becoming an author.

HATS FOR HAITI RAISES OVER \$1700

A big BEAR hug goes to the Ballwin community for supporting HATS for HAITI Day on February 2nd. Seeing all the students, parents and staff members wearing hats was a gentle reminder of how thoughtful and giving our community is when others are in need. Our families and friends donated over \$1700 to the American Red Cross to help the families and communities in Haiti after the devastating earthquake that occurred last month.

There are other ways to donate funds to Haiti. Just ask Adam Noll in Mrs. Kirk's 5th grade class. Adam's birthday was February 9th. When his parent's asked him if he really "needed" presents from his friends this year, he responded by saying that he would rather his friends spend the money that they would normally spend on a gift, on something "worthwhile". Adam did some research and he decided that he wanted his friends to donate the money to **Project Hope** which goes toward sending people (volunteers, doctors, etc.), medicine and supplies to the victims hit in Haiti. We are proud of Adam and his desire to help others, way to go Adam!

ADVENTURE CLUB KEEPS ON GOING AND GOING

Adventure Club is now accepting enrollment for the 2010-11 School Year. Enrollment is also being accepted for the SummerLink/theZONE programs for Summer 2010. Apply Early! Our programs are in high demand and waiting lists start early. The 2010-11 application fee is \$70 per child/\$140 family max and the 2010 Summer non-refundable weekly deposit is \$25 per week per child. You may access the online enrollment form by visiting: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub. If you don't have access to a computer please visit the Adventure Club office at 1900 Hawkins Road in Fenton. For more information, call 636-861-7768.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

The Rockwood School District Community Education Department is offering spring baseball/softball programs for boys and girls in grades K-5. The K-1 league is a Co-ed Coach Pitch/T-ball league while the 2nd-5th grade boys play Machine Pitch Baseball and the 2nd-5th grade girls play Coach Pitch Softball. The registration deadline for these programs is Friday, March 5. To register or for more information about these programs and other Community Education programs, please visit our website at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed or call our office at 636-938-2307.

Prop 5: What does it mean for my school?



Safety • Maintenance • Additions
Renovations • Technology

The \$55 million, no-tax increase bond issue focuses on these five areas:

- **S**afety measures and infrastructure
- **M**aintenance of current facilities
- **A**dditions for classrooms
- **R**enovations of instructional areas
- **T**echnology

At Ballwin Elementary, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning

- Install amplification systems in designated areas, such as Art and Music
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Provide wireless coverage for all instructional areas
- Replace aged/at capacity telephone and voicemail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service
- Replace aged equipment and add additional switches
- Install new carpet on the gym stage
- Install new tile in the gym, lobby and all corridors in the east wing
- Replace rooftop units for HVAC
- Build screen walls around rooftop HVAC units
- Replace insulation on mechanical pipe system

See project lists for Selvidge Middle and Marquette High on back.

Take a moment to review the project lists for all Marquette feeder schools, and the entire district, at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5

At Selvidge Middle, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Provide wireless coverage for all instructional areas
- Replace aged/at capacity telephone and voicemail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Install new tile in the cafeteria
- Add supplemental HVAC system to main office area

At Marquette High, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Install projection devices and interactive white boards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Install tile in 14 rooms and quarry tile in kitchen
- Replace HVAC screen wall system
- Replace sections of the building's roof
- Install kitchen hoods for gas ranges in FACS lab
- Expand student parking lot
- Expand existing weight room
- Construct new library and add and/or renovate space for 4-6 classrooms
- Conduct engineering study for possible new gym in the future

BALLWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2010-11 Student Profile for Class Placement Consideration

As we develop our class lists for the 2010-11 school year, you may provide our team with information regarding your child's learning profile. Please check the following descriptors that best suit your child and respond to the other items as appropriate.

