

The FLYER

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April 2010

Rain, rain, go away! Spring is beginning to bring its gifts...rain, flowers, warm weather (we hope), green grass and freshness in the air, AND Cardinal Baseball! For better or worse, it also brings lots of test booklets to school buildings across the nation.

All of our students have been working diligently to prepare for the MAP test. Even though our students kindergarten through second grade do not take the test, they practice the fundamentals of test taking, answering constructed response questions and using proof in their answers. These foundational skills help prepare our third, fourth and fifth graders who will take the MAP test on April 7th-16th.

As a result of the federal initiative No Child Left Behind, achievement testing has become more and more in the spotlight to measure the success of public schools. Scores are published for the community, often without sufficient explanation regarding how to accurately interpret them.

As families visit Ridge Meadows that are moving into the area, most have already researched the test scores and made an initial judgment about our school. We, of course, know there is much more to the quality of a school than test scores. And thankfully, Ridge Meadows' test scores are such that we can be proud of our children's achievement in addition to all the less tangible successes of our school.

It does make for a difficult balancing act though. We have to take testing seriously- we are held to extremely high accountability standards as mandated by the state and federal governments. At the same time, we do not want our children to be stressed or anxious about the test. We have prepared the students with practice questions to relieve the anxiety and to create an appropriate testing environment.

I hope you know that at Ridge Meadows, we will always manage this balancing act the best we can. We continue to set high academic expectations for our students, but attempt to make testing a positive testing experience incorporating fun, such as cool buddy MAP treats and a wonderfully goofy MAP video with many of our students and teachers as budding stars!

We thank you, the parents, for the home support you provide for your child during testing time. We hope you will take the importance of the test into consideration as you plan family appointments that warrant having your child out of the building.

With Roadrunner Pride,

Amy

APRIL EVENTS:

- 1 Early Dismissal 12:47pm
- 2-5 No School-Spring Holiday
- 6 Election Day
- 7-16 MAP TESTING**
- 7 PTO Meeting @ 7pm Library
Scrip \$ due for 4/19 Delivery
- 12 Students will attend CCL
2nd gr. field trip to the
Botanical Gardens
(Mangelsdorf & Pennycuik)
- 13 2nd gr. field trip to the
Botanical Gardens
(Brim & Hunter)
- 16 1st Gr. to Skateport Plaza
Power of Purple Day
- 17 School Beautification Day
- 19-23 Earth Week
- 20 3rd Gr. to Babler Park
Wear Green Day
Rally for Robbie @ Clancy's
- 22 5th gr. field trip to AMC
Theater/ Oceans
3rd gr. field trip to Laumeier
Sculpture Park
"Outback Ed" presentations
- 23 Spirit Day
Panoramic Picture Day
- 24-25 District Art Show @
Wildwood MS 12-3:30 pm
- 27 Ronald McDonald-
9:15 All School Assembly
Papa John's Pizza Night
4th Gr. to St. Charles Capitol /
Lewis & Clark
- 29 Parent Volunteer Appreciation
Luncheon-Library
- 30 Scrip \$ due for 5/11 Delivery

For more information, please
visit our Web site at:

[www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/
ridgemeadows](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/ridgemeadows)



MAP Testing at Ridge Meadows



3 rd Grade		4 th Grade		5 th Grade	
		4/7	9:15-10:20	4/7	9:45-11:15
		4/8	9:15-10:15	4/8	9:15-11:15
		4/9	9:15-9:45	4/9	10:00-11:15
4/13	9:30-11:30	4/13	9:15-10:15	4/13	9:15-11:15
4/14	9:30-11:35	4/14	9:15-10:15	4/14	9:15-10:45
4/15	9:30-11:30 & 1:00-2:30	4/15	9:15-10:00	4/15	9:15-10:15
4/16	9:30-11:00	4/16	Make ups	4/16	9:15-10:45
4/19-4/20	Make Ups Pack Up	4/19-4/20	Make ups Pack up	4/19-4/20	Make ups Pack up
4/21	Pick up	4/21	Pick up	4/21	Pick up

