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October 2009

Reason For Celebration!

I would like to thank the entire Ridge Meadows School family for a great beginning to the school year. The students, staff and parents all seemed to jump right in to help get things started on the right foot. As a newcomer, it has been fun to watch how all of the roles and responsibilities fit together like a puzzle to create the successful learning environment that Ridge Meadows knows so well.

One method that we use to measure our academic success is the MAP test. This state-wide test is taken by all third, fourth and fifth graders each spring throughout Missouri. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, states that one of the key expectations is to have schools continue to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward all students being proficient in Communication Arts and Mathematics. This high level of standard must be met by the year 2014.

The preliminary results are in from last year's test and the scores for Ridge Meadows are amazingly strong. In the spring of 2009, the annual proficiency target for Communication Arts was 59%, and Ridge Meadows scores indicate 71% of our students scored at the proficient or advanced levels. Last spring, Math's annual target score was 54% and Ridge Meadows student's scores illustrate that 74% of students scores in the advanced or proficient levels. Our subgroups all reached the targeted level of proficiency, as well; therefore, Ridge Meadows will be recorded as making Annual Yearly Progress!

The state of Missouri recognizes high performing schools categorized by the size of the school. It is a tremendous honor to celebrate that our Third grade ranked #1 in the state of Missouri for both Communication Arts and Math, and Fourth grade is being acknowledged as receiving a Top Ten Recognition for the high percentage of advanced and proficient students.

While the MAP test is just a snapshot that measures our success, the results are used to determine our students' strengths and areas for improvement. Regardless of state and federal requirements, Ridge Meadows will continue to seek the best ways to educate your children everyday. In conjunction with Rockwood School District's mission, "We do whatever it takes to ensure all students realize their potential." This mission proudly displays our commitment to the education of your children, our future!

With Roadrunner Pride,

October Events:

- 2 Fall Carnival - 5 to 8 p.m.
- 6 JA in a Day—Pfizer Pharm.
- 7 PTO Mtg. 2:45 p.m. Library
- 8 Kids Safe House—Kdg.
- 10 Cross Country Meet @ Marquette HS
- 12 Sally Foster Orders Due
- 13 AR Store—Rm. 30
Fall Chorus Showcase @ Eureka HS 7:00 pm
- 14 Early Dismissal at 12:47 p.m.
Flu Shots 1:30—3:30 p.m.
- 15 AR Store a.m.—Rm. 30
- 16 1st Quarter Ends
Spirit Day
Character Assembly 9:15 a.m.
- 20 Pumpkin Run
- 22 Picture Retake Day
2nd Gr. Magic House Field Trip
- 23 Fall Parties
Book Fair Begins 9-4:30 p.m.
- 26 Red Ribbon Week
Book Fair Week
- 27 Parent Conferences 4-7:30 pm
Pumpkin Run Rain Date
- 28 Parent Conferences 4-7:30 pm
- 29 Trunk or Treat
7 p.m.—MHS Parking Lot
Book Fair Ends @ 12 noon
- 30 NO SCHOOL
Trunk or Treat Rain Date

For more information, please visit our Web site at:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/ridgemeadows





Parent/Teacher conferences

The following dates have been set for parent/teacher conferences. If you did not sign up for a conference date/time at Meet the Teacher Night, please e-mail your child's teacher to schedule a conference.

Our PTO Scholastic Book Fair will take place on these days from 9:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday and 9:00 a.m.—12 noon on Thursday.

Tuesday, October 27
Grades K-5
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28
Grades K-5
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 29
Half-Day Kindergarten
8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

Rockwood's Annual Cross Country Meet

This year Rockwood's Annual Cross Country Meet is at Marquette High School. The meet will be held on Saturday, October 10th. The meet is open all to all students in grades four through eight. Students in grades four, five and six run a one mile course, while students in seventh and eighth grade run a mile and half course. The top 40 finishers for each of the age group will be awarded a medal. All students participating in the Cross Country Meet will receive a participation certificate.