CHILD'S NAME _____

Next Year's GRADE _____

Personality Traits

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings are hurt easily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Imaginative | <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful under pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Daydreamer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confident | <input type="checkbox"/> Logical and Rational | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily Distracted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical | <input type="checkbox"/> "People Person" | <input type="checkbox"/> Moody |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shares ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> A problem solver | <input type="checkbox"/> Restless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Taker | <input type="checkbox"/> Impulsive | <input type="checkbox"/> Excitable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shy/Hesitant | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Time To Adjust To New Situations | |

Work Habits

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Takes a Step-by-Step Approach | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumps from one task to another |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized | <input type="checkbox"/> Disorganized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to work alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to work in a group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty beginning tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Completes a task quickly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short attention span | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily frustrated |

Learning Style

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learns by listening | <input type="checkbox"/> Learns by watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learns through self-discovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Learns through experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learns by thinking through ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Learns by trial and error |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Likes hands-on activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Likes to experiment |

DESCRIBE YOUR CHILD'S SPECIAL NEEDS, (I.E.P., medical concerns, physical needs, etc..)

DESCRIBE THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT THAT BEST SUPPORTS YOUR CHILD:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

Please return to the OFFICE by Wednesday, March 24th.

Bear Bits

FEBRUARY 2010



Dear Ballwin Families,

Special thanks to the following individuals and groups:

- Our P.E. staff for being Trivia Night emcees and all of the parents, staff and Ballwin friends who supported the school through this event;
- Theresa Eckman for assisting Trivia Night

with a new "Pay Pal" option for purchases;

- Girls on the Run spring coaches - Ms. Jill Feller, Mrs. Pam Miller, Mrs. Jerri Ann Emert and Mrs. Kristy Thomson;
- All parents and guardians who coordinated, assisted and provided for the classroom Valentine parties...it couldn't happen without you!

- Amanda Ozersky for recruiting "blanketeers" for Project Linus.
- Staff and parents who facilitated events and displays for Black History month; and
- Staff and parents assisting with science promotion and activities for 3-5th graders.

Our next PSO meetings are as follows:

- Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:45am - Room 114 following the 8:45am Bear Social (*due to re-schedule*)
- Tuesday, March 9 at 6pm - Library

Thank you for your continued support of our children and our school!

Maiya Ingram, PSO President

Prop 5 No Tax Bond Issue

Ballwin Families,

Please consider joining forces with other parents supporting the 2010 Prop 5 **NO TAX** increase bond issue. On behalf of Citizens for Better Rockwood Schools I am asking for your help in building a team of strong supporters to **inform our parents about PROP 5**. If you e-mail 10 families asking for

their help, and those 10 do the same, and this pattern continues; Ballwin Elementary will be successful in reaching our goal of getting the support of 300 parents at our school.

The bond issue will aid our children throughout their school years in various ways. According to the Rockwood

website,

Prop 5 focuses on five **SMART** priority areas:

- Safety** measures and infrastructure
- Maintenance** of current facilities
- Additions** for classrooms
- Renovations** for instructional areas
- Technology** infrastructure

For more information on the bond issue and how it

will affect specific schools, please see:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5, then click on School Project List.

Learn more, post comments, and get in on the discussions about **PROP 5** by joining the Facebook group "Rockwood Prop 5 - Get SMART and Vote YES".

Thanks in Advance,
Pat McDermott
Citizens for Better Rockwood Schools

Don't forget your camera!

The Yearbook Committee needs your pictures!

The yearbook committee would like to ask for your help in gathering photos for our yearbook. We want to do a good job of representing every classroom at Ballwin Elementary, so the more photos we have to work with, the better. :) We need photos of

basically anything and everything that goes on at school: candid classroom shots (regular class, gym, lunch,) class parties, field trips, special events like track meets or science fairs, etc. Digital photos can be burned onto disks or e-mailed to us (subject line "yearbook".) Disks and/or prints can be dropped off in the PSO mailbox in the of-

ice. It would be helpful if you could turn the pictures in as soon as you get them. If you have any questions, please contact us, and THANK YOU!

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Carnival!

Ballwin Elementary's Annual Spring Carnival is Friday, May 7, 2010! Look for more information in upcoming newsletters, but mark your calendar now! You don't want to miss this fun, family event!