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Winter Break

Dec. 23 - January 3



Selvidge Stampede

'Whatever It Takes'

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December 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to December!

As we begin wrapping up the first semester I wanted to use this opportunity to reflect back on some of the highlights as well as look forward to some of our work in the next semester. One of the things I am most proud of about our staff and students is their commitment to our school community. As a staff, we began the year with a strong focus on our students' academic needs and haven't let up on that focus. This past semester, our administrative team and teachers have reviewed and summarized test data from MAP and SAT scores for each department (science, social studies, language arts and math). We used that information to help identify strengths and weaknesses in student learning and develop strategies to address those areas. But, the SMS teachers go beyond just using standardized test scores to know where students' academic strengths lay, they use their own formative assessments and meet collaboratively to plan for and adjust to student needs. Our students have definitely stepped up to the plate both academically and in many community oriented projects. This past semester we had several students recognized for winning a national award – Siemens Christopher Columbus Award for their research and community service around invasive plant species. SMS students have also competed successfully in the district cross country meet and the swim meet where we brought the largest group ever. Look for the swim meet results in this newsletter. In another section of this newsletter I have posted information about our 8th grade EXPLORE scores that show our 8th grade class performing well above national standards. I also have to point out the great community service work done by many of our student groups – NJHS, STUCO, FACS students and many others as they prepared organized and conducted a large part of our recent Veterans Day Assembly. There is a lot to be proud of with our school and students!

December brings our end of semester – 'Winter Concerts' and performances. I would encourage you to come to SMS for any or all of our concerts so you can enjoy the performances by these groups. We are all proud of the great achievements made by our students in Band, Orchestra and Vocal Music. The concerts are a way for us to share their talents with the whole community.

Finally, from everyone at Selvidge I would like to wish you a happy holiday season and great end to the 1st semester!

Sincerely,

Sean F. Stryhal

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December 2010



December 1 & 2	Middle School Bowling
December 1 - 16	Toy Drive
December 6	Choir Concert 7:00 pm
December 7	Early Release Day
December 8	Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
December 9	Band Concert 7:00 pm
December 10	Winter Dance sponsored by Stuco 2:30 - 3:30 pm
December 13	7th grade Green CAP Field Trip
December 16	Braggin Rights Volleyball Game- SMS vs. Elementary Schools 7:00pm
December 22	Blizzard Bash 1:00pm
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break

8th Grade Finals Schedule

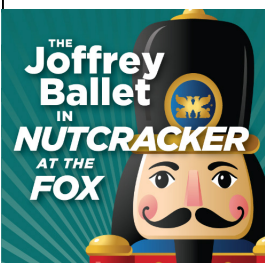
8th grade Parents – Below is the schedule for 8th grade first semester final exams. Please stress the importance of studying for finals and also arriving at school on time and prepared for the tests with your child. Special Note: 6th and 7th grade students taking 8th grade math classes WILL take the math final as scheduled below. Their teachers know that they will miss the 1st period on Monday and will plan accordingly.

Monday 20th

7:30-9:30 -- Math final (No Homebase for 8th grade)
9:35-10:41 -- LA DCA 2 part 1
10:41-12:50 -- Lunch and Encore
12:55-2:20 -- American History final

Tuesday December 21

7:30-9:05 -- Science final
9:10-10:41 -- LA DCA Part 2
10:41-12:50 -- Lunch and Encore
12:51-2:22 -- Team Time/Activities



Selvidge Middle School Student to appear in Nutcracker at the Fox

Jessica Lee will join one of the great dance companies of the world on stage at the historic Fox Theatre in St. Louis on Thursday through Sunday, December 2-5 when she performs alongside the Joffrey Ballet in *Nutcracker at the Fox*. The holiday classic is presented by Dance St. Louis and Wells Fargo Advisors. The Dance St. Louis box office number is 314-534-6622.

A 7th-grader, Jessica will play a mouse and a little clown called a “polichinelle” in three of the six performances, on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 5 at 1 p.m.

Jessica studies dance at Dance Inc in Ellisville. She won her role in open auditions held in late September and has been rehearsing every weekend since then. She also performed in *Nutcracker at the Fox* in 2007

December 2010 PTO News...