Ridge Meadows Students have already began practicing for the big event on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school.

Good Luck to the Roadrunners participating in the Cross Country Meet.

The schedule for the Cross Country Meet on Saturday, October 10th is as follows:



5th grade Boys- 8:30 am
5th grade Girls- 8:50 am
4th grade Boys- 9:10 am
4th grade Girls- 9:30 am

NEWS RELEASE

From: ESOI department

Contact: Lauren Strand strandlauren@rockwood.k12.mo.us 636-861-7723 x260

Ever wonder what ESOI means? Some parents were overheard discussing this in the hallway this summer, so we thought we'd clear it up for everyone. It stands for English for Speakers of Other Languages. Who receives ESOI services in our school? Students who speak other languages and need to improve their English language skills. Teachers often refer to these students as ELL's, which stands for English Language Learners.

Rockwood School District provides FREE Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes for parents or anyone 16 years of age or older. These classes are for beginning, intermediate, or advanced students. Classes are offered both in the morning and evening. Call (636) 938-2308 for more information or ask the friendly ESOI teacher in your building for a brochure!

According to Dr. Robert Headrick, Coordinator of World Languages and K-12 ESOI Services, Rockwood has around 300 students in the ESOI program. Almost 50 different languages are represented with Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Russian and Somali among the most prevalent.



September Nurse's Note

Please remember to turn in your child's "Annual Health Information Form" as soon as possible. I realize that requests for copies may have crossed paths as you sent forms back and I thank you for your patience.

Please also remember that without this form your child will not be allowed to go on any scheduled field trips. I anticipate that a 3rd request will be sent out September 18th or shortly before.

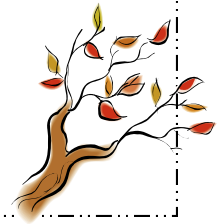
Also it is very important to stop the spread of any illness in our school that you keep children home if you feel they are ill, have been ill or had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea within 24 hours. We are facing the possibility of a real and serious health epidemic with Influenza A or H1N1 flu. Rockwood Policy states that all children shall be kept home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications like ibuprofen or Tylenol. It further states that they must not have had vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours of their return. This is for two reasons. The first insures that they are indeed recovered and the second is to prevent them from spreading illness or picking up additional germs before they are completely recovered.

Symptoms of Influenza A are fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, headache, fatigue, diarrhea, nausea, and/or vomiting. Fever must always be present and the other symptoms can and do vary. Cough and sore throat are common with Influenza A. If you have more questions please see Rockwood's website at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us or consult your doctor.

Thank you helping every child at Ridge Meadows remain healthy,
Marilyn Hoemann, RN, BSN
School Nurse
636-207-2661 ext 225

- Fall Party Schedule - Friday, October 23rd

Kdg. Full Day—	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Kdg. AM—	9:30-10:30 a.m.
1st Grade—	9:30-10:30 a.m.
2nd Grade—	1:15-2:15 p.m.
3rd Grade—	1:15-2:15 p.m.
4th Grade—	2:45-3:45 p.m.
5th Grade—	2:45-3:45 p.m.
Kdg. PM—	2:00-3:00 p.m.



Ridge Meadows Cub Scout News

The Ridge Meadows Cub Scout Pack is happy to announce the addition of 20 new boys to our Pack. In Sept. we welcomed them to scouting with a celebration at Beaumont Scout Camp that included getting to know each other, face painting and roasting marshmallows. Our core value for Sept. was "courage".

The month of October the boys will have to be courageous because on October 20th they will be hiking down Zombie Road to have a bonfire and Bobcat ceremony. On Oct. 26th, the scouts will "Trick or Treat" at the Oak Forest Nursing Home and have a party with the residents.

Our core value for October is "Compassion". The boys will show Compassion as they interact with the residents at the nursing home and as we prepare for our annual "Scouting for Food" drive in November.



