

The **FLYER**



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January 2010

GOAL SETTING 2010!

January always seem like a great time to reflect on areas in our lives which have been successful and, chances are, you may also be considering how to make changes in areas you would like to improve. We are all promising ourselves to save money, lose weight, or call the relatives that live far away more often, and unfortunately it's researched that only 63% of people say they are keeping these resolutions after two months. My hope is that you are making realistic goals for yourself that can be accomplished with thoughtful planning and follow through.

At Ridge Meadows, we have done exactly that! Using data from the last three school years, a team of staff members developed our school goals for our students' continued success. Our academic focus will be to continuously improve upon the proficiency rate on the MAP assessment. We hope to increase our current proficiency levels to:

Communication Arts- 3rd grade= 85%; 4th grade= 73%; 5th grade= 80%

Mathematics- 3rd grade=91.3%; 4th grade= 73%; 5th grade= 69%

We will work diligently to exceed the standards set by the state for students' proficiency.

In addition, the focus for improving school climate is to enhance teaching and learning through increased student autonomy by offering additional student voice and choice. We hope that by focusing on classroom meetings, buddy activities, a new and improved student led broadcast, and the formation of an Ambassadors leadership group for fifth grade students, that students will feel they have a role in decision making for the entire school community. All of our staff are keeping these goals in mind as they plan daily instruction and teach our children.

As a parent, we need your support to bring about your child's success. You will receive your child's first semester report card next Friday, so please sit with your child and allow him/her to determine areas for improvement and create a plan to achieve these goals. Student success is a goal we must all work together to fulfill.

Good luck with your personal resolutions; here's to hoping you are one of the 37% that is successful!

With Roadrunner Pride,

January Events:

- 4 School Resumes
No CCL Classes
- 5 Character Assembly
- 6 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Library
FDK Parent Meeting/Crestview
- 8 Variety Show Info sent home
- 13 Spelling Bee 9:15am in the Gym
President's Forum—Library
FDK Parent Meeting/Vandover
- 14 Group Picture Day
H1N1 Vaccines during PE time
6th Grade Counselors visit for
our 5th Graders
- 15 Early Dismissal 12:47 pm
Report Cards sent home today
- 18 NO SCHOOL—
Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 20 K-5th Science Day
- 22 2nd Grade Ice Skating
- 23 Preschool Preview
- 26 Papa John's Family Night
- 27 ROSE Award Nominations due
- 29 Spirit Day
Box Tops/Labels Due for Contest
- 30 Trivia Night—6:30 pm
Ballwin VFW Hall

For more information, please
visit our Web site at:

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



A Note from the Executive Director of Elementary Dr. Roger A. Stock

Happy New Year, 2010! It is hard to believe that the first half of the school year is almost over. Visiting schools and seeing where all of the action is – in the classrooms, is one of the greatest aspects of my job. There is nothing that can beat the experience of seeing children learning through inquiry and with great motivation and enthusiasm. This is a common experience any visitor will encounter upon visiting any of our Rockwood schools. Your children and our students are fortunate to have such talented and dedicated teachers from the wonderful field of education.

This past semester, I had the honor of traveling to Washington, DC, with many Rockwood elementary administrators and teachers to attend the National Forum on Character Education. This conference had representatives from across the country with many being honored for national, state or local promising practices. I am very proud to report that the Rockwood R-VI School District received more recognition than any other school district in the United States. Awards and recognitions` are always wonderful gifts to receive, but witnessing the children in our schools experiencing the benefits of our highly successful character education programs is what really emphasizes the meaning and purpose of genuine character education. **“Doing the right thing when nobody, somebody or everybody is watching”** is what good sound character education teaching is all about. I hope you are seeing the carry over of some good character traits in your child/ren at home as well.

Kudos to Ridge Meadows Elementary and its character leadership team for being recognized with the 2009 National Schools of Character Promising Practices Award for:

School-wide Expectations – A wonderful way to share what school expectations are for all students

Congratulations to Ridge Meadows once again, for receiving **one** of the **sixteen** Promising Practices Awards presented to the Rockwood R-VI School District. Now schools across the nation can model your successful practice if they so choose. We are all very proud of you!

