



Knight • Line

Rockwood Valley Middle School



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A United States Blue Ribbon School



A Letter from Mr. Loiterstein...

Dear Rockwood Valley Community:

I hope that this newsletter finds you enjoying your summer and doing the things that you most enjoy doing. While the 2010-2011 school year was great, and we had the opportunity to celebrate many individual and school-wide accomplishments, we are excited to embark on an even better 2011-2012 school year! This has made up the bulk of our work so far this summer as we make plans for next year.

You will find a great deal of information in this edition of the *Knight-line*. Please pay particular attention to the material regarding our Student Orientation, which will be held on Wednesday, August 10. We encourage you to attend this event with your children if at all possible. In addition to having an opportunity to take care of a great deal of 'school business', it is fun for us to see your children, and for them to see each other. Orientation packets will be sent out at the beginning of July with additional information.

I hope that you are continuing to encourage your students to read throughout the summer months! We know that literacy skills are vital to their own academic growth, and like everything else, our skills diminish when we do not practice them regularly. There are very enjoyable ways to incorporate reading into your summer fun!

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Andrew Loiterstein
Principal

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Important Information About Orientation

Orientation for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will be held at Rockwood Valley on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. Mark your calendar now!

6th Grade WEB Orientation (students only)
Monday, August 8, 8am-12:00 noon

Student Orientation (students and parents)
Wednesday, August 10
6th Grade—8am-10am
8th Grade—10am-11am
7th Grade—11am-12 noon
(Please note the building will close at 3pm.)

At orientation, students and parents may:

- pick up schedules and locker assignments. (The Student Census and Health Information forms must be presented in before getting a schedule.)
- have student photos taken. Wear school-appropriate clothing. This photo will be used in the yearbook. Bring envelope and payment.
- purchase PE uniforms and locks.
- purchase book jammers.
- purchase assignment books.
- join the RVMS Parent-Staff Organization (PSO) Castle Club and purchase an RVMS Buzz Book.
- order yearbooks.
- order RVMS sportswear.
- deposit lunch money into lunch account.
- visit with Mrs. Klesh, school nurse, and drop off prescription medications.

Please note that separate checks are needed for many of the items. You may need up to five checks for orientation.

During July, all RVMS parents will receive Student Census and Health Information forms in the mail. The information on the forms will serve to update student information and will provide important emergency contact information. These forms must be completed and brought in on August 10 for a student to receive a schedule at orientation.

More orientation information will be in the July/August *Knightline* and on the RVMS website.

2011-2012 Supply Lists

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/rvalley/announcements/Documents/RVMS%202011-2012%20Supply%20List.pdf>

Around Rockwood Valley



CORRECTION

The names of the following sixth grade Honor Roll students were spelled incorrectly in the May *Knightline*: Hannah Agolia, Sai Allu, and Aly Banys.

We apologize for the error.

WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Continues at RVMS

As we look forward to the 2011-2012 school year, we are very excited to continue an orientation and transition program called WEB (Where Everybody Belongs). The goal of WEB is to create a climate at Rockwood Valley in which every student feels that he/she has a place to belong.

Congratulations to the following eighth grade students who will serve as WEB leaders next year. These students will spend two five-hour days in training on August 3 and 4 so that they are prepared to meet their WEB groups during the sixth grade WEB Assembly on August 8 from 8am to 12 noon. In addition to leading activities during orientation, the WEB leaders will assist sixth graders throughout the school year.

