

# The **FLYER**

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## Time for Giving- OF YOURSELF!

Rockwood School District recently welcomed author Steve Farber to present the concept of his new book Greater Than Yourself to staff members. It's an inspiring parable about how leadership pushes you to take others under your wing to help them become 'greater than yourself'. It allows you to leave a legacy of people that have succeeded, at least in part because of your actions and assistance.

As a parent and an educator, I believe it is my job to leave an imprint on the lives of the young people I have the privilege to interact with each day! My daily words and actions help to instill knowledge, positive character, problem solving, and self-esteem. I hope and dream that each of the students at Ridge Meadows has a future that is greater than what we have today, and fulfills them in every possible way. And every day when I wake up, I feel that it is a wonderful gift that our staff has the privilege to do whatever it takes to help the students realize their potential.

So at the time of the year when many are exchanging presents, it is a helpful reminder that giving, serving and making others great - greater than ourselves - is the true gift. Continue to have family time and conversations with your children that make a difference in their lives. Help them see how wonderful and unique their talents are to others. Extend their learning by giving them rich life experiences. You have the opportunity to make your child(ren) 'greater than yourself'; there is no greater gift than the gift of time!

PS- I highly recommend the book, Greater Than Yourself, to each of you! Even if your work place does not put you in a position of leadership, being a parent sure does!

With Roadrunner Pride,

## December Events:

- 1-18 Girls Scouts Winter Wear/Coat Drive
- 4 4th Grade Bowling
- Kid's (Parent's) Night Out
- 8 Boy Scouts Toy Drive Ends
- 8 Lauck & McGrath to the MO History Museum
- 9 Early Dismissal @ 12:47 pm
- Speaker Randy Nadler on Australia 9:15am K-2  
10:15am 3-5
- 10 Acker & McNown to the MO History Museum
- H1N1 Mist Clinic in the p.m.
- 11 5th Gr. Bowling
- 14 Pick-up Scrip Orders 4:00-7:00 pm in lobby
- 15 AR Store—Room 30
- 16 Wrapping Night 4-7:00 p.m.
- 17 AR Store AM only—Rm 30
- 18 Winter Parties
- Spirit Day
- Box Tops, Campbell's & Tyson Labels due
- 22 Papa John's Pizza Night
- 23 Early Dismissal @ 12:47pm
- 24 End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester
- 24-Jan 3 NO SCHOOL

## January Events:

- 4 School Resumes
- 4 NO CCL Classes today

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

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





**Nurse's Notes**

**December 2009**

Parents, please be aware that unless rain or snow prohibits it, all children go outside to recess until the temperature is 32 degrees or lower. We all enjoyed a warmer than usual Fall but Winter-like weather is here. Please remember that your child will need a coat, hat and gloves for school. I do not have space to keep or supply coats or jackets. Please remember to label these items with your child's name so that if lost we can get them back to you. As always the lost and found boxes are filling up and if your child is missing items, please check these boxes.

We do anticipate that we will be receiving vaccine for booster rounds of H1N1 vaccinations eventually. If you want your child to receive H1N1 vaccine in shot form, the district is in short supply for our non-priority students. We are planning a Mist clinic on Thursday, December 10 in the p.m. So at this time you are encouraged to seek boosters and initial vaccinations elsewhere. The Rockwood web site has posted dates and locations for both their own Saturday clinics and those hosted by St. Louis County Department of Health. The district web site may be found at [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us) please follow the "Flu" links to this information. If your child receives the H1N1 vaccine elsewhere, please notify me in writing of the date received so I can add this information to your child's immunization request form.


Thank you for helping keep every child at Ridge Meadows happy and healthy,  
M. Hoemann, RN, BSN

Students and Parents,

Please bring all your recycling to our QRS bins behind the school for the recycling contest, which runs through the end of December.

We were in the bottom 3 for recycling when the contest had started, and now we are in the top 5! Thank you for your participation!

