

The FLYER



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November 2009

Dear Parents,

There is so much to be thankful for all year long, but at Ridge Meadows I believe we should be especially grateful for the amazing partnership between home and school that is created by open communication, consistent expectations and a genuine care for your children/our students! Your commitment to your child's education was evident as we had 100% participation at parent teacher conferences. Thank you for allowing us to work together with the focus of doing what is best for your child!

As we celebrate American Education Week on November 16th- 20th, I wanted to remind you of the activity, 'My Job, Your Job' that we completed together. The expectations mentioned most often by parents, teachers and students are shown below. The number in parenthesis indicates the number of people that share the same belief in the importance of the expectation :

Job of STUDENTS:

- ~ To learn and grow (151)
- ~ Always do their best (63)
- ~ Respect others (65)
- ~ Have fun and make friends (47)

Job of TEACHERS:

- ~ Support and teach in an inspiring environment (85)
- ~ Provide a safe environment where students grow and learn (73)
- ~ Honor each child's learning style (52)
- ~ Be kind and considerate (48)

Job of PARENTS:

- ~ Be a team with the teacher (71)
- ~ Teach your children about character, responsibilities, etc. (58)
- ~ The parent is the child's most important teacher (52)
- ~ Love your child unconditionally (64)

Job of ADMINISTRATORS:

- ~ Provide a safe and secure learning environment (93)
- ~ Support teachers and parents (72)
- ~ Guidance and Leadership for All (36)
- ~ Help guide and direct curriculum (38)

As we continue to work together throughout the school year, let's be thankful for each other, always knowing that we all have the best of intentions to meet the above expectations!

With Roadrunner Pride,

November Events:

- 6 NO SCHOOL—
State Teacher Conference
- 10 4th Gr. Jefferson City Field Trip
- 10 Scrip Card Order Deadline
- 10-13 Stanford Testing
- 11 Veteran's Day
Gus' Pretzel Sales at lunch time
- 13 Rockwood Foundation Trivia Night
- 16-20 American Education Week
- 16-20 Magazine Drive
- 17 3rd Grade Concert -
3 pm and 7pm Concert
- 17 Hearing & Vision Screenings
- 19 Sally Foster Pick-Up in the Library
4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 19 Cyber-Safety—Parent Seminar at
6:30 p.m. - Ellisville Elementary
- 20 Spirit Day
- 23 "ShopwithScrip" Pickup from
4:00-7:00 p.m.
- 24 Papa John's Family Night
AM Kdg. Feast @ 11 am -
PM & FDK @ 2:45 pm
- 24 Mobile Science Lab visit
- 25-27 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

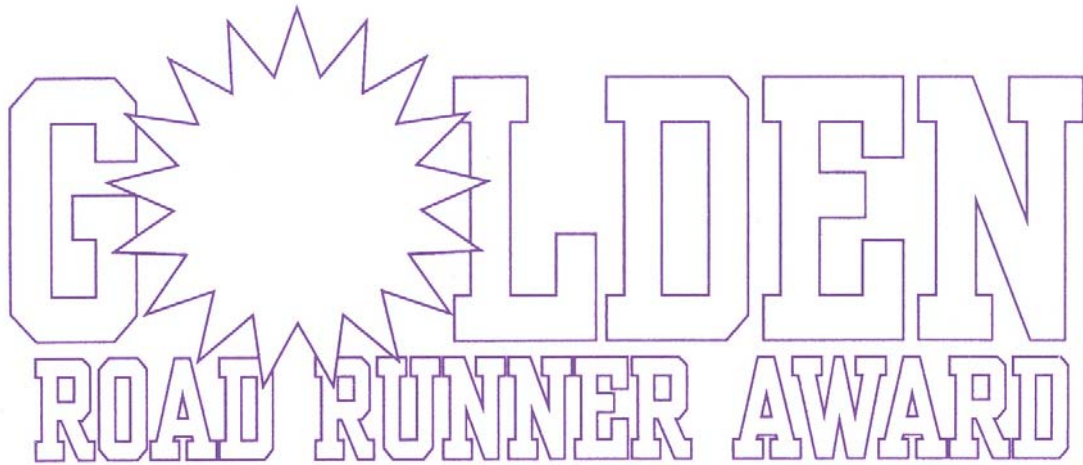
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ridgemeadows](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/ridgemeadows)





