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January 2011

Dear Parents,

Enrollment Meetings: This month our counselors will be visiting elementary schools and each grade level at SMS to discuss enrollment information for the coming school year. Middle school parents (including parents of incoming 6th grade students) will be able to enroll students online. Our counselors will explain this process to students during curriculum meetings and will send home information on the process for parents to review. Please call your grade level counselor if you have any questions about online enrollment.

Incoming 6th grade parents- your child's counselor for the 2010-11 school year will be Mrs. Molly Rundquist. Our '6th Grade Curriculum Night', this month is scheduled for January 19th at 7:00 PM in the Selvidge Cafeteria. This evening is organized so that we can review the Middle School Curriculum and answer any questions you may have about the enrollment process. Our academic Stretch Teacher – Ms. Stockman will meet with parents in her room prior to our large group meeting. Look for a letter from her later this month.

As we start the second semester I can't help but reflect back on a fantastic and busy first semester. We ended on a high note with outstanding November and December performances by the band, choir, strings and drama departments. Academically, our students are achieving at a very high level and once again we have students placing in the top ten and twenty in the nation in multiple mathematics competitions!

Our students also worked on a number of community service projects and collecting for various causes from a Toy Drive to collecting food for Circle of Concern. We are very proud of our students and their achievements and look forward to their continued **success** in the coming semester.

On a final note; every year at the start of the 3rd quarter I send out a reminder to parents about the '3rd Quarter Slump'. Unfortunately, the 3rd quarter is a time when we tend to see students begin backing away from good study and work habits leading to a definite impact on grades. I urge you, as we start the new quarter, to encourage your child to stick with good study and work habits.

Sincerely,

Sean F. Stryhal

January 2011



- January 4 School Resumes
- January 6 Braggin Rights Volleyball Tournament 7:00pm
- January 7 Mrs. Rundquist to Ridge Meadows @ 11:40, presentation to 5th graders
- January 7 Mrs. Rundquist to Woerther @ 1:30, presentation to 5th graders
- January 11 6th Grade Band Concert 7:00 pm
- January 12 Band Concert for 5th Graders @ SMS 10:00 am
- January 13 Mrs. Rundquist to Ballwin @ 1:00, presentation to 5th graders
- January 14 EARLY RELEASE DAY
- January 17 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King JR's B.D
- January 19 Geography Bee 2:30 pm
- January 19 Curriculum Night for Incoming 6th graders 7:00 pm
- January 21 - February 1 - Infinite Campus enrollment portal open
- January 22 Middle School Volleyball Tournament - EHS 8:00 - 4:30 pm
- February 3 Enrollment forms deadline to 5th grade teachers
- February 4 Mrs. Rundquist picks up enrollment forms

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.](#)

ART SHOW NEWS

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 District Art Show At Selvidge April 9 and April 10. All students and parents interested in helping with the art show please e-mail Mrs. Bower. Thank you so much to everyone who has already generously volunteered time to support this event! We expect about 10,000 people to attend, so the more the merrier☺

HOOPS FOR HEART

The Selvidge PE Department will be sponsoring the annual Hoops for Heart Event beginning in February. Information will be passed out in PE classes.



January 2011 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

8th Grade Activities

It's time to start planning for the year end 8th grade activities. If you have not signed up, but would like to volunteer please send an email to Connie Gonzales (mrsq13@att.net). Look for an email coming soon with the date and time for the meeting to start the planning process.

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.

News from the Math Competition Club

In October, our mathematicians participated in the American Math Challenge. This was an on-line math competition open to students across the entire country. Over 120,000 students participated nationwide, and we are proud to announce that 8th grader Matthew Chan achieved 15th place! Matthew was awarded an iPod Shuffle for his achievement. Selvidge Middle School is proud of Matthew and all of our participating students.



Math Competition Club 2010-2011 2nd Semester Contest Dates

January, 2011

- 1/6/11: NO Meeting Today!
 - 1/11/11 (Tuesday!): Sigma
 - 1/13/11 (Thursday): Math Olympiad
 - 1/20/11 (Thursday): Qualifying Test for Math Counts Competition
- 1/17/11 (Thursday): Practice

February, 2011

- 2/3/11 (Thursday): Practice
- 2/10/11 (Thursday): Math Olympiad
 - 2/17/11 (Thursday): Math League
 - 2/19/11 (Saturday): Math Counts—This takes place at Florissant Valley Community College. You will receive more information about this contest.
- 2/24/11 (Thursday): Sigma

March, 2011

- 3/3/11 (Thursday): Qualifying Test for 6th/7/8 MCTM Contests
 - 3/10/11 (Thursday): Math Olympiad
 - 3/17/11: NO Meeting Today!
- 3/31/11: (Thursday) Practice

April, 2011

- 4/2/11 (Saturday): MCTM for 6th Grade—this takes place at LaSalle Springs Middle School. You will receive more information about this contest.
 - 4/7/11 (Thursday): Sigma
- 4/9/11 (Saturday): MCTM for 7th/8th Grade—this takes place at LaSalle Springs Middle School. You will receive more information about this contest.

We will continue to meet most Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. If we do not have a contest, we will continue to practice our skills.

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.

District News

January 2011

Rockwood Freezes Some Salaries and Reduces Staffing for FY12

During a Dec. 16 meeting, the Rockwood Board of Education provided direction to district administrators regarding cost reductions to balance the FY12 school district budget. Reductions included the following:

- Freezing salaries for administrators and support staff not covered by existing negotiated agreements
- Reducing middle school staffing points by six
- Reducing high school staffing points by eight



“These are difficult economic times, and our schools are feeling the effects,” says Rockwood Superintendent Dr. Bruce Borchers. “Trimming more than \$7 million from an already lean budget is a challenge that is requiring some tough decisions. The salary freeze and staffing cuts will be a hard hit for our community.”

A complete list of the proposed cost reductions is available on the Rockwood website. Cost reduction ideas were generated through a stakeholder input process that involved parents, staff and the community. In addition, the Board reviewed opportunities to generate revenue, and they provided direction to increase the following fees:

- Full-day kindergarten tuition from \$3,450 to \$3,625
- High school parking fees from \$100 to \$180
- Football and basketball gate fees to attend high school sports from \$3 to \$5

Shirley Broz, Chief Financial and Legislative Affairs Officer, noted, “The measures we’re taking are not long-term solutions. While this budget development process is coming to a conclusion, we are preparing for the next phase of this work – a potential tax rate increase in November 2011.”

The combination of the proposed cost reductions, revenue generation and fund balance transfers achieves a balanced budget for FY12 as noted below:

Strategies	Proposed Savings
Cost Reductions: Options 1 and 2	\$5,342,660
Revenue Generation	\$440,000
Fund Balance	\$2,092,930
TOTAL	\$7,875,590

As next steps, the Board asked for more information on other opportunities for proposed revenue generation, including senior incentive, pay-to-play fees for MSHSAA sports and transportation. Rockwood has been following a Guiding Change process to enable the Board to make informed decisions about the upcoming budget.

View all information on www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/guidingchange.



2011 ROSE Awards

The ROSE Award is one of Rockwood’s highest honors and is given to individuals who show excellence of character, leadership, performance and service. Anyone can nominate an outstanding teacher, parent, administrator, community member or support staff for this exclusive award.

Look for ROSE Award nomination forms on the Rockwood website beginning Jan. 4. The deadline for completing nominations is Jan. 26. Find more information on www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/rose.

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