## simply recycle contest



School Name	Enrollment	Pounds	Pounds / Student
<b>Babler</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>8889</b>	<b>15.595</b>
Kellison	457	4723	10.335
Rockwood Summit	1373	13269	9.664
Vandover Elementary	142	1029	7.246
Ridge Meadows	526	3785	7.196
Westridge	392	2795	7.130

**- Winter Party Schedule -  
Friday, December 18th**

Kdg. Full Day—	2:45-3:45 p.m.
Kdg. AM—	9:30-10:30 a.m.
1st Grade—	2:45-3:45 p.m.
2nd Grade—	9:30-10:30 a.m.
3rd Grade—	9:30-10:30 a.m.
4th Grade—	1:15-2:15 p.m.
5th Grade—	2:45-3:45 p.m.



***Full-Day Optional Kindergarten  
Informational Parent Meetings  
For 2010-2011 School Year***

***Dr. Roger Stock,***  
**Executive Director of Elementary Schools  
and Full-Day Kindergarten Teachers**

***will be hosting two***

**Open Public Full-Day Optional Tuition-Based Kindergarten Infor-  
mational Meetings for the  
2010-2011 School Year.**

**These meetings are for parents interested in the program and/or  
have questions regarding the program.**

***(Adventure Club information will be available)***

**The meeting dates and times are as follows:**

***Date:*** ***Wednesday, January 6, 2010***

***Time:*** ***6:30 to 7:30 PM***

***Location:*** ***Crestview Middle School (Theatre)  
16025 Clayton Road  
Ellisville, MO 63011***

***Date:*** ***Wednesday, January 13, 2010***

***Time:*** ***6:30 to 7:30 PM***

***Location:*** ***Early Childhood Center at Vandover (Gym)  
1900 Hawkins Road  
Fenton, MO 63026***



## Tired of Wrapping Holiday Gifts? Let us do the Wrapping for You!

Come, relax, and enjoy holiday music and tasty morsels while the Ridge Meadows Staff wraps your holiday gifts!

WHEN: Wednesday, December 16, 2009

TIME: 4:00-7:00 pm

WHERE: Wrapping in the Library

Relax while waiting for gifts in the Lounge with tasty morsels.

COST: Minimum Donation of \$2 cash per item to be wrapped.  
100% profit for Rally for Robbie Fund!

Please arrive with your ready to wrap items no later than 6:00pm to ensure that they will be completed on time!

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**Please Complete and Return if Planning to Attend by Thurs. Dec. 3rd!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Your Option: Bring In My Own Wrap

RM Provides Gift Wrap

Number of Items You Want Wrapped: \_\_\_\_\_

**EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL**  
***Onstage!***  
**SHOW CHOIR CLINIC**

**Monday, January 18, 2010**  
(Martin Luther King Holiday)

**Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Clinic: 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Performance: 6:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$30.00**

**COST INCLUDES:**

- Grade level instruction by Onstage! members
- Choice of dance or tech clinic for middle school students
- Clinic T-shirt
- Afternoon snack and pizza dinner

**Registration and payment must be received by:**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**SPACE AND CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED, SO  
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR  
CHILD'S PARTICIPATION.**

**Please print and turn in the registration form and payment to your vocal music teacher or mail to:**

**Donna Baker, Eureka High School  
4525 Highway 109, Eureka, MO 63025**

## Message from the Math Department. . .

We'd like to thank those who joined us for one of our Math Workshops for Parents last month. One of the topics that sparked a lot of conversation was "when will my child be ready for the traditional algorithm?" Since our workshops, the math department has worked hard identifying milestones in students' mathematical thinking and are in the process of training the staff. One of the topics of our January Math Workshops will be these milestones. We hope you will join us!

## Monthly Math Challenge

According to Google Answers, an average mature tree can have about 200,000 leaves. Using that statistic, estimate the number of leaves that will end up in your yard this fall. Keep in mind that you will be asked on the survey to explain how you got your estimate!