HONORING AMERICAN VETERANS

Many of our classrooms will be honoring Veteran's Day, November 11th, by writing letters to WWII veterans scheduled for an "Honor Flight". Franklin County Honor Flight, Inc. (FCHF) is a non-profit organization formed in 2007 in Union, Missouri, to recognize American Veterans' sacrifice and achievements, by flying World War II Veterans to Washington D.C. to see their National Memorial. At the end of the day, they try to take an oral history from each. For each veteran that goes on the trip, they ask family members to write letters to them so that they each get a WWII-style "mail call" on the way home. As you may imagine, many of the veterans do not have family members who write to them. Because the honor flight group really wants to make sure that each veteran who goes on a flight gets a sack of mail, we will be assisting them in their mail call by writing letters of thanks for the service to our country. For more information, visit <http://www.franklincountyhonorflight.org/>.



Congratulation Golden Roadrunners!

Claire Albert, Riley Allen, Maura Ayres, Emma Bauman, Kate Bausinger, Deric Becker, Adam Berg, Eric Berg, Caleb Berkaw, Grace Berkel, Andrew Blanchard, Ashanti Brady, William Bratton, John Bush, Emily Cahill, Julianna Castillo, Stephanie Cheney, Emma Cocos, Julian Cole, Gabe Collins, Sydney Conner, Mac Cook, Noah Coomes, Isabel Cooper, Claire Cossins, Trevor Darton, Ryan Davey, Clayton Dawe, Mark Delaloye, Benjamin Dreher, Quinton Durer, Grace Eickel, David Ellenberger, Ryan Farrell, Zachary Fischer, Wesley Fransen, Zac Frasca, Grace Ganz, Kristen Gollwitzer, Anna Grabow, Jocelyn Grabow, Hanna Grossnicklaus, Amy Gubany, Daniel Hammock, Morgan Hanley, Clay Hawkins, Jillian Hayes, Sarah Hootman, Kate Hull, Kylie Hull, Jordan Jackson, Kevin Jeffries, Drew Larocco, Emma Leary, Matthew Lee, Charlie Lloyd, Lauren Lowe, Makiya MacLin, Daniel Martin, Emily Maupin, Lizzy Maupin, Harper McCarthy, Daneko McMiller, Zachary Meyers, Kyle Miller, Savannah Mitchell, Andy Mocker, Jodi Mocker, Chandler Nelson, Kamryn Nelson, Brady Newberry, Karsyn Newberry, Blake Nichols, Luke Nicozisin, Jessicca Nuckolls, Cassidy Ozersky, Alex Pelletier, Ty Prozorowski, Shanmukh Puttagunta, Lexie Reinheimer, Maddie Ryan, Rami Safi, Carlos Santangelo, Sydney Schaefer, Nolan Scheer, Ben Shafer, Adam Sher, Caleb Sigmund, Keith Sims, Ryan Skornia, Jack Stark, Trey Stech, Joe Steinhoff, Tiarra Terry, Anna Thomas, Aidan Tow, Jeremy Tucker, Sarah Walshaw, Ian Watson-Hirsch, Tiffany Ung, Arman Virdee, Jack Weaver, Monica Zesch

ShopwithScrip Reminder

The first deadline for "ShopwithScrip" order deadline is due next Tuesday, November 10th. All orders received by this date will be processed and ready to pick up on November 23rd from 4 - 7 pm at Ridge Meadows, right before the Thanksgiving holiday. Remember, ShopwithScrip is a great way to purchase gift cards for your holiday shopping and gift giving at absolutely no extra cost to you. Ridge Meadows earns an average rebate of 6% on all cards purchased. If you have lost your order form, please visit the Ridge Meadows website to get another one or contact Debbie Ward at jjdlward@charter.net or 227-1444.

