

The **FLYER**



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March Madness!

Spring is quickly approaching, which indicates that the cold wintery weather will be moving out and the golden sun will once again appear! The students have been buzzing with excitement about the opportunity to go outside and play again. The last quarter of school also tends to bring many activities and important events, as well as the continued focus on effective instruction in the classroom. Please be sure that your focal point at home continues to be completing homework, checking assignment notebooks, and reading the Friday updates on email and in the Friday folder, so we can finish the year with a sense of pride and accomplishment! Some important spring events are:

- **Parent/ Teacher Conferences- March 9th and 10th:**
Please be sure to attend your child's conference to send the important message that home and school are a team committed to your child's success!
- **Book Fair- March 5th-11th:**
The PTO sponsors a Spring Book Fair which will be available to you in the library. As always, we appreciate your support of the PTO and of instilling the importance of reading in your child!
- **Breakfast With Someone Special- March 10th, 8:00-8:30:**
Help us celebrate National School Breakfast Week by coming to breakfast in the cafeteria for a warm Cinnamon roll or cereal and a breakfast bar! Please send a note to the cafeteria by Monday, March 8th if you plan to attend.
- **Spring Break- March 12th- 21st:**
Enjoy your break- Relax, Rejuvenate and READ!
- **Prop 5 Bond Issue- April 6th:**
Karla Ritter, Ridge Meadow's team captain, will soon be calling upon parents to assist with communication about the bond issue. Please visit <http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5/Pages/default.aspx> for more information about the bond issue.

MARCH EVENTS:

- 1-5 Rockwood Reading Week
- 2 AR Store in Rm. 30
MIOS Strings Concert 7pm
- 3 Early Dismissal 12:47 pm
- 4 AR Store in Rm. 30
Variety Show Rehearsal
5 pm @ MHS
- 5 Book Fair Viewing
Book Fair open 9-4pm
- 8 Book Fair 9-4 pm
- 9 P/T Conf. 4-7:30pm
Book Fair 9-7:30pm
- 10 Breakfast w/ an Adult
P/T Conf. 4-7:30pm
Book Fair 9-7:30pm
- 11 Book Fair 9-12 noon
- 12 NO SCHOOL
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 22 School Resumes
- 25 Spring Picture Day
- 26 DARE Graduation
@ 2:30 Gym + Café
- 27 Science Olympiad
@ EHS 9-3 pm
- 30 Papa John's Family Night
4th Gr. MO Heritage Day

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/ridgemeadows

With Roadrunner Pride,





GOING GREEN- As Rockwood and Ridge Meadows continue to 'Go Green' we will be using the website to communicate the Latest News, Upcoming Events and Important Announcements. By the beginning of next school year, the Flyer newsletter and the Friday What's Happening will be discontinued with the move to electronic communication. This shift in communication modes represents a Change for all of us, but rest assured our news will still be coming to you!

To stay in the know, it will be important for you to:

1. Keep the school office apprised of any changes in phone numbers and e-mail addresses;
2. Check our Website and your e-mail regularly;
3. Know how to navigate the Website to get to links such as teacher pages, PTO information, etc.

We continue to place communication at a high level of importance and appreciate your support of this more sophisticated, timely and "greener" movement in our district!

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH OF MARCH

COURAGE

Acting responsibly despite
fears or difficulties.

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

It is time for parents to begin confirming registration for Summer Academy if their child was recommended for the math and/or reading classes. Also time to sign up for enrichment classes, if your son or daughter are interested. Summer learning will occur this summer from June 7-July 16. Any questions, please call Meckie Trupka or Kathy Wheeler @ 207-2661.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children **MUST** be 5 years old as of July 31st per Missouri's guideline for entrance to Kindergarten. There are no "early entrant" exceptions. If you missed our Kindergarten registration in February, please Call the school to make an appointment. Questions can be directed to Jackie Bruening by e-mail at: brueningjacqueline@rockwood.k12.mo.us or by phone at 636-207-2661.

2010-11 School Year-

We will soon begin to prepare for class placement for the 2010-11 school year. Our grade level teaching teams devote many hours to the process of student placement, making sure that each class is well balanced and heterogeneously grouped.