The number of leaves in my yard this fall will be approximately:

- 0
- Between 0 and 500,000
- Between 500,000 and 1 million
- More than 1 million

If you don't have access to internet at home, ask your teacher for a hard copy to submit your monthly challenge results.

How to submit your results online:

1. Go to [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us)
2. On the Parents drop down menu, select curriculum.
3. Then, click on curriculum by subject.
4. Then choose math.
5. Under the Elementary School heading, you will see a link for the Monthly Math Challenge.

## Kindergarten Spotlight

### December Curriculum

- Addition terminology, symbols, and number stories
- Creating, extending, and describing patterns
- Counting from different numbers
- Introduction to reading and entering numbers on a calculator
- Graphing
- Probability
- Shapes
- Subtraction terminology, symbols, and number stories

### Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Grandfather Tang's Story by Ann Tompert
- 3 Little Firefighters by Stuart J. Murphy

### EMgames suggested activities:

- Addition Top-It
- Growing Train Game
- Penny Cup

## First Grade Spotlight

### December Curriculum

- Telling time to the quarter-hour
- Timelines
- Addition facts
- Place value: tens and ones
- Greater than, less than, equal to
- Exploring area and weight

### Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Anno's Counting House by Mitsumasa Anno
- The Warlord's Beads by Virginia Walton Pilegard
- Let's Count by Tana Hoban
- Just Enough Carrots by Stuart J. Murphy

### EMgames suggested activities:

- Domino Top-it
- Addition Top-it



## Workshops for Parents are back in January!

Save the dates below, and watch for more information to come!

- January 14, 2010
- January 19, 2010
- January 21, 2010
- January 25, 2010

## Second Grade Spotlight

### December Curriculum

- 3-dimensional shapes
- Pyramids
- Line symmetry
- Addition of three or more numbers
- Review strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems
- Multiples of equal groups
- Multiplication with arrays
- Division stories

### Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Each Orange Had Eight Slices By Paul Giganti
- Sea Squares by Joy N. Hulme
- Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream by Cindy Neuschwander
- The King's Commissioners by Aileen Friedman

### EMgames suggested activities:

- Number-Grid game
- Addition Top-it with three numbers

## Fourth Grade Spotlight

### December Curriculum

- Lattice multiplication
- Practice reading, writing, and comparing large numbers using patterns in the base-ten place value system
- Multiplication and Division number stories
- Strategies for division
- Partial-quotients division algorithm
- Interpreting remainders
- Using half-circle and full-circle protractors
- Coordinate grids

### Connecting Math and Literacy:

- A Remainder of One by Elinor J. Pinczes
- Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of Angleland by Cindy Neuschwander
- Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude by Louise Borden

### EMgames suggested activities:

- High Number Toss with Decimals
- Division Top-it

## Third Grade Spotlight

### December Curriculum

- Model decimals with base-10 blocks
- Place value in decimals
- Investigate line segments, rays, and lines
- Explore polygons, including triangles and quadrangles
- Drawing and measuring angles

### Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain By Margaret Bateson-Hill
- The Greedy Triangle by Marilyn Burns
- Cubes, Cones, Cylinders, and Spheres by Tana Hoban
- If You Look Around You by Fulvio Testa

### EMgames suggested activities:

- Number Top-it with Decimals
- Angle Race
- Factor Bingo

## Fifth Grade Spotlight

### December Curriculum

- Stem and leaf plots
- Analysis of data
- Using a slide-rule to add and subtract data
- Common denominators
- Coordinate graphs
- Areas of rectangles, triangles, and parallelograms

### Connecting Math and Literacy

- Spaghetti and Meatballs for All by Marilyn Burns
- Fraction Action by Loreen Leedy

### EMgames suggested activities:

- Frac-Tac-Toe

## If you like FASTT Math, try this. . .

[http://www.brainormous.com/online/loader\\_multiflyer.html](http://www.brainormous.com/online/loader_multiflyer.html)  
(multiplication)

<http://www.multiplication.com/> (multiplication)

<http://www.playkidsgames.com/mathGames.htm> (all)

## Questions about algorithms? Look here. . .

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/curriculum/Mathematics/algorithms.htm>

## Questions about routines? Look here. . .

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/curriculum/Mathematics/Handbook%20Items/routines%20wo%20pnum.pdf>



## Missing AlertNow Messages?

A new feature available to recipients of AlertNow messages provides an online replay and review of voice or e-mail messages received during the past 15 days.