IT'S TIME FOR PANTS AND COATS!

As the weather becomes chilly, it is time to make sure kids come to school appropriately dressed so they can go outside. Please send your child to school in long pants and a coat. A reminder to The Rockwood School District guidelines for outdoor recess during extreme temperatures:

Below 20 degrees Stay inside
20-31 degrees 10-15 minutes outside
32-90 degrees normal time outside
90-100 degrees 10 minutes outside
Above 100 degrees Stay inside



Caution! It's deer season!

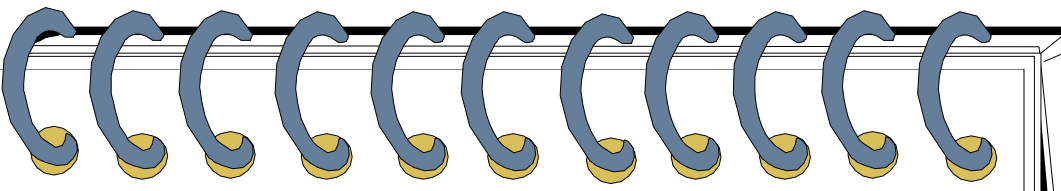
Did you know?

- Deer are most active from mid-October through mid-December.
- There are 300-400 deer vehicle accidents (DVA's) in St. Louis County every year.
- The average repair bill for a DVA is \$3,000 to \$4,000.

To avoid an accident and stay safe:

- Be extra alert from 5 p.m. to midnight and 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. (70% of accidents).
- If you see a deer, be careful! There might be more, since deer travel in groups.
- Wear your seatbelt.
- Use your high-beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic.
- Slow down when you see deer crossing signs.
- Do NOT swerve to avoid hitting a deer. Instead, stay in your lane, keep both hands on the wheel, and sound your horn.

This information is provided by:
The G.E.M.S. (Girls of Extraordinary Mind Strength)
FIRST LEGO League team #3444



***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***



Event Information

3rd Annual Districtwide Trivia Night to benefit Rockwood Schools Foundation!

Friday, November 13, 2009

Silent Auction starts at 6 p.m.

Trivia begins at 7 p.m.



You are cordially invited...



Contact Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

I would like to reserve a table(s) of 8: \$200 total

I would like to reserve individual tickets: \$30 each

My Check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to Rockwood Schools Foundation and mail to:
 Executive Director Debbie Fluchel, 1955-A Shepard Rd., Milokwood, INO. 63088

**RESERVATION
 DE ADLINE
 NOV. 6th!**



Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$_____

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Names of Participants _____

You can download a registration form online: www.rockwoodschools.org
 Questions? Call Eric at the Director Debbie Fluchel at 636-237-4820



"Providing Innovative Opportunities for Kids"
 President and Executive Director of the Foundation award grant to Rockwood preschool teacher in 2008.



About Us

The mission of the Rockwood Schools Foundation is to invest in innovations that enhance educational opportunities for Rockwood students and enrich the communities we serve.

In partnership with the Rockwood School District the Foundation:

- shares a vision to enhance education
- works to increase private support for educational activities
- benefits students and staff by supporting activities not funded by tax dollars
- fosters creative approaches to education through private grants and community involvement



GUS' PRETZEL SALE ON 11/11/09

Please help the Ridge Meadows community honor the Missouri National Guard soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq by taking part in a fundraiser for 'Operation Sunscreen'.

Gus' Pretzels will be sold on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th, at lunch, and all proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for care packages. Pretzels will be sold one pretzel for \$1 or 6 pretzels for \$5. Our goal is to assist Operation Sunscreen to meet the goal of sending care packages to EVERY Missouri National Guard Soldier in December, totaling 830 care packages.

