

# The **FLYER**

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In the past two weeks, I have overheard so many people ask, "Where did January go?" For whatever reason, it seems to have flown by! I leave you with a story received in an email that might help you remember that in all of the busy and hurry of daily life, only a few things are really important...

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes."

"Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your education, your health, and your children - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter - like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else- the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just pebbles and sand."

At Ridge Meadows, we are committed to our partnership of working together to fill your child's jar with foundational rocks that will be a part of his/ her life forever!

With Roadrunner Pride,

## February 2010 Events:

- 1 Nat'l. School Counselor Week
- 3 Kdg. Registration 7am—3pm
- 4 Kdg. Registration 10-6-:30pm
- 6 Healthy Family Expo  
Wildwood MS 10am-2pm
- 8 Valentine Quacker's Fundraiser  
thru 2/12
- 9 Rally for Robbie -  
Dewey's Pizza Night
- 10 PTO Meeting  
9:15 AM Library
- 11 Valentine Day Parties
- 12 Early Dismissal at 12:47pm
- 15 President's Day—**No School**
- 16 EFG Money Saver Cards  
Fundraiser thru 2/23
- 18 1st grade Concert  
3pm Assembly/7pm Concert
- 19 Spirit Day  
PTO Hullabaloo/Game Night  
7-9 pm
- 22 One for Books thru 2/26
- 23 Papa John's Pizza Night  
EFG Money Saver Card  
sales end  
Variety Show Rehearsal Act I
- 24 Variety Show Rehearsal Act II
- 25 Variety Show Rehearsal Act III  
MIOS Strings Concert  
@ LaSalle—7pm
- 26 Spirit Day  
3rd Quarter Ends
- 26/27 Rockwood Science  
Olympiad @ RSHS

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

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



CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY

# Integrity

Being truthful, fair, honest  
and trustworthy.



## Valentine's Party Thursday, February 11th

Full Day Kdg.	1:15-2:15 pm
Kindergarten AM	9:30-10:30 am
1st Grade	1:15-2:15 pm
2nd Grade	2:45-3:45 pm
3rd Grade	2:45-3:45 pm
4th Grade	9:30-10:30 am
5th Grade	9:30-10:30 am
Kindergarten PM	1:15-2:15 pm



## Spelling Bee

Wednesday, January 13, twenty-seven 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in Ridge Meadows' 21<sup>st</sup> annual spelling bee. Mrs. Hall officiated as pronouncer and the judges were Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Acker. Mrs. Miller was MC. The students qualified for the competition by winning bees in their classrooms. Students participating were: Claire A., Caleb B., Noah C., Alex F., Morgan H., Rachel H., Ashley J., Sabrina J., Alen K., Addi K., Claire Marie K., Ali L., Dino L., Dylan M., Lev P., Chesna P., Nick P., Maria P., Sam S., Allie S., Jalin S., Terrence S., Tyler S., Tiffany T., Sydney T., Paige W., and Emma Z. Chesna P. was the winner and Lev P. won second place.



All of our spellers did a great job spelling some very difficult words. Chesna will continue on to the St. Louis Post Dispatch Spelling Bee at Maryville University on March 6. If Chesna is unable to attend, our runner-up Lev will take her place.

Congratulations to all our great spellers!

## - Adventure Club -

Adventure Club begins enrollment for the 2010-11 School Year beginning on February 3, 2010 at 7:00 am. Apply Early! Our services are in high demand and waiting lists start early.

You may access the online enrollment form by visiting:

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

The application fee of \$70 per child/\$140 family max is due at the end of the enrollment process and may be paid with either MasterCard or Visa. 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.

## Congratulations

to the winners of the  
January Box Top/Campbell's/Tyson Labels  
Contest

Mrs. Pennycuick's Class-  
1235 (Pizza Party Winner)

Mrs. Acker's Class-  
387 (Popsicle Winner)

Mrs. Hunter's Class-  
289 (Popsicle Winner)



### PTO Meeting- February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the Library



Get the Real Scoop on Middle School--  
Get insight from parents who have middle school students.  
If you have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, this is a chance for you to chat with other Ridge Meadows parents about the next transition in your child's life.

### Cub Scout News:

In February the Cub Scouts are celebrating the birthday of Cub Scouting at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. This is a very special year for scouting because it is the 100 Year Anniversary for scouting in America! For the Blue and Gold Banquet the boys will have the opportunity to enter the "Dads and Lads Dessert Contest" where the men and their sons are encouraged to create a dessert to share. It's always amazing to see how creative these desserts are! The featured guest at the banquet will be the Mad Scientist, who will actively involve the scouts in the show for an entertaining and fun evening.

The Cub Scout core value for February is respect. The boys will be learning about respect and ways to show respect in their daily lives.



### Annual ESOL Testing Begins in February

The English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12 in the Rockwood School District will be tested with the LAS Links, an English Language Proficiency Test, February 8 - February 25, 2010. The LAS Links test was selected by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to meet the requirement of No Child Left Behind to annually assess Missouri's students who are eligible for ELL services. LAS Links measures the annual progress that Missouri ELLs are making in learning English language skills. Reports on the students' progress are provided to the district, state and federal government.

Have you been wondering what makes a student eligible for ESOL? A Home Language Survey Form (Title VI NCLB) is completed when a student enrolls in a school. Students are identified as English Language Learners if 1) the student's native language is not English or 2) a language other than English is spoken in the student's home or environment. These responses on the Home Language survey indicate that the student is eligible to be tested to see how fluent they are in English. Based on the test results the district may provide the student with ELL services.