Top Ten Test Taking Tips

- **Take your time!**
Many parts of the test are untimed. You should have enough time and shouldn't feel rushed.
- **Read all the parts first!**
Make sure you read the selections, questions and answer choices before marking your answer.
- **Read the question twice!**
Make sure you understand what is asked. If it is a two-part question, make sure your answer includes both parts.
- **Check your work!**
Make sure your answer is clearly marked and labeled if necessary. (Title and label all graphs.)
- **Stay Focused!**
You can do it! Concentration is key!
- **Get lots of sleep!**
Make sure to get to bed early and rest well so you can be sharp and ready for a great day!
- **Eat a good breakfast!**
Breakfast is the fuel for your body!
- **Stay relaxed!**
You can do it! Take some deep breaths and believe in yourself!
- **Be at school and on time!**
Tests begin promptly after announcements so being at school on time is a must! Please reschedule any appointments that may fall during testing.
- **Do your personal best!**
Use all of the character concepts you have learned to give it your all!



GOLDEN ROAD RUNNER AWARD

Congratulations Golden Roadrunners: Jared A., Amanda B., Deepa B., Emma B., Jessica B., Alison C., Marty C., Victoria C., Elizabeth E., Hannah E., John E., Megan E., Andrew F., Dominic F., Lauren F., Daniel H., Harry H., Julia H., Chloe I., Grace I., Ashley J., Michael J., Alyce K., Kaela K., Kendra K., Kevin K., Maddie K., Natalie K., Samantha K., Brian M., Lauren M., Reese M., Tommy M., Juliet N., Ryan N., Anna O., Logan O., Gehrig P., Maria P., Raina P., Sarah P., Sophia P., Courtney R., Alyssa S., Connor S., Kate S., Madison S., William S., Connor T., Vannia U., Alyssa V., Anika V., Zachary V., Adam W.

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH OF APRIL

Patience
Patience

Waiting Patiently.

End of Year Balances

As the end of the school year approaches, Child Nutrition Services is implementing procedures for negative meal account balances. Students and staff will not be allowed to charge a meal after Friday, April 30, 2010. Beginning Monday, May 3, if a student does not have adequate funds or has a negative meal account balance, an alternative entrée of a cheese or tuna sandwich will be offered to the student. All balances left at the end of the school year will automatically be carried forward for students continuing in any Rockwood School. If a student moves out of the school district, a refund can be requested. The parent/guardian may request a refund by phone call or a written note to the Cafeteria managers. If the parent/guardian chooses to have a student pick up a Cash refund for an amount less than \$10.00, a signed note must be sent to the Cafeteria manager giving the student permission to receive the refund. Refunds over \$10.00 will be issued by check from the Rockwood School District.



Congratulations to the following students that did a fabulous job at the **Rockwood Science Olympics**:



Second Place in Roller Coaster - Megan M.
Third Place in Can Race - Casey W.
Top Ten in Can Race - Ellie F. and Gracie H.
Top Ten in Take Flight - Griffin G.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL BOYS IN GRADES K-4

The Cub Scouts would like to invite ALL boys in grades K-4 to participate in our annual Raingutter Regatta on April 13 from 6:45-8 pm. This is an event where each boy will assemble a sailboat kit, then launch it in a raingutter and use his own wind power to race it to the finish line. ANY boy in grades K-4 who would like to participate in this fun event and learn about the many exciting activities Cub Scouts do is invited to participate for FREE ! If your son is interested please email Tom Weis at tom-weis@charter.net by APRIL 6 OR BEFORE so enough boats may be purchased for everyone. (Boys in Cub Scouts now do not need to reply.) In your email please include your son's name and grade level. Then on April 13 please come to the Ridge Meadows Gym at 6:45 pm. Parents, please plan to attend with your son to help assemble his boat and to cheer him on in the race. In the event of rain we will substitute another fun activity your son may participate in, so please come rain or shine. If you have any questions please email Tom Weis.