Congratulations Golden Roadrunners

Maya A., Summer A., Katie A., Lucy B., Maddy B., Lauren C., Lilly C., Nathan C., Lexi C., Cameron C., Audrey C., Alexis D., Harrison D., Amanda E., Ellie F., Alex F., Riley G., Jordan H., Alisyne H., Corey H., Karsen J., Ethan J., Clare Marie K., Ali L., Lauren M., Megan M., Sara M., Jack N., Nate P., Samantha P., Dominic R., Sydney R., Riley S., Ana-Kate S., Doug S., Jack S., Sophia S., Tyler S., Braden S., Maya T., Kevin W., Ally W., Sammy W.



ROSE Award Nominations

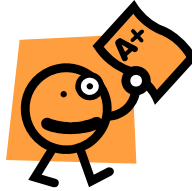
The ROSE Award stands for the Rockwood Outstanding Service in Education. This is one of the highest honors in Rockwood and is given to individuals who show excellence of character, performance, leadership and service. Please support our Ridge Meadows staff and parents by nominating them for this special award. Look for the ROSE Award Nomination forms in all Rockwood buildings beginning January 4th. The deadline for completing nominations is January 27th. You can also nominate online at

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/rose

REPORT CARDS

Second quarter report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 15th. The envelope should be signed and returned by your child on Tuesday, January 19th.

Parent-teacher conferences are not held district wide after second quarter; however, free to contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress. Parent-teacher conferences will take place at the end of third quarter on March 9th and 10th. Be sure to use this report card to set goals for third quarter success!



Character focus for the month of January:

COOPERATION

Working together to accomplish a task!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Ridge Meadows will be hosting an H1N1 Booster Clinic on Thursday, January 14, 2010. We will be administering these immunizations during your child's PE time. Parents may also get their child vaccinated for a first dose of H1N1 at this time but will need to obtain a booster 28 days or later at another location if your child is 9 or younger.

Please make sure to write your choice for type of vaccine on top of the consent form (shot or mist) and complete all questions on the form down to the thick black line. Please return to the nurse as soon as it is completed.

If your child received the first dose here at Ridge you will automatically be sent a consent form. If this would be a first dose or the first dose was given elsewhere, call or stop by and ask for the consent form.

Sincerely,
M. Hoemann, RN, BSN
636-207-2661 ext. 225



Mark your Calendar. . . .

2010-2011 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at Ridge Meadows Elementary on:

Wednesday, February 3—7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 4—10:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m.

Children must be 5 years old as of July 31, 2010 per Missouri's guidelines for entrance into Kindergarten. There are no "early entrant" exceptions.



AR UPDATE:

We had over 260 students meet and/or exceed their AR reading goals. This quarter each of those students were given the opportunity to choose a brand new book as their prize at the AR Store in December. Thanks to Mrs. Miller's input and Book Fair contributions (in addition to our AR funds), we had lots of great books to choose from - covering such genre as Sports, Mysteries, Science Fiction, Picture Books, Early Chapter Books, Girl-Related Stories, Humor, and Books by Award Winning Authors. Each student also received a pencil.

The top 2 AR Point achievers this semester from each grade (2nd - 5th) were rewarded with a \$10 gift card to Borders.



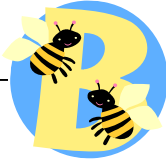
The winners were as follows:

2nd Grade: Emma B. 84.1pts.
John N. 60.2 pts.

3rd Grade: Ian W. 172.2 pts.
Ryan D. 134.8 pts.

4th Grade: Matthew J. 272.4 pts.
Alexander F. 173.2 pts.

5th Grade: Athena Z. 427.1 pts.
Kevin Z. 426.6 pts.

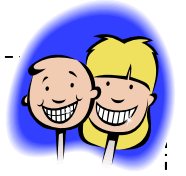


SPELLING BEE

The Annual Ridge Meadows Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, January 13th at 9:15 in the gymnasium. Third through fifth graders will be competing to win a chance to compete in the St. Louis Region Spelling Bee.

The **2010 Variety Show** is scheduled for Friday, March 5th at 7:00 pm at Marquette High School.