For more information please feel free to contact our school's ESOL teacher any time! Debbie Crahan at 636.207.2661 ext. 409

# **HEY KIDS...**

## Fight Tooth Decay 24/7



Help us celebrate  
**Children's Dental Health  
Month at the**



**St. Louis Science Center**

5050 Oakland Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

**Saturday, February 20, 2010  
from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

ADA American Dental Association\*

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- \* **Learn about teeth and taking good care of them**
  - \* **Educational activities**
- \* **Visit with Sam the Smile-O-Saurus and the Delta Dental P.A.N.D.A. Bear**  
**-Parents, Don't forget your cameras!**  
**FREE TOOTHBRUSH EXCHANGE!!**
- \* **Kids get a new light-up toothbrush if they bring us their old one!**
- \* **Win a prize by guessing how many bristles on our GIANT TOOTHBRUSH**

This event is sponsored by:

**the Greater St. Louis Dental Society, the Alliance  
of the GSLDS and the Dental Hygienists' Association**

# Prescription Takeback Program

A partnership between the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition and Local Police Departments

When: **February 20, 2010**  
and  
**April 17, 2010**

9:00am - 1:00pm



## 5 St. Louis County Locations

**Ballwin** Police Department - 300 Park Dr. Ballwin MO 63011

**Clarkson Valley and Wildwood** Fru-Con Center - 15933 Clayton Rd. Ballwin MO 63011

**Ellisville** Police Department - 37 Weis Ave. Ellisville MO 63011

**Eureka** Police Department - 120 City Hall Dr. Eureka MO 63025

**Fenton** City Hall - 625 New Smizer Mill Rd. Fenton MO 63026



These Takebacks are being held to increase awareness of prescription and over the counter drug abuse issues facing our area's youth and to help eliminate prescription drugs that are no longer being used from homes. The medicine cabinet in the home is the most popular source for medications of abuse. This program will provide a place for residents to safely and legally dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed.

- Bring identification to verify that you are at least 18 years of age.
- You may bring in medication from anyone living within your household.
- Bring medications in their original packaging from the pharmacy.
- Medications not in their original packaging or from different addresses may take longer to process and may be subject to further inspection.
- You may bring in any medication from a licensed pharmacist, including controlled substances, liquids containing medications, prescription inhalers, and medicated ointments or patches.



### Not Accepted at the Takeback:

Illicit Drugs (example: cocaine, marijuana, etc.)  
Sharps objects including needles  
Radioactive medicines  
Bio-hazardous materials  
Glass thermometers or other medical devices

**No medications from businesses** such as pharmacies and/or doctors' offices, will be accepted; **Only** medications from individuals can be accepted for this program and it is **not** a requirement to be a St. Louis County resident.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**ROCKWOOD DRUG FREE COALITION AT 636-938-2363 or**  
**[www.rockwoodcoalition.org](http://www.rockwoodcoalition.org)**

# District News

February 2010



## \$55 Million, No-Tax Increase Bond Issue on April 6 Ballot

**Safety  
Maintenance  
Additions for classrooms  
Renovations  
Technology**

The Rockwood School Board voted unanimously to place a \$55 million, no-tax increase, bond issue on the April 6 ballot. The decision follows months of review and a final recommendation from the 50-member citizens' committee that studied the needs of each Rockwood school.

Named Proposition 5, the referendum would not require an increase to the district's present tax rate. A four-sevenths (57.14 percent) majority is necessary for passage.

### When is the election?

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

### Where can I vote?

Just prior to the election date, each registered voter will receive a postcard 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](http://www.stlouisco.com/scripts/elections).

### Who may vote?

Any Rockwood resident who is a registered voter may vote in this election. Anyone needing to register to vote or to update voter registration information may do so at:

any Rockwood school,  
any St. Louis County library,  
any City Hall, or online at  
[www.stlouisco.com/elections/VOTER\\_REG\\_APP.pdf](http://www.stlouisco.com/elections/VOTER_REG_APP.pdf)

March 1 is the deadline for processing registrations and reinstatements to be eligible to vote on April 6. Call the St. Louis County Board of Elections at (314) 615-1800 for more information.

### Where can I find Prop 5 information?

Visit the Rockwood Web site - or your school Web site - and click the Prop 5 link for more information about the referendum and voting: [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us).

## EXPO Time in Rockwood

### Healthy Family Expo

This free district-wide Expo offers families the chance to participate in health screenings, demonstrations and interactive fitness for all ages.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 6

Time: 10 a.m. ~ 2 p.m.

The Expo will be held at Wildwood Middle School at 17401 Manchester Rd. in Wildwood. For more information, call (636) 938-2333.



### Summer Academy Expo 2010

What will your children be doing this summer? Plan your child's summer activities at the Rockwood Summer Expo. More than 60 exhibitors will show parents and students the opportunities available during summer, including Drivers Education.

Date: Sunday, February 14

Time: 11 a.m.~3 p.m.

The Expo will be held at Marquette High School located at 2351 Clarkson Road in Chesterfield. Call 636-938-2362 for more information.

## Board of Education Candidates

Five Rockwood citizens will be vying for two seats on the Rockwood Board of Education for the April 6 election.

The three-year terms of Stephen C. Banton and Janet Strate expire in April 2010. Board candidates, in order of filing as their names will appear on the ballot, are:

Janet Strate  
Linda D. Francois, M.Ed.  
Stephen (Steve) Banton  
Tina M. Stinnett  
Vincent R. Shorter


Read more about the candidates on the Rockwood Web site at [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us).





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