Dear Strings Parents,

I wanted to make you aware of an opportunity offered through Rockwood Community Education this summer for strings students. I will be co-hosting an orchestra camp for students entering 5th-8th grade that helps prepare students for the upcoming school year in orchestra, and exposes them to a variety of musical styles on their chosen instrument. Students are responsible for bringing their own instruments and should bring the instrument that they plan on playing next school year. All music and snacks will be provided daily.

The camp runs from July 19-23, 9am-12pm at Rockwood South Middle School. The enrollment fee is \$99, and the enrollment deadline is May 28, 2010. Look for more information to come home in a brochure soon. Please forward all enrollment questions and forms to Rockwood Community Education. The phone number to contact is 636-938-2421 and the website address is www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed/.

I hope to see you this summer for a week long of fun and music making!

Sincerely,
Nicole Cramer



School
Beautification
April 17th

We will be having a school beautification project happening on Saturday, April 17th at 9:00. We will be planting perennials on the east side of the school, by the cafeteria. If you have any plants or flowers that you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Brim at brimstephen@rockwood.k12.mo.us

The winners for the Popsicle Parties from the March 2010 Box Tops Contest are:

1st	Acker	188
2nd	Griese	160
3rd	Jensen	154



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:

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

At Ridge Meadows 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 network equipment and add additional switches

See project lists for LaSalle Springs Middle, Selvidge Middle, Eureka High and Marquette High on back.

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

**ROCKWOOD GUIDANCE & COUNSELING DEPARTMENT
AND
ROCKWOOD DRUG FREE SCHOOLS COALITION
PRESENT**

APRIL 13, 7-8:30 PM AT ROCKWOOD SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHADS COALITION, NEAL PENBERTHY AND MARIAN MCCORD

Adolescent Depression and Suicide Awareness/Education

- Risk factors and warning signs
- The importance of intervention and treatment
- Resources
- Using the ACT Technique

Come and hear about Chad's story and his wish.

Learn the statistics of teenage suicide and what you can do to help.

APRIL 27, 7-8:30 PM AT CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TOM MICHLER, THERAPIST, JOHNSON/MICHLER GROUP

21st Century Parenting: Present-Involved-Effective

Wondering how to help your overwhelmed teen? As parents of children in the new millennium, we see our kids facing so many challenges that it can be difficult to know how to help. This presentation focuses on the prevention of teen depression.

Learn how to:

- Help your child develop healthy boundaries as a life skill.
- Identify causes and early warning signs of teen depression
- Maintain or Develop open communication with your teen
- Understand the broader impact of technology in a teen's world

Treatment options for depressed teens

THIS SERIES IS OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY; PLEASE ATTEND!

ShopwithScrip goes monthly at Ridge!

Now Ridge Meadows families and their relatives and friends can order gift cards on a monthly basis. An average of 6% goes back to Ridge Meadows. We will have two more sales this year. See deadlines below.

Use your gift cards for:

- Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation presents, or end of year teacher gifts
- Birthday presents – Keep some on hand for those last minute birthday parties.
- Everyday shopping at places like -
 - BP Gas, Mobil
 - CVS, Walgreens
 - Home Depot, Lowes
 - Sam's Club, Shop 'n Save, Walmart
 - St. Louis Bread Co, Starbucks

Order Deadline: Wednesday, April 7th for delivery on Monday, April 19th

Order Deadline: Friday, April 30th for delivery on Tuesday, May 11th

Name _____

Email: _____

Number of Cards Ordered _____

Total Amount of Order \$ _____

_____ My order is less than \$50. Please send it home with my child.

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

_____ My order is \$50 or over. I will pick it up on Wednesday, Feb 17th:

_____ Between 4:00 and 5:00 pm

_____ Between 5:00 and 6:00 pm

Please make checks payable to "Ridge Meadows PTO". Thank you for supporting our school! Questions?

Contact Debbie Ward at jjdlward@charter.net or 636-227-1444.

Ridge Meadows Elementary PTO

Use scrip gift cards for your family, friends, co-workers or teachers or use scrip to purchase your holiday gifts, Either way it's a win-win for you and our school! Happy shopping!