The WEB leaders are Connor Altic, Talia Aranda, Kelsey Baich, Austin Bartmess, Meredith Binnette, Tom Bolstad, Joe Bowen, Grace Breiten, Kylie Bring, Nathan Brooks, Gavin Bruns, Rachel Brunts, Aaron Chang, Briana Cross, Scott Evans, Chris Foley, Anthony Gianino, Brianna Gigliotti, Calvin Gilbride, Nicky Gilliland, Alyssa Goedeker, Katie Hansen, Kendall Hansen, Nick Holt, Liz Joslyn, Saaraa Juddha, Morgan Kantouth, Riley Katsev, Art Kumthekar, Lauren Lamp, Madison Laudeman, Ben Laves, Vivienne Lear, Sebastian Lekkerkerker, Drew Linsenhardt, Madalyn Lopez, Alayna Martin, Destiny Mayes, Callahan McAndrew, Clayton Meuret, Devin Meyrer, Chris Miller, Chase Mocerri, True Morse, Abby Murphy, Katherine Murphy, Sarah Nicholson, Alex Piccinni, Sophie Pidcock, Ryan Rigabar, Erin Rose, DJ Roy, Chris Rubaie, Shaye Sellers, Jameson Smith, Mason Smith, Chris Stebner, Megan Stine, Laine Strobel, Keely Sweet, Jackson Theobald, Eilish Thomas, Jessica Tremper, Nathan Williams, Kaitlyn Wylie, Harrison Young, and Katie Zimmerman.

The *Knightline* has Gone Green

The *Knightline* is now sent to parents via e-mail, unless a parent or family specifically requests to have a hard-copy sent home. If you do not have an e-mail address and need a copy mailed home, please stop by the office to fill out a request form.

May 2011 Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following May Students of the Month: Ashley Kneemueller, Katarina Stroud, Madison Kraemer, Linnea Narducci, Sarah Look, Ariana Catalano, Jiho Kahng, Ariel Ferman, Madeleine Tweed, Erika Youngberg, Daniel Londono, Hayden Clarke, Haley McAndrew, Anna Mooney, Will McConnell, Logan Panchot, Dan Wagganer, Emma Enright, Lauren Reynolds, Wendy Han, Alianna McCormick, Kelsey Baich, and Madison Hines.

2010-2011 Crusader Award



The Crusader Award at RVMS is given to parents or community members who have made an extraordinary commitment to the students of Rockwood Valley.

Congratulations to Maureen Wells, parent volunteer, and 2010-2011 Crusader Award recipient.

RVMS Summer Office Hours and Contact Information

Monday-Friday
8am-11:30am
12:30pm-2pm

Phone: 636-733-4270
FAX: 636-458-7325

Web A-Team

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as members of the 2011-2012 WEB A-Team:

Danielle Wintermute, Mackenzie Bowen, Julia Rector, Kaley Williams, Christopher Amburn, Brendan Vorhees, David Holmes, and Aaron Hoyt

Selecting the team was a very tough decision. Thanks to all of you who have helped with WEB in any way throughout the year.

Nurse's Hours at RVMS

Ingrid Klesh, RVMS school nurse, will be available at RVMS during student orientation on Wednesday, August 10 for any family wishing to bring medications or health-related information before the start of school.

Confidential medical information can also be given directly to the school nurse in the nurse's office on Monday, August 15 and Tuesday, August 16 from 7:10am to 2:40 pm .

Notes from the Nurse



Summer is a great time to schedule an appointment with your child's physician to have physicals done and immunizations up-dated. All incoming sixth grade students should have new physicals, or at least one dated after August 17, 2010, before entering the secondary school level. Please return a copy to the RVMS school nurse, Ingrid Klesh, RN before October 1, 2011, through mail or fax at 636-458-7325. Mrs. Klesh will be available at orientation day and the week before school starts in August to receive physicals, school administered medications and to answer any questions regarding health/wellness issues.

Forms for physicals, permission for medication administration, and the required Annual Student Health Information forms can be printed from the RVMS website at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us. A new Allergy Information/Medical Directive form is also available for students with known severe allergies. Please have your child's physician or clinic complete and sign this form if severe allergies are a problem for your child.



Positive Office Referrals

Congratulations to the following students for receiving positive office referrals: Justin Neuse, Caitlin Birenbaum, Emma Wahl, Brittan Haight, Annie Wilhelm, Anna Saunders, Ryan Rexroat, Xaviana Allen, Sauda Gardner, and Vivienne Lear.