President	Annie Martino (Email: martinogirls@hotmail.com)
Vice-President	Rhonda Costa
Treasurer	April Stelzer
Co-Treasurer	Sherry Myer
Corresponding Secretary	Soundhra Lakshmanan
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Egan

Trivia Night

Thank you to the families and faculty who attended the Annual SMS Trivia Night. This year we moved the event into the gym because there were a record number of tables sold...25 tables! Mr. Stryhal, Mr. Keller and Dr. Anselmo did a fantastic job creating the entertaining but challenging questions. Hopefully next year Dr. Anselmo will show off his dance moves again! This year's grade level theme baskets were extremely successful. Thank you to all the parents and students who donated to the baskets. Special thanks go to *Danielle and Brad Smith* for donating a Mizzou Picture and the *Patschorke Family* for donating fantastic Rams and Blues tickets.

*A **HUGE Thank You** goes to all the generous businesses who donated prizes to our Trivia Night. Your support is greatly appreciated!*

Firestone (Jim Karas)	St. Louis Acura
Honey Baked Hams	IHOP
Genghis Grill	Gingham's
Papa Johns	Sapporo Sushi
Hollywood Tan	Mr. Harry's
St. Louis Bread Co (Wildwood)	

Magazine Sales

Remember, even though the turn-in dates have past, you can still help out Selvidge by purchasing or renewing your magazines online. Simply go to www.QSP.com and enter our school code: 425006613. You can do this **year round!**

Schnucks E-script Cards!!!

Do you purchase groceries for your family? Do you purchase them at Schnucks? Do you ever run in to Schnucks and pick up a few things? If you answered yes then be sure to use your Schnucks E-script card! Simply hand the card to the checker when paying and a portion of your purchase comes back to Selvidge. With holidays coming up, this is a great opportunity to raise money for the school. If you do not have a Schnucks E-script card, stop by the school office and pick one up today.

National Geographic Geography Bee

The National Geographic Geography Bee is open to all 6-8 grade students this year. Students will be taking a qualifying test in their Social Studies class. The students with the highest scores will be invited to participate in the Geography Bee Preliminary competition. The preliminary round will be held on December 8th after school. The preliminary competition is held in order to narrow the competitors down to 10 for the Final Round competition which will be held on January 19th after school. Here are several resources that students could use in order to prepare for the bee.

If you have any questions you can contact Dana Stiebel at

stiebeldana@rockwood.k12.mo.us and Kevin Walters at walterskevin@rockwood.k12.mo.us.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/today.html>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Games/GeographyGames/Geospy>

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/sample_questions.html

<http://geography.about.com/cs/geographybee/a/geobee.htm>

Dream Catchers

Dream Catchers is the scholarship program designed for students in grades 4-11 to explore their educational potential. The application window is now open and will close on Jan. 18, 2011. More information and a link to the [scholarship application](#) are available here.

8th Grade Explore Results 2010-11

I would like to share some results from the Explore test given to all 8th grade students first semester. The importance of the Explore test is that the results are linked to the College Readiness Standards and indicate what students are likely to know and be able to do in high school and college. I will provide more detailed information to department chairs later this month.

In summary:

Our students score significantly above the National Norms.

Percent of students in College Readiness Standards score ranges

Are our students *On Track* to be college ready when they graduate from high school?

Students are considered in the range if they score at or above the Benchmark score for that subject area. All subject areas are on a 25 point scale.

Subject	Percent at or Above Benchmark	
	Selvidge	National
English (Benchmark = 13)	75%	61%
Mathematics (Benchmark = 17)	42%	36%
Reading (Benchmark = 15)	58%	36%
Science (Benchmark = 20)	23%	10%

Middle School Volleyball Tournament Guidelines

Parents – the information below is in reference to the Rockwood Middle School Volleyball Tournament. These are the guidelines which were established last year for the tournament play. SMS will begin the tournament selection during the month of December and end in January before the district tournament.

Each Middle School Phys Ed Staff or School ECA Supervisor will announce to the entire school that there will be an After-School Intramural Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament held at their school. The tournaments will be divided by grade level. Any student who wants to participate in his/her grade level tournament must fill out an entry form and return it to their Phys Ed Teacher.