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	Qty	Total	Product	%	Qty	Total	Product	%	Qty	Total
"346" Brooks Brothers \$25.00	16%		\$	Bath & Body Works \$10.00	13%		\$	Comfort Inn \$100.00	4%		\$
1-800-Flowers \$10.00	25%		\$	Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Container Store \$100.00	9%		\$
Ace Hardware \$100.00	4%		\$	Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Best Buy \$100.00	3%		\$	Courtyard \$100.00	8%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Best Buy \$25.00	3%		\$	CVS/pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	7%		\$	Best Buy \$250.00	3%		\$	Dave & Busters \$25.00	** 15%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	4%		\$	Blockbuster \$10.00	7%		\$	Dell Computer \$100.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	4%		\$	Bob Evans \$10.00	10%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	7%		\$	Bonefish Grill \$25.00	5%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
American Airlines \$100.00	8%		\$	Borders \$10.00	9%		\$	Dillard's \$100.00	9%		\$
American Airlines \$250.00	8%		\$	Borders \$25.00	9%		\$	Dillard's \$25.00	9%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	9%		\$	Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Disney \$100.00	2%		\$
American Express \$100.00	1.25%		\$	BP Gas \$100.00	2%		\$	Gymboree \$25.00	13%		\$
American Express \$200.00	1.25%		\$	BP Gas \$250.00	3%		\$	Harry & David \$25.00	10%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	** 10%		\$	BP Gas \$50.00	2%		\$	Hollywood Video \$10.00	16%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	** 10%		\$	Brooks Brothers \$25.00	16%		\$	Home Depot \$100.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Budget Car Rental \$50.00	8%		\$	Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
AT&T 125 Minute Prepaid Card \$9.50	20%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	HomeGoods \$100.00	7%		\$
Auto Zone \$25.00	5%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Avis Car Rental \$50.00	8%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	** 12%		\$	Honey Baked Ham \$10.00	12%		\$
Babies-R-U's \$20.00	1.5%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	** 12%		\$	Hyatt Hotels \$100.00	9%		\$
Bahama Breeze \$25.00	9%		\$	California Pizza Kitchen \$10.00	4%		\$	Hyatt Hotels \$50.00	9%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	9%		\$	Carnival Cruises \$100.00	8%		\$	iTunes@ \$15.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$10.00	9%		\$	Casa Gallardo \$25.00	9%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$100.00	9%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	J. Jill \$25.00	** 11%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$20.00	9%		\$	Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant \$25.00	8%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	** 6%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$25.00	9%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	** 6%		\$
Baskin Robbins \$2.00	9%		\$	Chipotle \$10.00	10%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	** 10%		\$
				Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabrics \$20.00	6%		\$
				Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Kay Jewelers \$50.00	6%		\$
				Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8%		\$	KFC \$5.00	8%		\$
								KMart \$25.00	4%		\$
								KMart \$50.00	4%		\$

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Total Due All Columns: \$

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Name	Customer #
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Kohl's Department Store \$100.00	4%	\$
Kohl's Department Store \$25.00	4%	\$
L.L. Bean \$100.00	15%	\$
L.L. Bean \$25.00	15%	\$
Lands' End \$100.00	17%	\$
Lands' End \$25.00	17%	\$
Lane Bryant \$25.00	** 8%	\$
Limited, The \$25.00	9%	\$
Long John Silver's \$5.00	8%	\$
Longhorn Steakhouse \$25.00	9%	\$
Lord & Taylor \$25.00	8%	\$
Lowe's Home Improvement \$100.00	4%	\$
Lowe's Home Improvement \$1000.00	4%	\$
Lowe's Home Improvement \$25.00	4%	\$
Lowe's Home Improvement \$500.00	4%	\$
Macaroni Grill \$25.00	11%	\$
Macy's \$100.00	10%	\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%	\$
Marriott Hotels \$100.00	8%	\$
Marriott Hotels \$50.00	8%	\$
Marshalls \$100.00	7%	\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%	\$
Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%	\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%	\$
Mimis Cafe \$25.00	8%	\$
Mobil \$250.00	2%	\$
Mobil \$50.00	1.5%	\$
Noodle's & Company \$10.00	8%	\$
O'Charley's \$25.00	13%	\$
Office Depot \$100.00	4%	\$