If your family is interested in "adopting a soldier" by sending a care package for \$25 please Call:
Karen Irwin 636-227-1521
Janelle Brauchle 314-265-2520



Please detach and return to school to assist us in ordering pretzels.

I plan to purchase _____ (# of) Gus' pretzels to support the Missouri National Guard.

Additional pretzels will be for available for purchase.

Read, Right & Run Marathon

November 2009



Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in the annual GO! St. Louis Read, Right and Run Marathon. The GO! St. Louis Read, Right and Run Marathon was created to promote reading, becoming physically fit, and having a community-minded child. Saying that, the children are challenged to read 26 books, perform 26 good deeds, and run 26.2 miles (with the last 1.2 miles begin run in Forest Park on April 10th). Ridge Meadows has participated in the Read, Right and Run Marathon the past two years, with each year more students participating in the event. Attached you will find the application form to complete your child's registration. The fee to participate in the Read, Right and Read Marathon is \$15.00. Participants will receive a colorful journal that helps chart their progress and offers book suggestions and healthy eating tips. A couple of weeks prior to the April 10th Family Fun Day in Forest Park, the participant will receive their "goody bag" with a t-shirt and race number. They will also receive a medal if they participate and run the 1.2 miles at Forest Park on April 10, 2010. More information can be found on the web site www.gostlouis.org/rrm.html

The Read, Right, and Run Marathon is April 10, 2010 at Forest Park.

- Miles run:** *Elementary students need to complete 25-miles by, April 2, 2010.*
- Students in Grades K-5 will need to run at least 1-mile per week to be able to complete the 26 miles before the April date.
 - If your child participates in after-school sports, or church sponsored leagues, you can estimate their practice time/game mileage beginning November 2, 2009.
- Good Deeds:** *Elementary school students need to complete 26 good deeds by April 2, 2010.*
- Parents decide what a "good" deed is. Good deeds may take place at school (Cereal to the ceiling, etc.), at home (helping around the house, etc.), or in the community (helping neighbors, relatives, etc.)
- Reading:** *Elementary school students need to read 26 books by April 2, 2010.*
- *Students may read 26 books independently (at home).*
 - *For elementary students, 1 book is equivalent to 20 literature pages.*
 - *Text books or books on tape are not acceptable.*

All registration forms and payment should be returned to your child's Physical education teacher no later than December 4, 2009.

We hope you will consider having your child participate in this annual event. It's a wonderful way to have your child experience the excitement and pride of reaching long-term school and fitness goals.

For more information please contact the Ridge Meadows Physical Education Teachers,
Mrs. Dauster or Mrs. Reuss at 636-207-2661.



GO! St. Louis Read, Right & Run Marathon®

2010 REGISTRATION FORM

FIRST NAME: _____

LAST NAME: _____

GENDER (please circle): M F

AGE AS OF 4/10/10 _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____ / ____ / ____

SCHOOL/GROUP NAME (if individual, write "individual") _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

STREET ADDRESS: _____ APT. # _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL: _____

Have you participated in the Read, Right & Run Marathon before? YES NO

If yes, please list the years: _____

CIRCLE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE:

YOUTH SMALL (6-8)

YOUTH MEDIUM (10-12)

YOUTH LRG. (14-16)
(equiv. to Adult Small)

ADULT MEDIUM

ADULT LARGE

REGISTRATION FEES:

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE: by 12/18/09 is \$15

LATE REGISTRATION FEE: by 1/15/10 is \$17

FINAL TURN-IN DEADLINE FOR

REGISTRATION FORMS & FEES: 1/15/10

Please make checks payable to *GO! St. Louis*.

REMINDER:

We advise registering early. Make checks payable to: **GO! St. Louis**. Please remember that Journals will **NOT** be distributed until forms and fees have been received.

MAIL TO:

Mona Langenberg
GO! St. Louis
7727 Clayton Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63117

Liability waiver and race agreement: Waiver and signature (on behalf of the named entrant) **MUST BE SIGNED**.
Read this form carefully before signing on behalf of the registered student.