To receive a replay of school and district messages sent to your phone and e-mail, go to this Web address:

[www.alertnowmessage.com](http://www.alertnowmessage.com).

You'll be directed to the AlertNow system and a prompt asking you to enter your 10-digit phone number or your e-mail address in the boxes provided.

Be sure to enter the phone number designated as your household phone number to be sure you access all phone calls sent to you via AlertNow. Informational messages from the school are sent to students' household phone numbers.

Find out more on the Rockwood Web site:  
[www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/alertnow](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/alertnow).

## Inclement Weather Information

School closings, or early school dismissal due to inclement weather, will be announced using the AlertNow automatic notification system.

**School closings** – Parents will receive an AlertNow message on their household phone when school is canceled prior to the opening of school.

**Early school dismissal** – Parents will receive an emergency AlertNow message on their designated cell and work phone, along with the household phone, when school is dismissed early due to inclement weather.

In addition, school closings and early dismissals will be announced on the Rockwood Web site as soon as the decision is made by administrators. Accurate information about school closings will be sent to the following radio and television stations:

**KMOX 1120 (AM)**

**KTVI Channel 2/11**

**KMOV Channel 4**

**KSDK Channel 5**

If you have questions about school closings, visit the district Web site for answers to a list of frequently asked questions. Or post your question on [askthesupt@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:askthesupt@rockwood.k12.mo.us) for a response.

## Dare to Succeed -- Be a Dream Catcher!

The Rockwood Schools Foundation is proud to continue the Dream Catchers scholarship program designed for students in grades 4 – 11. This year, the scholarship cycle opens on November 16 and will close January 12, 2010.

A wealth of opportunities exists for young adults in the areas of arts, leadership, community awareness, history and the sciences. The scholarship money can help pay for camp, lessons, conferences or specialized courses of study.

The Foundation has given out nearly \$50,000 in Dream Catchers scholarships during the past two years. The mission of the Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities for Rockwood students, to help teachers develop positive innovations and to enrich the communities it serves.

For more information call the Foundation at 636.207.6800. To view a scholarship application, go to this Web site: [www.rockwoodschooolsfoundation.com](http://www.rockwoodschooolsfoundation.com).



*Providing Innovative Opportunities for Kids*

**Rockwood Mission: We do whatever it takes to ensure all students realize their potential.**





# December



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 Scrip Orders Due</p> <p>Girl Scouts Winter Wear Drive Begins</p>	<p>2 Special Chorus Concert 7pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 4th Grade Bowling</p> <p>Kid's (Parent's) Night Out 5:30-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Boy Scouts Toy Drive Ends</p> <p>3rd Grade - Lauck &amp; McGrath to the MO History Museum</p>	<p>9 Early Dismissal 12:47 pm</p> <p>Randy Nadler-Australia 9:15 &amp; 10:30 am</p>	<p>10 3rd Grade - Acker &amp; McNown to the MO History Museum</p>	<p>11 5th Grade Bowling</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 Pick-up for Scrip Orders 4:00-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15 AR Store All Day Room 30</p>	<p>16 Wrapping Night 4:00-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17 AR Store - AM only Room 30</p>	<p>18 Spirit Day</p> <p>Winter Parties</p> <p>Girl Scouts Winter Wear Drive Ends</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Papa John's Family Night</p>	<p>23 Early Dismissal 12:47 pm</p> <p>2nd Qtr Ends 1st Sem Ends</p>	<p>24 Winter Break</p>	<p>25 Winter Break</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28 Winter Break</p>	<p>29 Winter Break</p>	<p>30 Winter Break</p>	<p>31 Winter Break</p>		