Team Selection

The Phys Ed Staff and/or ECA supervisor will divide the entries by grade level and by gender:

6th grade boys & girls, 7th grade boys & girls, & 8th grade boys & girls.

Note: If the girls grade level pile of entries (number of entries) is larger than the boys grade level pile of entries (number of entries), the teacher will double entry the boys pile until they evenly match.

This will cause some boys to possibly be on two teams. (This procedure would not be announced to the school, it is just a way of solving the problem of having too many girls and not enough boys wanting to play in the after-school tournament.)

Each grade level's teams are then randomly selected by random drawing of the entry names from the pile of entries that have been separated by grade level and gender.

There will be 9 players on each team, 5 girls and 4 boys. To establish each team the Phys Ed staff or the ECA supervisor will first select a 6th grade girl, then a 6th grade boy, then repeat this procedure until the 9 person team is created. This procedure would continue until all students were randomly picked and placed on a team. Repeat this process for each grade level.

After-school Tournament

A round robin Tournament will be set up by the Phys Ed staff or the ECA supervisor and play would begin with 6th grade playing in week 1, 7th grade playing in week 2, and 8th grade playing in week 3.

At the end of each grade level's tournament, the top two teams per grade level will advance to the all district Volleyball Tournament. If a student does not want to play in the all district tournament or they would be unavailable to play on that the date of the all district tournament, a boy or a girl from the 3rd place team will be randomly selected to replace that student who can not attend or does not want to attend the All District Volleyball Tournament. During week 4 the teams who finished 1st and 2nd from their grade level will be asked to stay after school for the Phys Ed Teacher and/or a building certified staff member sponsor/coach, to coach these teams for 1 week, just before the All District Tournament.

Missouri State High School Activities Association guidelines (MSHSAA)

Citizenship Rule

- You must be a creditable citizen. Creditable citizens are those students whose conduct - both in school and out of school - will not reflect discredit upon themselves or their school.

NOTE: Conduct by the student involving law enforcement should be reported to your principal immediately as your conduct may affect eligibility or contest outcomes.

Sportsmanship Rule

- If you should commit an unsportsmanlike act while participating in an event, you could become ineligible.
- If your conduct as a spectator is found to be unsportsmanlike, you could be barred from attending any further Middle School athletic contests.

The unsportsmanlike conduct of any spectator — regardless of age — could cause that spectator to be barred from attending school athletic contests.

Participation age requirements for grades 6-8

- In order to participate on or against teams made up of only sixth graders, you must not have reached 13 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.

- In order to participate on or against teams made up of only seventh-graders, you must not have reached 14 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.

- In order to participate on or against teams made up of only eighth-graders, you must not have reached 15 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.

- However, you may participate with the next higher grade when you no longer meet the age limit for your grade.

NOTE: Check with your school principal for options available to you if you are ineligible for your grade level because of age.

2010 Selvidge Middle School Swim Meet Results



Event 1 Girls 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Freestyle

2 Brill, Sarah 14 SMS-OZ 29.07
3 Byars, Michelle 14 SMS-OZ 31.38
4 Walker, Grace 14 SMS-OZ 31.51
6 Eimer, Jordan 14 SMS-OZ 34.20

Event 2 Boys 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Freestyle

1 McHugh, Colin 14 SMS-OZ 25.74
2 Marlow, Sam 14 SMS-OZ 26.75
3 Clark, Michael 14 SMS-OZ 27.48
5 Grund, Jonah 14 SMS-OZ 31.19

Event 3 Girls 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Freestyle

9 Nelson, Emily 13 SMS-OZ 30.66
10 Barton, Brooke 13 SMS-OZ 31.29
11 Garrison, Jacqueline 13 SMS-OZ 33.18
14 Milla, Savannah 13 SMS-OZ 34.16
16 Droney, Maddy 13 SMS-OZ 34.61
17 Goring, Allie 13 SMS-OZ 34.79
20 Conner, Courtney 13 SMS-OZ 35.
22 Kendall, Claire 13 SMS-OZ 35.27
23 Miller, Karley 13 SMS-OZ 36.25