Ridge Meadows has very talented artists!!

The winners of the **Buzz Book** art contest are:

- 5th grade – Olivia Edwards
- 4th grade – Madison Sargent
- 3rd grade – Kate Bausinger
- 2nd grade – Hanna Grossnicklaus
- 1st grade – Natalie Mae Kowalski
- Kindergarten – Lilly Das



Check out the winners in the buzz book delivered in Friday folders. All artwork is posted in the hallways for everyone to enjoy.

This year the buzz book includes one e-mail address per family for those who authorized PTO release.

Attention: **United Way News**

Students at Ridge Meadows School have the opportunity to help give to the United Way.

“Buy a Hand to Lend a Hand” is the 2009 theme. During the week of **October 5-16** students can give a 25 cent donation to the United Way. Students will print their name on a “blue paper hand” which will be on display in the cafeteria.

Blue paper hands and donations will be accepted in the foyer.

Thank you,

Linda Sachs, United Way Rep. 2009



Art News

Fall, 2009

Ridge Meadows Rainbow!! Welcome back to art! We began the school year with everyone making a self- portrait the first week of school. We assembled all of the self -portraits into one large Ridge Meadows Rainbow located in the foyer.

Teaching Art is the best job in the world. I have been teaching Art at Ridge Meadows for 21 years. I love teaching children about all kind of art forms. Children enjoy using their hands to create, sculpt or paint. It is truly an exciting experience to watch children create everyday!!

China: This summer I spent two and half weeks in China with fifteen other teachers. We had an amazing tour of the sights and sounds of China. I have been planning many art activities centered on the theme “The Arts of China”. The 4th graders watched a short video I took at the Beijing Opera House and are creating their own Chinese Opera Masks.

Laumeier Sculpture Park: All of third grade is going on an exciting field trip to Laumeier Sculpture Park on October 8th from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. A part of our art curriculum is to learn about public sculpture both realistic and abstract. The students will be led on an hour long tour of the outside sculptures and then enjoy eating lunch at the park.

Square 1 ART: Every year students have participated in this program that takes original art-work and reproduces it onto a variety of products. This October you will receive a packet with an order form and 20 free stickers. If you want to order something just send the order form with your payment back to school to your child’s teacher. Products that are ordered from Square 1 Art will be in back to you sometime before the holidays. All the funds from Square 1 go back to support the art program. Last year we purchased the “Twist and Shout” sculpture in the front of our school. Thank you for all of your support.

Supplies: The art room is in need of **large paper plates**. The plates are used for paint pallets. Any donations are welcome!!

Thank you,

Linda Sachs



Focus on Flu Prevention: 2009-2010 Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics in Rockwood

As in previous years, the Rockwood School District is teaming up with the Nursing Vaccination Specialists to offer seasonal flu shot clinics, open to all Rockwood families, until Nov. 20.

Cost for community members and students:
\$30 for injections, \$40 for FluMist.
(\$3 from each vaccination will be returned to the school's activity fund).

If you would like for your child to get a seasonal flu shot while at school, please download a consent form from your school's Web site and return it to your school nurse before the date of the school's clinic.

Please Note: This flu shot schedule indicates the distribution for the seasonal flu vaccine only. The seasonal flu vaccine is a separate vaccine from the H1N1 vaccine and is not expected to protect against the H1N1 flu. Additionally, the H1N1 vaccine is intended to be used alongside the seasonal flu vaccine and is not intended to replace the seasonal flu vaccine.