Office Depot \$25.00	4%	\$
Office Max \$100.00	5%	\$
Office Max \$25.00	5%	\$
Old Country Buffet \$25.00	5%	\$
Old Navy \$25.00	9%	\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	9%	\$
Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%	\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	5%	\$
Overstock.com \$25.00	8%	\$
P.F. Chang's China Bistro \$25.00	8%	\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	9%	\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	9%	\$
Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%	\$
PBteen \$100.00	8%	\$
PBteen \$25.00	8%	\$
PetSmart \$25.00	4%	\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%	\$
Piperlime \$25.00	9%	\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%	\$
Pizzeria Uno \$25.00	12%	\$
Pottery Barn \$100.00	8%	\$
Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%	\$
Pottery Barn Kids \$100.00	8%	\$
Pottery Barn Kids \$25.00	8%	\$
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%	\$
Radio Shack \$25.00	4%	\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	9%	\$
Red Robin \$25.00	9%	\$
REI Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%	\$
Residence Inn \$100.00	8%	\$
Restoration Hardware \$25.00	12%	\$
Sally Beauty Supply \$25.00	12%	\$

Sam's Club \$100.00	2%	\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2%	\$
Sam's Club \$250.00	2%	\$
Sears \$100.00	4%	\$
Sears \$25.00	4%	\$
Sears \$250.00	4%	\$
Sears Auto Service Center \$100.00	4%	\$
Sears Auto Service Center \$25.00	4%	\$
Sears Auto Service Center \$250.00	4%	\$
Sephora \$20.00	4%	\$
Shell \$100.00	** 2.5%	\$
Shell \$25.00	** 2.5%	\$
Shell \$50.00	** 2.5%	\$
Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%	\$
Shop 'N Save (Not Chicago) \$100.00	5%	\$
Shop 'N Save (Not Chicago) \$25.00	5%	\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%	\$
Sports Authority \$100.00	** 11%	\$
Sports Authority \$25.00	** 11%	\$
St. Louis Bread Company \$10.00	9%	\$
St. Louis Bread Company \$25.00	9%	\$
Staples \$100.00	5%	\$
Staples \$25.00	5%	\$
Starbucks \$10.00	7%	\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%	\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%	\$
Subway \$10.00	3%	\$
Sunglass Hut \$25.00	12%	\$
Sunoco \$250.00	2%	\$
Sunoco \$50.00	1.5%	\$
Sweet Tomatoes \$25.00	8%	\$

Make Checks Payable To: Ridge Meadows PTO

Total Due All Columns: \$

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Family Order Form

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Name	Customer #
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T.J. Maxx \$100.00	7%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
TGI Friday's \$25.00	9%		\$
The Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$
The Container Store \$100.00	9%		\$
The Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$
Toys-R-Us \$20.00	1.5%		\$
VISA \$100.00	2%		\$
VISA \$25.00	2%		\$
VISA \$50.00	2%		\$
Wal-Mart \$100.00	2%		\$
Wal-Mart \$25.00	2%		\$
Wal-Mart \$250.00	2%		\$
Waldenbooks \$10.00	9%		\$
Waldenbooks \$25.00	9%		\$
Walgreens \$100.00	6%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	6%		\$
Wendy's \$10.00	4%		\$
West Elm \$100.00	8%		\$
West Elm \$25.00	8%		\$
White Barn Candle Co \$10.00	13%		\$
Williams-Sonoma \$100.00	8%		\$
Williams-Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$
Zappos.com \$25.00	8%		\$

Product	%	Qty	Total
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2010-2011: Changes in Elementary School Schedules

Beginning next year, Rockwood parents will notice a few changes in the way elementary schools schedule the school day.

What is it?

All Rockwood elementary schools will have larger blocks of time scheduled for core curricular areas, such as language arts, math, science and social studies. In addition, each grade level will have sections for art, music, physical education, strings and technology.

Why the change?