Event 4 Boys 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Freestyle

3 Butler, Michael 13 SMS-OZ 28.44
4 Esser, Ryan 13 SMS-OZ 29.14
5 Jesielowski, Jake 13 SMS-OZ 29.48
6 Reiter, Matt 13 SMS-OZ 29.66
10 Ham, Noah 13 SMS-OZ 31.42
18 Beaver, Jacob 13 SMS-OZ 36.63
21 Naylor, Stephen 13 SMS-OZ 47.87

Event 5 Girls 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Freestyle

2 Albert, Claire 12 SMS-OZ 29.
8 Whitehead, Shane 12 SMS-OZ 30.73
10 Nelson, Sydney 12 SMS-OZ 32.
17 Chamoun, Tatiana 12 SMS-OZ 34.59
21 Stallings, Danielle 12 SMS-OZ 35.91
23 Constantinides, Megan 12 SMS-OZ
27 McKenzie, Emily 12 SMS-OZ 39.04
28 Paolicchi, Rory 12 SMS-OZ 39.17
29 Schafer, Madison 12 SMS-OZ 39.98
34 Ozersky, Kassidy 12 SMS-OZ 45.55

Event 6 Boys 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Freestyle

3 Burns, Thatcher 12 SMS-OZ 29.02
8 Butler, Mark 12 SMS-OZ 34.13 9 Cox, Bradley
10 Patschorke, Timmy 12 SMS-OZ 35.90 11
13 Cochran, Brenden 12 SMS-OZ 38.44
15 Berry, Luke 12 SMS-OZ 40.24
18 Sherrer, Andrew 12 SMS-OZ 44.53

Event 7 Girls 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Breaststroke

7 Walker, Grace 14 SMS-OZ 44.33
8 McGinnis, Erin 14 SMS-OZ 44.49
11 Eimer, Jordan 14 SMS-OZ 51.70

Event 9 Girls 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Breaststroke

7 Kendall, Claire 13 SMS-OZ 42.63
9 Barton, Brooke 13 SMS-OZ 42.74
12 Conner, Courtney 13 SMS-OZ 45.51
13 Garrison, Jacqueline 13 SMS-OZ 46.35

Event 10 Boys 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Breaststroke

8 Naylor, Stephen 13 SMS-OZ 1:01.16

Event 11 Girls 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Breaststroke

10 Constantinides, Megan 12 SMS-OZ 48.05
13 McKenzie, Emily 12 SMS-OZ 51.13
16 Stallings, Danielle 12 SMS-OZ 56.40
17 Ozersky, Kassidy 12 SMS-OZ 57.61
19 Paolicchi, Rory 12 SMS-OZ 58.26

Event 12 Boys 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Breaststroke

2 Burns, Thatcher 12 SMS-OZ 40.29
10 Patschorke, Timmy 12 SMS-OZ 55.83

Event 13 Girls 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Backstroke

2 Burns, Maisie 14 SMS-OZ 34.94
5 Byars, Michelle 14 SMS-OZ 39.88
6 McGinnis, Erin 14 SMS-OZ 41.40
11 Eimer, Jordan 14 SMS-OZ 48.17

Event 14 Boys 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Backstroke

1 McHugh, Colin 14 SMS-OZ 29.60
2 Marlow, Sam 14 SMS-OZ 29.84

Event 15 Girls 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Backstroke

3 Ludens, Ellie 13 SMS-OZ 34.10
7 Barton, Brooke 13 SMS-OZ 36.49
11 Droney, Maddy 13 SMS-OZ 41.86
13 Milla, Savannah 13 SMS-OZ 43.99
14 Goring, Allie 13 SMS-OZ 47.58
15 Miller, Karley 13 SMS-OZ 47.95

Event 16 Boys 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Backstroke

5 Reiter, Matt 13 SMS-OZ 36.85
6 Butler, Michael 13 SMS-OZ 38.22
8 Ham, Noah 13 SMS-OZ 39.20
9 Beaver, Jacob 13 SMS-OZ 46.69