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not allow the above entrant to enter or participate unless he/she is medically able to do so. I assume all risks associated with my child's participation in this event, including but not limited to, the effects of weather, traffic, course conditions, and course surfaces, falls, and contact with any other runners spectators or volunteers. I release GO! St. Louis and its hired contractors, City of St. Louis and agencies, student's school and school district, and sponsors from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, expenses, including attorney fees and disbursements, arising from or relating to student's participation in or preparation for the events even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons names in this waiver. I agree to accept the rules of this race and related events. I consent to the use of essays, photographs, video, film, and sound recordings of all marathon events for all legitimate purposes without compensation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

GUESS WHO IS COMING TO EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL?

SANTA!

Come to Eureka Theatre Company's 5th Annual

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12, 2009

9:00 am to Noon

Santa will be arriving at 9:30 am

Bagels, Doughnuts, Muffins

Pictures with Santa

Juice, Coffee, Milk

Hot Chocolate

Face Painting

Crafts

AND

A Holiday Skit featuring:

The Students of Eureka Theatre Company

To purchase tickets, please fill out this form and mail with a check made payable to **Eureka Theatre Company** to:

Ms. Susie Allmendinger
Attn: Breakfast with Santa
Eureka High School
4525 Highway 109
Eureka, MO 63025

For more information, call 636-733-3100 ext 43208

Please reserve these tickets for me:

Children Tickets _____ @ \$ 7.50 = \$ _____

Adult Tickets _____ @ \$ 8.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, _____ Zip _____

Limited Space - Order Early

Reservation Deadline November 20, 2009



Start Competing Today!

Don't forget to use the **playbook** section on FuelUpToPlay60.com to find great tools and resources that will help you and your friends bring *Fuel Up to Play 60* to life.

The *Fuel Up to Play 60* competition is starting. Are you ready? As with any competition, there are points to be earned and prizes to be won for you and your school. All you have to do is make healthy changes and have fun.

How does it work, you ask? Well, here goes.

PLEDGE. TRACK. AND RACK UP POINTS AND PRIZES.

Pledge

After you register, you've got to sign a pledge on FuelUpToPlay60.com. You know, committing yourself to make your body and your school a healthier place.

Track

Now that you've pledged to treat your body right, it's time to start tracking what healthy foods you're fueling up with, how often you're staying active and how involved you are with in-school Action Strategies. Doing so will earn you...

Points

Yep. In fact, you'll receive 100 points just for signing the pledge. From there, racking up points is all about what you're eating, how often you're playing and what you know. You can earn points in school, after school and online. And getting your friends involved doesn't hurt either. The more points you get, the more your point total will go up, along with your school's "Fuel Meter". This handy meter brings together everyone's points from your school, measuring how well your whole school is doing in the competition against other schools nationwide.

Make a Difference All Year!

The competition is divided up into two parts: Part one runs from October 15 - December 15, 2009. Midterm (end of Part One) prize winners will be announced in January 2010. Things pick back up with part two, from February 1 - March 15, 2010. March 15th marks the end of the competition. Grand prize (end of Part Two) winners will be announced in April 2010.

Prizes for You

At midterm, the student in each state with the most number of individual points will win both an iPod touch and an NFLShop.com gift card!

At the end of the competition, one of you will win:

- A starring role in a *Fuel Up to Play 60* promotion with an NFL player
- A "healthy personal makeover" including a day to hang out with a National Football League player and his personal trainer

Prizes for Your School

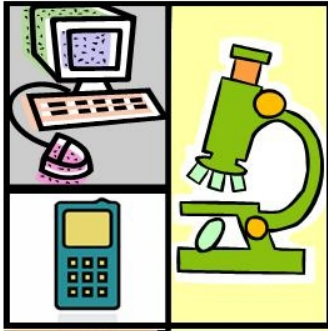
While you're getting the most out of your body, give a little back to your school. Your points get added to your classmates' points, which fill up your school's "Fuel Meter". When the competition is over, the school with the most points wins:

- A starring role in a *Fuel Up to Play 60* promotion with an NFL player
- A *Fuel Up to Play 60*-themed healthy school makeover

Plus, there are a slew of online rewards, such as unlocking NFL games and downloads as you reach certain milestones.