Students have a lot to learn and enjoy in elementary school. By changing the schedule, students and teachers will benefit the following ways:

- 1) Focus on core curriculum:** Uninterrupted blocks of time allow for extended instruction in the areas of language arts, math, science and social studies.
- 2) Increased collaboration:** Teachers will have a common planning time and can share best practices that are innovative and successful in the classroom.

Do you have a question about the new schedule?

Please contact your school principal and ask what changes you and your family can expect and how they will benefit your child's education. For more information call (636) 938.2447.

What does it mean for my child?

Core Classes: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

With more time for core classes, your child's teacher can provide more opportunities for hands-on, individualized learning. The new schedule provides larger units of instructional time - and this allows teachers to manage the classroom more effectively and meet the needs of all students in these important curricular areas. It allows for increased collaboration among teachers for students who receive services to support their education, such as those provided by Special School District and Reading Intervention.

Physical Education:

Rockwood is committed to providing health and physical education for all students. In previous years, elementary students had four days of physical education and one day of health in a classroom setting. With upcoming changes to the schedule, students will receive four days of physical education, with 30-minutes provided for health. The health curriculum is currently under committee review to determine the most effective way to deliver this instruction.

It is important to note the district exceeds the state requirements for minutes in physical education classes - now and with the new elementary schedule for 2010-2011. Students will receive four days of 30-minute physical education classes. In addition, remember that students have recess five days a week for 20-minutes sessions. Together, this provides our children more than 220 minutes of physical activity a week.

Strings:

Research shows that students enjoy and retain music education the younger they are exposed to this type of learning. Next year, strings classes will be required for 3rd-grade and 4th-grade students. After this initial phase-in, strings classes become optional for 4th- and 5th-grade students during the 2011-2012 school year. Students at this level may choose the electives of strings or technology.

Technology:

Rockwood incorporates technology into the classroom. Our curriculum focuses on integration so technology is an important component in the classroom learning. The district has increased its collaboration among teachers, library media specialists and instructional technology coaches to ensure students learn research skills and Internet safety inside the classroom as part of their core education. Additional technology classes are available for students, as an alternative to strings education.





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“EXPLORE THE WORLD OF READING”

APRIL 8TH - 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

~CELEBRITY GUEST SPEAKERS~

PLAYWRIGHTS, CHILDREN’S BOOK AUTHORS, SCREENWRITERS AND MORE

LASALLE SPRINGS IS LOCATED AT 3300 HIGHWAY 109, EUREKA, MO 63038

Coming this Summer...

Rockwood Track and Field Club

For boys and girls entering grades 5 - 9 during the 2010 - 2011 school year

Rockwood Community Education will be offering a Track and Field Club this summer aimed at introducing youth to the sport. The club will have a minimum of two inter-squad meets at Rockwood locations in which coaches will assign participants in events.

Dates: June 1 - July 24

North Site Practices: Lafayette HS - 6-8pm - Tuesdays and Thursdays

South Site Practices: Rockwood Summit HS - 6-8pm - Mondays and Wednesdays

For more information or to register:

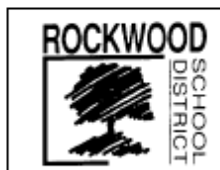
- Visit www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed
- Call the Community Education office at 636-938-2307
- **Enroll Now!! Registration Deadline is May 14**

Volunteer Assistant Coaches Needed!!

Volunteer coaches are critical to the success of this program and will assist the lead coach at each location. If enough volunteer coaches are not secured, registration fees will be refunded. If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer coach, please contact the Community Education office at 636-938-2307.



*Growing Together,
Learning for Life*



ROCKWOOD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rockwood Track and Field Club for GIRLS AND BOYS

June 1 – July 24, 2010

Entering GRADES 5 - 9

For Office Use Only
Date Received _____
Check # _____
Amt. of Ct. _____

STUDENT ENROLLMENT FORM

To enroll online, go to www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 14, 4 p.m.