Event 17 Girls 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Backstroke

12 Nelson, Sydney 12 SMS-OZ 45.68
13 Chamoun, Tatiana 12 SMS-OZ 45.69
17 Stallings, Danielle 12 SMS-OZ 48.17
21 Paolicchi, Rory 12 SMS-OZ 54.96
22 Schafer, Madison 12 SMS-OZ 59.88

Event 18 Boys 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Backstroke

3 Cochran, Brenden 12 SMS-OZ 47.23
5 Butler, Mark 12 SMS-OZ 48.
9 Sherrer, Andrew 12 SMS-OZ 54.61
10 Patschorke, Timmy 12 SMS-OZ 55.23

Event 19 Girls 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Butterfly

2 Brill, Sarah 14 SMS-OZ 33.01
4 Burns, Maisie 14 SMS-OZ 36.08
6 McGinnis, Erin 14 SMS-OZ 39.14

Event 20 Boys 14 Year Olds 50 Yard Butterfly

1 McHugh, Colin 14 SMS-OZ 29.14
3 Clark, Michael 14 SMS-OZ 31.15
5 Grund, Jonah 14 SMS-OZ 38.14

Event 21 Girls 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Butterfly

7 Ludens, Ellie 13 SMS-OZ 33.74
9 Nelson, Emily 13 SMS-OZ 34.32
12 Milla, Savannah 13 SMS-OZ 40.35
14 Droney, Maddy 13 SMS-OZ 41.31
15 Miller, Karley 13 SMS-OZ 41.63
16 Goring, Allie 13 SMS-OZ 43.59

Event 22 Boys 13 Year Olds 50 Yard Butterfly

2 Reiter, Matt 13 SMS-OZ 33.26
 3 Jesielowski, Jake 13 SMS-OZ 33.56
 5 Esser, Ryan 13 SMS-OZ 35.25
 10 Butler, Michael 13 SMS-OZ 39.83
 11 Ham, Noah 13 SMS-OZ 41.23
 12 Biever, Jacob 13 SMS-OZ 48.86
 13 Naylor, Stephen 13 SMS-OZ 1:02.08

Event 23 Girls 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Butterfly

4 Albert, Claire 12 SMS-OZ 35.18
 5 Whitehead, Shane 12 SMS-OZ 35.26
 13 Constantinides, Megan 12 SMS-OZ 42.44
 14 Chamoun, Tatiana 12 SMS-OZ 42.55
 19 Schafer, Madison 12 SMS-OZ 50.34
 20 McKenzie, Emily 12 SMS-OZ 52.36

Event 24 Boys 12 Year Olds 50 Yard Butterfly

4 Butler, Mark 12 SMS-OZ 45.87
 7 Cochran, Brenden 12 SMS-OZ 53.17

Event 25 Girls 14 Year Olds 100 Yard IM

4 Brill, Sarah 14 SMS-OZ 1:17.09
 6 Burns, Maisie 14 SMS-OZ 1:20.43
 8 Walker, Grace 14 SMS-OZ 1:23.23
 9 Byars, Michelle 14 SMS-OZ 1:25.43

Event 26 Boys 14 Year Olds 100 Yard IM

1 Marlow, Sam 14 SMS-OZ 1:06.50
 2 Clark, Michael 14 SMS-OZ 1:11.09
 6 Grund, Jonah 14 SMS-OZ 1:34.90

Event 27 Girls 13 Year Olds 100 Yard IM

4 Ludens, Ellie 13 SMS-OZ 1:16.63
 6 Nelson, Emily 13 SMS-OZ 1:18.60
 14 Garrison, Jacqueline 13 SMS-OZ 1:29.68

Event 28 Boys 13 Year Olds 100 Yard IM

5 Jesielowski, Jake 13 SMS-OZ 1:18.87
 6 Esser, Ryan 13 SMS-OZ 1:20.00

Event 29 Girls 12 Year Olds 100 Yard IM

4 Albert, Claire 12 SMS-OZ 1:16.38
 9 Nelson, Sydney 12 SMS-OZ 1:30.46

Event 30 Boys 12 Year Olds 100 Yard IM

4 Burns, Thatcher 12 SMS-OZ 1:15.80

Event 31 Girls 14 Year Olds

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

2 SMS-OZ A 2:09.15
 1) Brill, Sarah 14 2) Byars, Michelle 14
 3) Walker, Grace 14 4) Burns, Maisie 14

Event 32 Boys 14 Year Olds

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1 SMS-OZ A 1:56.95
 1) McHugh, Colin 14 2) Grund, Jonah 14
 3) Clark, Michael 14 4) Marlow, Sam 14