The theme this year is Ridge Meadows Olympics. Guidelines and permission slips are going home on Friday, January 8th. Please fill out the form and return by January 22nd. It is always a fun Ridge Meadows community event and we look forward to your child participating!



Give Kids a Smile/ Tiny Smiles –
Give the Gift of a Healthy Smile

What— free, comprehensive dental care for children from families currently unable to afford dental care

When—Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6, 2010

Where- St. Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education

3320 Rutger, St. Louis, Missouri 63156

How—*Call 314-397-6453 to register as soon as possible
*Complete the one page Patient Health form for each child

History/Consent form which can be downloaded from www.GiveKidsASmile.org (or from the school nurse)

Fax your registration to 314-567-9047 (or the school nurse can do this for you)

What to Expect—Expect your child to be at the clinic for 2 or 3 hours. It takes that long to provide quality care and treatment. Also please wait in the parent waiting area until your child is escorted back to you.

Call 314-397-6453 for directions or additional information.

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 Informational 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

HELP PIERRE LACLEDE ELEMENTARY-

Bobbie Brown, former Assistant Principal at Ridge Meadows, is asking for your help... Please assist his new school, Pierre Laclede Elementary, in winning \$100,000 for their school. Just go to any U.S. Cellular store by 1/15/10 and get a code card to use to vote online for his school- Pierre Laclede Elementary, St. Louis Public Schools, zip code 63112. The ten schools receiving the most votes will receive \$100,000 to support students' education.



Inclement Weather

When the Rockwood School District experiences inclement

weather conditions, safety is the most important consideration.

Here are some answers to frequent inclement weather questions.

How is the decision made to cancel school due to inclement weather?

As early as 2:30 a.m. on the morning of a snowfall or ice storm, Dennis Griffith, assistant superintendent of administrative services, contacts a group of individuals who drive throughout the district to test the roads. Even if the roads are initially satisfactory, the drivers may make several trips if snow continues to fall, or if the weather continues to deteriorate.

By 5 a.m., Dr. Larson, Superintendent of Schools, must make a decision about school cancellations so bus drivers and media can be notified. Prior to that time, the drivers keep in contact and give regular updates regarding road conditions. Dr. Larson considers several factors in making the final decision: weather predictions, highway department preparedness, time of day, wind-chill factor, as well as the driver's reports.

Where can parents find information about school closings?

School closings, or early school dismissal, will be announced on the **Rockwood Web site** at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us as soon as the decision is made.

Parents will also receive an **AlertNow** voice notification message. This message will be sent to your primary household phone number. Your caller ID will display the school's main number.

Important: The successful delivery of information is dependent upon accurate contact information obtained from school records. If your household and/or emergency contact information changes, please let your school registrar know as soon as possible. [Learn more about AlertNow »](#)

In addition, parents can find accurate information about district school closings on the following **radio and television** stations:

KMOX 1120 (AM)

KTRS 550 (AM)

KMOV Channel 4

KPLR Channel 11

KSDK Channel 5

KTVI Channel 2

Rockwood Gifted Program KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The Rockwood Gifted Program is accepting nominations of currently enrolled Rockwood kindergarten students for possible placement in the Rockwood Gifted Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Parents who want to nominate their child(ren) for the Program and/or who want additional information about the Program should call the Center for Creative Learning at 636-207-2579 ext. 223 or visit our website:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/giftededucation

Science Day

On Wednesday, January 20th students will participate in hands-on science activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher. Third to fifth grade students will have the opportunity to sign up for Science Olympic events on Saturday, February 27th from 9:00-3:00 p.m. at Rockwood Summit High School. More information to follow this month.



Welcome Back to School! Remember to collect Box Tops, Campbell's UPC codes and Tyson Labels this school year!