RVMS August Building Hours

- Monday, August 8 and Tuesday, August 9— Building (hallways and office) open 8am to 3pm.
- Wednesday, August 10—Student Orientation is 8am to 12 noon. Building closes at 3pm.
- Thursday, August 11—Hallways open 1pm to 3pm. Office open 8am to 3pm.
- Friday, August 12— Hallways open 8am to 11am. Office open 8am to 3pm.
- Monday, August 15 and Tuesday, August 16— Building (hallways and office) open 8am to 3pm

NOTE: Wednesday, August 17 is the first day of school for students.

Award of Academic Excellence

The Award of Academic Excellence, a prestigious honor at RVMS, is presented to RVMS eighth graders who have earned a 4.0 grade point average for six semesters (three years) of middle school at RVMS.

At the May 2011 Eighth Grade Farewell Ceremony, the award was presented to Olivia Albers, Gabriela Avila, Thomas Bell, Avery Cantor, Kayla Eckardt, Lauren Flowers, Karuna Gausper, Rebecca Handler, Claire Harman, Jenna Ludwig, Erin Newcomer, Kyle Rasmussen, Megan Rigabar, Evan Robinson, Madison Seifert, Cole Stauss, Hailey Treat, and Trisha Wuestling.

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Orientation 2011

Although summer is in full swing, plans for 2011-12 orientation are already well underway. WE NEED YOUR HELP! The date is August 10th from 8 until noon. Now is the time to recruit our volunteers to make this orientation run smoothly for our children. If you can help out please email me at bethc@chipsnet.net or feel free to call me at (314) 825-9554. To assist you in planning your morning, the grade level schedule is as follows:

6th grade: 8am-10am
8th grade: 10am-11am
7th grade: 11am-12 noon

Thanks,
Beth Caraway
Orientation Chairperson

We need YOU!

We are in need of an Orientation cochair/shadow for the upcoming school year. This would ideally be someone who is interested in chairing this event in the 2012-13 school year. Please contact Anita Higginbotham at higginba@aol.com if you would like to get involved.

6th Grade Fun and Field Day

A BIG thank you to all the parents who donated items and volunteered hours to the 6th Grade Fun and Field Day. Even though the ground was a bit soggy, a great time was had by all. Special thanks to: Kathy Gettinger, Naimisha Patel, Jennifer Hoffman, Monica Bierschenk, Sherry Uebelein, Michol Mullen, Jill Schatz, Rhonda Hackmiller, Sonya Sauter, Kristen O'Connell, Ellie Cohen, Shannon Willhite, Mary Janicki, Cathy Coffman, Kitty Mandis, Tonia Stauss, Sharon Goedeke, Debby Hardesty, Karen Fox, Anita Howard, Beth Bonney, Todd Houldsworth, Nina Collier, Dawn Morrissey, Jim and Joanne Descher, Teresa and Mike Nicholson, Jennifer Jackson, Tammy DeFranesco, Patty Guerkink, Kristen Emms, Sally Smith, Ilyse Mazza, Cindy Morganthaller, Carol Ramirez, Michele Triechmann, and Corinne Lagoy.

8th Grade Farewell

I would like to thank the following people for helping with 8th Grade Farewell: Pam Panchot for heading up the decorations for the dance and Melinda Kinsaul and Sandy Zadoks for heading up the farewell ceremony reception. A huge thank you also goes out to the many volunteers who made it all happen: Dayl Fullmer, Angela Corvington, Beth Freeman, Carren Rogan, Dania Catalano, Deanna Eguires, Janelle Leonard, Laura Mehard, Laverne Worley, Lisa Bollinger, Lisa Terneus, Lynn Norfleet, Sally Smith, Sheila Carnahan, Tonia Stauss, Tonya Bergman, and Carol Fox. Your creative ideas, dedication and hard work made the events huge successes. The kids really enjoyed and appreciated everything.

We would also like to thank the 7th grade parent volunteers for helping with the reception so we could enjoy the evening with our children: Kristine Tremper, Debbie Leuken, Jana Wegner, Jennifer Sweet, Cathy Gallaher, Krista Hansen, and Kris Van House.