Enrollments received May 14 are placed on a wait list and added on an availability basis only

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION:

Parent(s) Name _____
(First) (Last)

Address _____
(Street Address) (City) (Zip)

PRIMARY PHONE: _____ (including area code)

SECONDARY PHONE: _____ including area code)

Email address _____

Resident ___ Yes (within Rockwood School District) ___ No (not in Rockwood School District)

Child's School: _____

Student: _____
(First) (Last)

Grade of Student: _____ (Fall 2010) Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

✓ CHOOSE YOUR PRACTICE SITE:
____ NORTH SITE – LAFAYETTE HS TRACK – Tuesdays & Thursdays – 6 – 8 p.m.
____ SOUTH SITE – ROCKWOOD SUMMIT HS TRACK– Mondays & Wednesdays, 6- 8 p.m.

ENROLLMENT FEE: \$130 first child in family/\$125 additional child in family
Non-resident of Rockwood School District: \$140 first child in family/\$135 additional child in family

Include fee with registration form.

Make check payable to: ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Mail check and registration form to: TRACK AND FIELD CLUB
Rockwood Community Education
500 N. Central Avenue
Eureka, MO 63025

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN THE WAIVER ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM!

District News

April 2010



Safety • Maintenance • Additions
Renovations • Technology

A \$55 million, no-tax increase bond issue is on the April 6 ballot. The Board of Education voted unanimously to seek voter approval for the proposition.

The decision followed months of study and recommendations from the Bond Issue Committee, a 50-member group comprised of a parent representative from each school, along with community members and staff. The committee reviewed school building needs throughout the 150 square miles of the district.

When is the election?

Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where can I vote?

Registered voters will receive postcards from the Election Office designating the polling place for the voter. In addition, you can find your polling place at www.stlouisco.com/scripts/elections.

How many "Yes" votes are required for the passage of the bond issue?

The Constitution of the State of Missouri requires a four-sevenths (57.14 percent) majority for passage.

Where can I find Prop 5 information?

Visit the Rockwood Web site or your school Web site:
www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5.

How will Prop 5 appear on the ballot?

Shall the Rockwood R-6 School District, St. Louis County, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing and equipping school sites, buildings and related facilities in the District, including (1) safety measures and infrastructure, (2) maintenance of current facilities by continuing to fund major capital repairs and improvements, (3) additions for classrooms, (4) renovations for instructional areas, and (5) technology infrastructure and classroom technology, resulting in no estimated increase in the debt service property tax levy? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the school district is estimated to remain unchanged at sixty-eight cents (\$0.68) per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of real and personal property.

Rockwood District Art Show

You are invited to the Rockwood Art Show:

Date: April 24-25

Time: Noon to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Wildwood Middle School located at
17401 Manchester Road

At the exhibit, more than 6,900 student artists will demonstrate their skills. While exploring the artwork on display, children are encouraged to get their face painted, participate in chalk painting and enjoy the fun!





April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Early Dismissal 12:47 pm	2 NO SCHOOL SPRING HOLIDAY	3
4	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Election in Gym - Don't forget to Vote	7 MAP Testing PTO Meeting 7 pm-Library Scrip \$ due for 4/19 Delivery	8 MAP Testing	9 MAP Testing	10
11	12 MAP Testing Students Will Attend CCL 2nd Grade Field Trip to Botanical Garden (Pennycuick & Mangelsdorf)	13 MAP Testing 2nd Grade Field Trip to Botanical Garden (Brim & Hunter)	14 MAP Testing	15 MAP Testing	16 MAP Testing 1st Grade Field Trip To Skateport Plaza Power of Purple Day	17 School Beautification Day
18	19 Earth Week	20 3rd Gr. Field Trip to Babler Park Rally for Robbie @ Clancy's Wear Green Day	21	22 5th Grade Field Trip To AMC Theatre 3rd Grade Field Trip Laumeier Sculpture Park	23 Spirit Day Panoramic Picture Day	24 Rockwood Art Show @Wildwood Middle 12-3:30pm
25 Rockwood Art Show @Wildwood Middle 12-3:30pm	26	27 Papa John's Family Night 4th Grade Field Trip to St. Charles Capitol and Lewis & Clark	28	29 Parent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon-Library	30 Scrip \$ due for 5/11 Delivery	