Event 33 Girls 13 Year Olds

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

3 SMS-OZ A 2:12.69
 1) Nelson, Emily 13 2) Garrison, Jacqueline 13
 3) Milla, Savannah 13 4) Ludens, Ellie 13
 5 SMS-OZ B 2:23.23
 1) Goring, Allie 13 2) Miller, Karley 13
 3) Kendall, Claire 13 4) Barton, Brooke 13

***Event 34 Boys 13 Year Olds**

200 Yard Freestyle Relay*

1 SMS-OZ A 1:57.05
 1) Butler, Michael 13 2) Reiter, Matt 13
 3) Jesielowski, Jake 13 4) Esser, Ryan 13



Event 35 Girls 12 Year Olds

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

2 SMS-OZ A 2:13.70
 1) Whitehead, Shane 12 2) Nelson, Sydney 12
 3) Chamoun, Tatiana 12 4) Albert, Claire 12
 7 SMS-OZ B 2:36.96
 1) Stallings, Danielle 12 2) McKenzie, Emily 12
 3) Constantinides, Megan 12 4) Schafer, Madison 12

Event 36 Boys 12 Year Olds

200 Yard Freestyle Relay

3 SMS-OZ A 2:35.51
 1) Butler, Mark 12 2) Sherrer, Andrew 12
 3) Berry, Luke 12 4) Burns, Thatcher 12

Event 37 Girls 14 Year Olds

200 Yard Medley Relay

2 SMS-OZ A 2:27.13
 1) Burns, Maisie 14 2) Walker, Grace 14
 3) Brill, Sarah 14 4) Byars, Michelle 14

Event 38 Boys 14 Year Olds

200 Yard Medley Relay

1 SMS-OZ A 2:16.02
 1) Marlow, Sam 14 2) Grund, Jonah 14
 3) McHugh, Colin 14 4) Clark, Michael 14

Event 39 Girls 13 Year Olds

200 Yard Medley Relay

3 SMS-OZ A 2:28.29
 1) Barton, Brooke 13 2) Kendall, Claire 13
 3) Ludens, Ellie 13 4) Nelson, Emily 13
 6 SMS-OZ B 2:55.43
 1) Miller, Karley 13 2) Garrison, Jacqueline 13
 3) Milla, Savannah 13 4) Goring, Allie 13

Event 40 Boys 13 Year Olds

200 Yard Medley Relay

2 SMS-OZ A 2:22.27
 1) Butler, Michael 13 2) Jesielowski, Jake 13
 3) Reiter, Matt 13 4) Esser, Ryan 13

Event 41 Girls 12 Year Olds

200 Yard Medley Relay

3 SMS-OZ A 2:43.38
 1) Nelson, Sydney 12 2) Albert, Claire 12
 3) Whitehead, Shane 12 4) Chamoun, Tatiana 12
 6 SMS-OZ B 3:19.94
 1) Stallings, Danielle 12 2) Constantinides, Megan 12
 3) Schafer, Madison 12 4) McKenzie, Emily 12

Event 42 Boys 12 Year Olds

200 Yard Medley Relay

3 SMS-OZ A 2:59.76
 1) Cochran, Brenden 12 2) Burns, Thatcher 12
 3) Butler, Mark 12 4) Berry, Luke 12

* Record broken 2010

Nurse's Note....

Thanks to everyone who helped with vision and hearing screenings! A special thank you to the parent volunteers, language arts teachers, library and administration staff for all your help. If you have NOT received any information regarding these screenings then your child "passed".

Parents please be aware that there is an increase in pertussis cases in the St Louis community. If you or your child have not been recently immunized, please check with your physician. Holiday travel increases everyone's risk of exposure and infection from this communicable disease. Have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season

The Zone



"The Zone" is a fun and exciting summer program for current 5th through 8th graders. Students turning 14 on or before June 30, 2011 are not eligible to attend the Zone.