No Purchase Required to Enter. Void Where Prohibited By Law. Contest Open to Students Enrolled in Grades K-12 in any accredited school in the United States. Parents or Guardian Approval Required to Win Prizes. Contest Begins 10/15/2009 and Ends 3/15/2010. See www.FuelUpToPlay60.com for Complete Official Rules. ©2009 National Dairy Council. Fuel Up is a service mark of National Dairy Council. ©2009 NFL Properties LLC. All NFL-related trademarks are trademarks of the National Football League. iPod touch is a registered trademark of Apple, Inc.

FuelUpToPlay60.com



**Ever feel like you have to put
your kids' technology use
under a microscope to protect
them from cyber predators?**

Ellisville Elementary School PTO,
in cooperation with Ridge Meadows
administration and PTO,
is pleased to invite you to

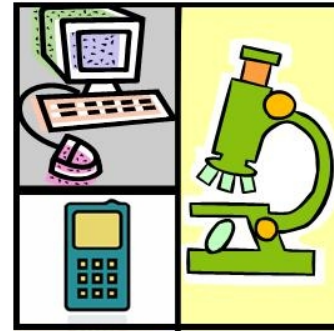
**Cyber-Safety—
A Parent Education Seminar
Thursday, November 19th
6:30-8:00pm
Ellisville Elementary School
1425 Froesel**

The session will be conducted by
Captain Frank Kenney, Ellisville Police
Department, and one of his colleagues
who specializes in cyber-crime and will
focus on how to protect what's most
precious to you...your children.

Please confirm your attendance with
Charlotte Brown in the Ellisville
school office at
636-207-2548

or

browncharlotte@rockwood.k12.mo.us
by Monday, November 16th.



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District News

November 2009



Providing Innovative Opportunities for Kids

Rockwood Schools Foundation

Join your Rockwood friends and family for a districtwide Trivia Night. Enjoy a silent auction, games and trivia fun!

Date: Friday, November 13

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: St. John Lutheran Church at 15800 Manchester Road in Ellisville

The Rockwood Schools Foundation partners with businesses and families to raise money for grants for Rockwood teachers and students. The Foundation has used Trivia Night donations to fund various initiatives in literacy, reading, math, science, technology, fine arts, foreign language and school safety and security.

The Rockwood Schools Foundation is a nonprofit, publicly supported 501(c)(3) organization with an independent board of directors. The Foundation raises money and receives contributions to benefit the school district above and beyond regular tax revenues. Its mission is to invest in innovations that enhance educational opportunities for Rockwood students and enrich the communities we serve.

Find out more: www.rockwoodfoundation.org.

Did You Know?

Rockwood spends **LESS** money per pupil than all but two St. Louis County school districts. **WHY?**

Because the school district gets less revenue per pupil to spend. Rockwood depends on local property taxes to provide the majority of the revenue for the school district. Below is a list of the district's revenue sources:

- 63.1 percent - local property taxes
- 12.4 percent - state foundation formula
- 7.5 percent - sales taxes
- 6.3 percent - desegregation aid
- 10.7 percent - other - local/state/federal

Rockwood does not have the higher commercial development of many other St. Louis County school districts. This makes a big difference in the amount of money the district receives and can spend per student.

Find out more: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/finance.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Great public schools: a basic right and our responsibility.

November 15-21, 2009

American Education Week spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

The National Education Association supports the annual tag line: **Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.** These words reflect the Association's calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century.


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





November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Election In The Gym	4 PTO Meeting 9:15 am	5 Early Dismissal 12:47 pm	6 No School - State Teacher Conferences	7
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