Our school administrators, counselors, special education teachers, grade level teachers, specialists and reading teachers contribute information relevant to student placement. When making student placements, the following is considered:

- Learning styles of individual children
- Teaching styles of each teacher
- Special needs and strengths of each child
- Cultural diversity
- Gender balance
- Peer relationships

We greatly appreciate your trust in the Ridge Meadows staff to place your child according to his/her needs. If your child has a critical need, you may write a letter explaining your concern to Mrs. Digman by March 26, 2010. With all of the above factors already contributing to the placement process, parental requests for certain teachers will not be accepted, and will be returned. In August, placement will be communicated to families via e-mail, so please be sure your Infinite Campus e-mail address is current.

LIMITED SCHOOL CHOICE REQUEST APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 11

The application deadline for Limited School Choice or for Rockwood Attendance by a Child of a Non-Resident Employee (Tuition Waiver Request) is March 11th. Application forms can be picked up at any school site office or from the Administrative Center receptionist.

Applications must be submitted to the principal of the school they wish for their child(ren) to attend.

March Cub Scout News

A special ceremony was held at the end of February to honor the five fifth grade Cub Scouts who earned their "Arrow of Light" badge. The "Arrow of Light" badge is the highest award in Cub Scouting. Please join us in congratulating **Grant Campbell, Kevin Koch, Reuben Kern, Tim King, and Michael Kuebler** for earning this prestigious award!

In March, the first through fourth grade Cub Scouts will be honored for successfully completing their program and earning the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos badge. These scouts will be awarded their badge at a special rank advancement ceremony.

The Cub Scout Core Value for March is perseverance. The boys have shown true perseverance by working for the last eight months to earn their badge. We'd like to congratulate all the Cub Scouts for their hard work!

March Nurse's Note

Just a reminder to our fifth grade parents: Your child will need a new physical exam before entering Middle School and should include a DTap vaccine booster. This dose is now required by Missouri to be given to children between the ages of 11 and 12 for those who have finished their initial set of immunizations and have not had a Td shot. Please ask your doctor if you have any questions.

Children who entered the District on or after August 18, 2009 and turned in a physical dated on or after this date are exempt. If your child has gone to the doctor and you did not have a physical form completed on or after August 17, 2009, may have your doctor complete the exam form without an additional appointment to fulfill this requirement.

Turn in any physical examination to the nurse at Ridge Meadows up to our last day of class in May. After that time these examination forms need to go to your middle school nurse.

Physical Examination forms are available in my office or on-line.

Thank you, M. Hoemann, RN, BSN



Leaving Ridge Meadows Elementary?

If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending Ridge Meadows in the fall, please take a moment to complete the bottom portion of this flyer and return it to the school office.

By providing us with this information early, you help us in our efforts to plan for next year. Many decisions are contingent on enrollment (ordering materials and supplies, student placement) so your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to encourage you to visit with your new school and complete the necessary enrollment information prior to June 10th. This will enable my secretary to forward your child(ren)'s records before she leaves for the summer and also help the new school with their planning.

Thank You.

Amy Digman,
Principal

Please Return to the Office at Ridge Meadows by Friday, May 7, 2010.

My child(ren) will NOT be returning to Ridge Meadows in the fall.

Student's Name

Current Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

We will be moving/transferring to: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Prop 5: What does it mean for my school?



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

At LaSalle Springs 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
- Replace shingles on designated roof sections
- Add space for multi-purpose room
- Replace aged HVAC equipment

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 Eureka 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 interactive whiteboards/projectors (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches as needed
- Expand parking lots
- Build 4-6 additional classrooms
- Build restroom/ concession stand/ storage area for EHS baseball field
- Install new roof on designated sections of the building

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 whiteboards (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





March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Reading Week	2 Reading Week AR Store VICC Awards 6:30-8:30 pm @ SLU MIO\$ Strings Concert 7pm	3 Reading Week Early Dismissal 12:47 pm	4 Reading Week AR Store Room 30 Variety Show Rehearsal 5 pm @MHS	5 Reading Week Variety Show 7pm @ MHS Book Fair 9 am-4 pm	6
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