Location	Clinic Date	Time
High Schools		
Eureka	Monday, Oct. 12	3 - 5 p.m.
Lafayette	Wednesday, Nov. 11	3 - 6 p.m.
Marquette	Tuesday, Nov. 3	7 - 9 a.m.
Rockwood Summit	Thursday, Oct. 15	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Middle Schools		
Crestview	Wednesday, Nov. 4	1 - 3:30 p.m.
LaSalle Springs	Monday, Nov. 16	2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Rockwood South	Thursday, Oct. 15	2 - 4 p.m.
Rockwood Valley	Tuesday, Oct. 27	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Selvidge	Wednesday, Nov. 4	2 - 4 p.m.
Wildwood	Thursday, Nov. 5	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Elementary Schools		
Babler	Monday, Nov. 2	3 - 5 p.m.
Ballwin	Wednesday, Oct. 21	3 - 5 p.m.
Blevins	Tuesday, Oct. 13	3 - 5 p.m.
Bowles	Tuesday, Oct. 20	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Chesterfield	Thursday, Oct. 29	7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Ellisville	Thursday, Nov. 5	2 - 4:30 p.m.
Eureka	Tuesday, Oct. 27	4 - 8 p.m.
Fairway	Wednesday, Oct. 28	4 - 8 p.m.
Geggie	Monday, Oct. 26	3:30 - 6 p.m.
Green Pines	Thursday, Oct. 22	4-6 p.m.
Kehrs Mill	Tuesday, Oct. 20	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Kellison	Monday, Sept. 28	2 - 4 p.m.
Pond	Tuesday, Nov. 10	8 - 10 a.m.
Ridge Meadows	Wednesday, Oct. 14	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Stanton	Wednesday, Oct. 28	3 - 5:30 p.m.
Uthoff Valley	Tuesday, Oct. 20	8 - 10 a.m.
Westridge	Wednesday, Oct. 28	3 - 6 p.m.
Wild Horse	Tuesday, Oct. 13	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Woerther	Wednesday, Oct. 14	7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Center for Creative Learning	Wednesday, Oct. 28	1 - 3 p.m.
Early Childhood - Clarkson Valley	Thursday, Oct. 22	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Early Childhood - Vandover	Wednesday, Oct. 21	8 - 10 a.m.
Administration		
Administrative Annex	Monday, Oct. 12	12 - 2:30 p.m.
Central Office	Tuesday, Nov. 10	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Upcycling Project at Ridge Meadows

Every year billions of drink pouches end up in dumpsters and landfills across America. Capri Sun and Honest Kids are working together to put an end to this awful loss of resources. Ridge Meadows is partnering with Terracycle.net to turn drink pouches into unique fashion bags, tote bags, and pencil cases for kids and adults! Ridge Meadows will get \$0.02 per Capri Sun, Honest Kids, or Kool Aid pouch. We will also be upcycling Frito-Lay bags, which they also turn into bags and other products. There will be boxes or containers in the cafeteria to keep these items as we collect them.

In the lobby at school, there will be a box to recycle cell phones. These cell phones will be reused, and Terracycle will donate \$0.25 per phone to Ridge Meadows. If you have any questions about any of these programs, or would like to volunteer your help, feel free to contact Mr. Brim—
brimstephen@rockwood.k12.mo.us



SAFETY DAY FOR ALL AGES



**Sunday
Oct. 4th
12pm - 4pm**

4th ANNUAL SAFETY DAY
Wildwood, Station #3
Highway 109 & Manchester Rd.
www.metrowest-fire.org

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE!



DISPLAYS - New Metro West Advance Life Saving Paramedic Units - Fire Trucks and Rescue Units with the "jaws of life" St. Louis County, Ballwin and Ellisville Police DARE cars and Special Units

EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Search and Rescue K-9 Operations - Get professionally trained inspections for your child's car seats
Take a tour of a real working fire station - Visit the booths and exhibits and get free items for both adults and children - Enjoy free hot dogs, hamburgers, refreshments and much more....



For More Information 636.458.2100

You are invited to the
**Center for
Creative Learning**



Fall
Focus Week
October 7-9 and 12-13



Parents, teachers, administrators, and friends are cordially invited to Fall Focus Week. Fall Focus Week is celebrated at both campuses – the Intermediate Campus (IC) on Old State Road and the Primary Campus (PC) at 1425 Froesel Drive in Ellisville. This special week gives you the opportunity to come see what we do! Plan to visit CCL classrooms, participate in planned activities, and observe our students at work.