Each week is jam-packed with field trips, swimming, restaurant days and so much more! Zone members will make new friends, share experiences, and create memories.

The weekly program begins June 6th and will run until August 5th (with the exception of July 4, 2011). "The Zone" will be open Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The program offers a 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 day rate with schedule flexibility.

The Zone locations are tentatively scheduled at Rockwood Summit and Selvidge Middle.

The Zone will begin accepting applications beginning February 28, 2011. Please call the Adventure Club office for more specific information at 636-891-6675.

Don't Miss Out On The Zone!!!
More field trips, more activities, more FUN!



2011 Marquette Jr. Mustangs Football Registration



The Junior Mustang Program is designed to teach the fundamentals of the game of football in a safe manner, while creating a sense of community, a sense of confidence and teamwork. The Junior Mustang experience will hopefully turn into an 8-year journey taking players into Marquette's Football Program. The goal is have every Junior Mustang player enter the Marquette High School Football program with a solid understanding of the system and expectations.



Are you a 5th - 8th grader interested in football?



Do you live in the Marquette High School attendance area and plan on attending MHS?



If you are interested in learning more about our program and the goals, please visit the website at: www.jrmustangsfootball.com



If you are familiar with our great program and are interested in becoming a Jr. Mustang, **sign ups begin on FEBRUARY 1, 2011.** Please visit www.jrmustangsfootball.com and click on the "sign up" link OR call Chris Turner, Program Coordinator at (314) 378-4318.



There are no concession duty requirements or buyout fees!





Inclement Weather

School closings, or early school dismissal due to inclement weather, will be announced on the Rockwood website as soon as the decision is made to cancel school. In addition, the district will use the AlertNow system during inclement weather.

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Borchers will send an AlertNow voice message to Rockwood parents informing them of the decision to cancel classes.

If the decision is made the night before, the AlertNow phone call will go out as a non-emergency message to the household phone number. If the decision to close school is made the morning of the cancellation, or the decision is made to dismiss school early, the AlertNow message will go out as an emergency call to all phone numbers listed for the student.

Parents may also check the following news stations:

KMOX 1120 (AM) **KMOV Channel 4**
KTVI Channel 2/11 **KSDK Channel 5**

If you have questions about school closings, visit the emergency preparedness page on the Rockwood website: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/emergency.

Visit www.alertnowmessage.com for a replay of messages sent by the school and district.



The Rockwood Board of Education is facing difficult decisions regarding district finances and the 2011-2012 district budget. These decisions require careful consideration of options within these three areas:

- Revenue replacement (tax rate increase)
- Cost reductions
- Fund balance reductions

These difficult economic times are challenging for all of us. Rockwood has continued to see decreases in revenue from the state's education funding formula and from state sales tax. During the past two years, the district has cut about \$12 million from the school district operating budget. Even with these budget cuts, it is anticipated that expenditures will exceed revenues in the coming years.

Rockwood is following a Guiding Change process for budget planning. An essential part of that process is input from all stakeholders. Be informed and learn more on the Rockwood website: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/guidingchange.

Dare to Succeed -- Be a Dream Catcher!

The Rockwood Schools Foundation is proud to continue the Dream Catchers scholarship program designed for students in grades 4 – 11. This year, the scholarship cycle opens on November 22, 2010 and will close January 18, 2011.

A wealth of opportunities exists for young adults in the areas of arts, leadership, community awareness, history and the sciences. The scholarship money can help pay for camp, lessons, conferences or specialized courses of study.

To view a scholarship application, go to this website: www.rockwoodschooolsfoundation.com.

For more information call the Foundation at 636.207.6800.

File as a School Board Candidate

Rockwood residents who wish to file as candidates for the April 5 election for the Rockwood Board of Education should do so in person:

When: Dec. 15, 2010 - Jan. 19, 2011

Where: Rockwood Administrative Center

Address: 111 E. North Street in Eureka

Three Board director positions will be decided on the April 5 ballot. The terms of Darla Baker, Kim McGuinness and Steve Smith will expire in April.

Call the Rockwood Administrative Center at (636) 733-2005 for more information.