Please turn in your Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Tyson by Friday, January 29, 2010. The class that collects the most overall will win a pizza party and the second and third place classes will win popsicle parties. You can place your labels on the sheets that were given out or simply place them in a bag and save them to turn into your class. Please remember to put your child's name and teacher on your form, Ziploc bag, or envelope. When cutting out labels, please cut the Box Top label with expiration date, the Campbell's Labels for Education with UPC 1 or 5 point symbol, and the Tyson A+ Project labels. Remember to collect all school year!! Thanks for your support and have a great school year! If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Kathy Spiegel at scrap4me@hotmail.com

Check out the following websites for information, special offers, and coupons!

www.boxtops4education.com

www.labelsforeducation.com

www.tyson.com/projectAplus



PRESCHOOL PREVIEW

Rockwood Early Childhood Center at Clarkson Valley
2730 Valley Road, Chesterfield

AND

Rockwood Early Childhood Center at Vandover
1900 Hawkins Road, Fenton

DATE: Saturday, January 23, 2010
SNOW DATE: Saturday, January 30, 2010
TIME: 9:30-11:30 AM
LOCATION: Preschool Classrooms
PRESENTERS: Rockwood Preschool Teachers



Child must be 3 or 4 years old by July 31, 2010, to be eligible for fall 2010 registration.

Discover what Rockwood Preschool is all about. Bring your child to explore the Block, Art, Library, Discovery and Pretend areas in our classrooms.



Receive a preschool application for the 2010-11 school year. If you wish to register for preschool, the \$70 registration fee is payable by cash or check.



Twelfth Annual Taste of West County!



Monday evening, February 22, 2010

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lafayette High School Commons

(corner of Hwy. 109 and Clayton Road)

Come enjoy wonderful samples provided by over 30 area restaurants.

Beverages will be sold for \$1.00 each.

A silent auction will also be part of this very special evening.

All proceeds benefit the Lafayette High School Class of 2011.

To order tickets, please complete this form and return it
along with your check (made payable to LHS) to:

Lafayette High School

17050 Clayton Rd.

Wildwood, MO 63011

Attn: Junior Office

Any questions about tickets, call Heidi Aslin 636-458-6855

Parent's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Family Special **4 Tickets for \$35** \$ _____

Individual _____ tickets @ \$10 each \$ _____

Children 5 & under _____ FREE tickets \$ _FREE_

TOTAL: \$ _____

Prepaid tickets may be picked up near the Theater/Library at Lafayette on the
night of the event. ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL!

There are a limited number of tickets available - Order Early!

We cannot guarantee ticket sales at the door.

District News

January 2010

World Language Expo

Mark your calendar for a Rockwood first!

Date: Saturday, January 30
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Rockwood Summit High School
Address: 1780 Hawkins Road
in Fenton

Chinese
French
German
Latin
Spanish
American Sign Language



*Open Your Mind To The
World Of Possibilities!*

The World Language Expo offers families an opportunity to explore languages and cultures. This interactive event features presentations, as well as hands-on activities for all ages:

- test your cultural knowledge and play games that enhance language learning
- be immersed in a story told completely in another language
- explore artifacts and identify UFOs (unidentified foreign objects)
- speak with business partners who use a world language in the workplace
- discuss opportunities for advanced credit with local universities

Visit the Rockwood Foreign Language Curriculum to learn more:
www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/curriculum.

2010 ROSE Awards



Recognizing Those Who Make
A Difference in Education

The **ROSE Award** stands for
Rockwood Outstanding Service
in Education.

This is one of Rockwood's highest honors and is given to individuals who show excellence of character, leadership, performance and service. Anyone can nominate an outstanding teacher, parent, administrator, community member or support staff member for this exclusive award.

Look for ROSE Award nomination forms in all Rockwood buildings beginning Jan. 4. The deadline for completing nominations is Jan. 27.

You can also nominate online:
www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/rose.

Board of Education Candidates

Rockwood residents who wish to file as candidates for the Board of Education should do so in person before Tuesday, Jan. 19. Candidates may file Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Rockwood's Administrative Center located at 111 E. North St. in Eureka.

Applicants need to submit a written statement of candidacy addressed to the secretary of the board of education. Candidates must be citizens of the United States, residents of the Rockwood School District, residents of Missouri for at least one year preceding the election and at least 24 years of age.

Two board director positions on the Rockwood School Board will be decided on the April 6 ballot. For more information, contact the **Superintendent's office at 636.938.2205** or visit the **Board online at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/community/BOE**.

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





January 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Winter Break	2
3	4 School Resumes NO CCL Classes	5 Character Assembly	6 PTO Meeting- 7pm Library	7	8 Variety Show Info sent home	9
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