Prime visiting times for CCL classes are listed on our website: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/gifted. If you are unable to attend at those times, we are open for visitors between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM each day of Fall Focus Week.

Also during Fall Focus Week, you can:

- ✓ Sign up for **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- ✓ Visit the **PTO Book Fair**
- ✓ Join us for our **PTO dinners** on Monday and Tuesday. See the sign-up sheet for dinner reservations and information.
- ✓ Join us as we unveil the design for the **CCL's 20th Anniversary Art Sculpture**. Students will share the winning and runner-up proposals for this sculpture, which will be created by CCL students and dedicated on March 2, 2010.



PTO Book Fair Hours

Wed., October 7 – Fri., October 9 and
Mon., October 12 & Tues., October 13
10:00 AM – 4:15 PM All days



ALERTNOW Update

Do you have questions about ALERTNOW voice messages? Here are some answers:

I missed some of the message. How do I replay it?

A: You can press the number 1 on your telephone and the message will play from the beginning without interruption.

My answering machine only recorded half of the message.

A: If the answering machine greeting does not start playing within three seconds, the system may read this as a live person and begin playing the message before the machine has started recording. The recommended solution is to re-record the outgoing message so it begins promptly and there are no pauses.

My caller ID showed that the school called, but there was no voice mail. Why?

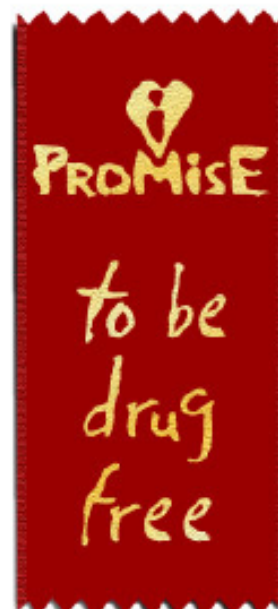
A: The system will ring a line up to six times. If your answering machine is set to pick up on seven or more rings, the message may not be delivered to your machine.

Find more information: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/alertnow.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated Oct. 26 - 30 in Rockwood schools.

As students promise to be drug free, the school district supports them by providing information, education and ways for all community members to become aware and involved in the Drug-Free Schools Program.



www.rockwoodcoalition.org

Flu Vaccination Update

Rockwood continues to take steps to prevent the spread of flu in our schools. Learn more about two options for flu vaccinations for Rockwood students and the community.

Seasonal flu: Rockwood students and families have the option of receiving the seasonal flu vaccination at their school beginning October 12. The cost for this vaccination is \$30, and students will need a signed consent form and payment to receive this on-site vaccination for the seasonal flu. A list of clinics is available on the Rockwood Web site.

H1N1 flu: A vaccine is being produced and will be available in the coming weeks as an option for the prevention of the new H1N1 flu. Rockwood is working in partnership with the St. Louis County Dept. of Health to provide these vaccinations to our students during the school day.

Rockwood students will have the option of receiving the vaccination at no cost at school.

Parents must sign a consent form if they want their child to receive the free vaccination.

Consent forms will be sent home with students the first week of October.

School-site vaccinations will begin in mid October.

While no shortage of the vaccine is expected, initially the vaccine will be available in limited quantities. The CDC has a list of groups recommended for this first course of vaccinations, which includes all people from 6 months to 24 years of age. **Information about the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations will be posted as it becomes available on the home page of the Rockwood Web site at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us.**



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				1	2 Fall Carnival 5-8 pm	3
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25	26 Red Ribbon Week Book Fair All Week	27 P/T Conferences 4-7:30 pm Pumpkin Run Rain Date	28 P/T Conferences 4-7:30 pm	29 Trunk or Treat 7pm @ MHS Parking Lot Book Fair Ends	30 NO SCHOOL Trunk or Treat Rain Date	31