Although the field day was rained out, I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who donated supplies and were willing to volunteer their time: Sue Ludwig, Karen Keegans, Nancy Albers, Judy Burleski, Tonia Stauss, Raquel Banyas, Laura Gigliotti, Melinda Kinsaul, Anita Howard, Tonya Bergman, Barb Rigabar, Stephanie Erthal, Tracey Carpenter, Brigitte Underwood, Barb Eckhard, Stacey Burke, Laura Mehard, Sally Smith, Anita Higginbotham, Lisa Terneus, Angela Corvington, Linda Dawson, Jodi Treat, Carren Rogan, Maureen Wells, Sandy Zadoks, and Beth Bonney.

A special thank you to the teachers, administrators, custodians, cafeteria staff, Officer Widdis and Mr. Schweizer for their willingness to help.

Kristina Short
8th Grade Farewell Chair



Library News

The Missouri Association of School Librarians has announced the nominees for the 2011-2012 Readers' Awards.

Mark Twain Nominees – Grades 4-6

The Potato Chip Puzzles – Eric Berlin
Secret of Zoom – Lynne Jonell
Runaway Twin – Peg Kehret
Love, Aubrey – Suzanne LaFleur
Million-Dollar Throw – Mike Lupica
11 Birthdays – Wendy Mass
Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z – Kate Messner
Faith, Hope, and Ivy June – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Heart of a Shepherd – Dean Pitchford
Storm Chaser – Chris Platt
Mudville – Kurtis Scaletta

Truman Nominees – Grades 6-9

Invisible Lines – Mary Amato
Double Eagle – Sneed B. Collard III
If the Witness Lied – Caroline Cooney
The Maze Runner – James Dashner
Adventurers Wanted: Slathbog's Gold – M.L. Forman

The Shifter – Janice Hardy
The Cupcake Queen – Heather Hepler
The Last Thing I Remember – Andrew Klavan
Pop – Gordon Korman
Jane in Bloom – Deborah Lytton
The Farwalker's Quest – Joni Sensel
Bull Rider – Suzanne Morgan Williams

Gateway Nominees – Grades 8-12

Fat Cat – Robin Brande
Hate List – Jennifer Brown
After – Amy Efaw
The Morgue and Me – John C. Ford
If I Stay – Gayle Forman
King of the Screwups – K.L. Going
Muchacho – Louanne Johnson
Hold Still – Nina LaCour
Flash Burnout – L.K. Madigan
Purple Heart – Patricia McCormick
We Were Here – Matt de la Pena
Shiver – Maggie Stiefvater
If I Grow Up – Todd Strasser
The Chosen One – Carol Lynch Williams
Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have – Allen Zadoff



Rockwood Valley Night at Busch Stadium is September 9, 2011

The Rockwood Valley Concert Band has been invited to perform the National Anthem at the St. Louis Cardinals vs. **the Atlanta Braves** on Friday, September 9, 2011. The entire Rockwood Valley Middle School community is invited to Rockwood Valley Night at Busch stadium. **Tickets are available for \$12.00.** (Regular price is \$34.00.) If you are interested in attending this fun event, please fill out and return this form to the Rockwood Valley Welcome Center, care of John Menner. A limited number of tickets are available, so order yours today.

I would like _____ (# of tickets) at \$12.00 each for a total of \$ _____ for the Rockwood Valley Night at the Cardinal game on Friday, September 9, 2011. (Please make checks payable to RVMS.)

PLEASE PRINT

Student's name _____

Parent's name _____

Student's 2011-2012 grade _____

Home phone number _____

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JUNE 2010

6—Q4/S2 grades posted on IC and mailed home to parents

JULY 2010

Read, relax, and rejuvenate!

AUGUST 2010

3—WEB Training for WEB leaders, 8-3pm
4—WEB Training for WEB leaders, 8-3pm
8—WEB Assembly, 8-12 noon
9—Yearbook Mini-Camp, Room 1705, 9-2pm
10—Student Orientation: Sixth Grade-8am-10am; Eighth Grade-10am-11am; Seventh Grade-11am-12 noon; Building closes at 3pm
15—Sixth Grade Curriculum Night, 7-8:30pm
17—First Day of School for Students
18—Seventh/Eighth Grade Curriculum Night, 7-8:30pm

School Resumes Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Have a great summer !
