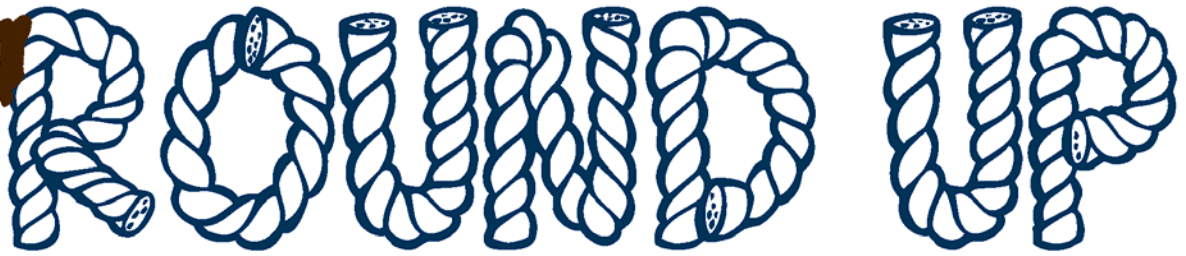




Wild Horse



Dear Parents,

Although we still have 6 weeks left in this school year, I wanted to share with you an exciting change that will take place for next year. Recently, the district has redesigned all of the school websites. The Wild Horse site now contains a 3 column format. The far left column will be for district news. The middle column will always show the upcoming events on the Wild Horse calendar. Finally, the far right column will contain school news.

This new format will allow us to produce a 'living' newsletter. Now, we send out a monthly newsletter. This means that some of the news that it contains could be about 3 weeks old. Next school year, we will no longer be sending out a monthly newsletter. We will be posting school information in the right column of the website as it occurs. This will allow us to get information to you in 'real time'. We are very excited about this opportunity!

I encourage you to bookmark the Wild Horse website www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/wildhorse and check it every time you check your Facebook page or your stocks. You can also set up a RSS feed that pushes out the information to you so that you are always kept up to date with Wild Horse happenings. (Too bad I cannot create an app for your I-Phone!)

I will continue to send out periodic e-mails to parents also, so please keep your e-mail address current with the school office. The change mentioned above only effects our newsletter. We are thrilled that we continue to look for new ways to keep you informed and a part of the Wild Horse community.

Karen Kieffer

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We are STRONG! We are SMART! We are STALLIONS!

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL:

- 15-16 3rd Grade Garage Sale Drop-Off
- 19 1st Grade Field Trip to Magic House
- 19 2nd Grade Field Trip to Zoo
- 23 Volunteer Reception, 10:50 a.m.-12:50 am.
- 24-25 District Art Show at Wildwood Middle School
12:00 -3:30 p.m.
- 26 2010-11 Kindergarten Parent Orientation,
6:30 p.m., cafeteria
- 30 Box Top Day

MAY:

- 4 Early Dismissal, 12:08 p.m.
- 4 4th Grade Field Trip to Landings Golf Course
- 6 Mrs. Cohen's Poetry and Punch,
A.M. – 10:30 a.m., P.M. – 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Grade 4 and 5 Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 5th Grade Choral Festival at Six Flags
- 11 5th Grade Crestview Middle School Visit,
9:00 a.m.
- 12 School Nurse Day
- 12 Spirit Day – Stuffed Animal Day

VOLUNTARY TRANSFER AWARDS



On Tuesday, March 2nd, Rockwood School District hosted the annual awards night for the voluntary transfer students at St. Louis University. More than 1700 Rockwood students are city students participating in the voluntary transfer program. Rockwood is proud of the achievements of our students. Wild Horse Elementary is pleased to announce this year's award winners.

Academic Achievement:

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Elicia Beaver | Derek Foster |
| Jashaun Jones | Jazlyn Miller |
| Kornae Miller | Mya Patterson |
| Amaya Teen | Kiara West |
| Xavier West | |

Perfect Attendance:

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Autumn Brown | Shadonna Fowler |
| Sharina Fowler | |

Special Recognition:

- Laresha Smallwood

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

We hope you had your fill at our Wild Horse "Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read". The \$1370.00 we earned lets our library purchase the most current educational materials. We also were able to buy \$1815.00 worth of Scholastic books for our school's library... and it's all because of your help!

We could not have made this book fair possible without the help of our volunteers:



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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rochelle Aaranson | Lisa Sidney |
| Pam Handman | Janet Wendel |
| Rebecca Ellison | Janet Strate |
| Kara Suter | Dinorah Aguilar |
| Becky Eggman | Tracy Alter |
| Joyce Hirabayashi | Jennifer Pisarkiewicz |
| Melody Wintz-Hostetler | Tricia Kirkpatrick |
| Christy Stricker | Laura Olsen |
| Kim Barnes | Susie Pisoni |
| Bonnie Meyers | Mandy French |

Student volunteers:

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Justin Malin | Ashlyn Kirkpatrick |
| Michael Olsen | Matthew Olsen |
| Jasmine Ehney | Hannah Weibert |

Thank you again for supporting your library...and your children.

Cindy Grigg, Linda Malin and Rhonda Rickard
Book Fair Chairpersons

Wild Horse Elementary Monthly Average Attendance	
August 18 – September 4	97.39%
September 8 – October 2	96.33%
October 5 – October 29	92.60%
November 2 – November 24	95.64%
November 30 – December 23	95.23%
January 4 – January 29	96.30%
February 1 – February 26	96.35%
March 1 – April 1	96.08%

END OF YEAR PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT MEDICATIONS

In keeping with the Rockwood School District Medication Policy, no medication may be sent home with a student. You will need to make arrangements of an adult to pick up any remaining medication by the last day of school. This may be a parent, a relative, friend or neighbor. If you have questions about the medication policy, please contact Mary Beagen, school nurse.



SPRING DRESS CODE REMINDERS

With the arrival of spring, remind you children to dress appropriately for learning. Any clothing that may cause distraction from the teaching and learning process is not allowed. Clothing like 'short' shorts/skirts, halter-tops, spaghetti strap tops, t-shirts with inappropriate printing, or clothing that does not cover the midriff is not acceptable.

ROCKWOOD SCIENCE OLYMPICS/SCIENCE FAIR

Rockwood's annual Science Olympics/Science Fair was held on March 27th. The students had an opportunity to explore the scientific process while nurturing their interest and curiosity in science!

Thank you to all students who represented Wild Horse in the Rockwood Science Fair and Science Olympics!

Congratulations to the following students placing in their event:

Science Fair

Vinai Kumar
Vishnu Kumar



Science Olympics

Alex Chen – Bronze Medal in Barge Building
Grant Keebler & Jack Schuman – Gold Medal in Egg Drop

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

For April, Duso the Dolphin will be visiting our Kindergarten classrooms again sharing another story, "The Mistake", helping our Stallions realize that everybody make mistakes and that is important to learn from the mistakes we make.

The first grade students will be sharing ways that they are alike and different this month through reading and discussing, *I'm Like You, You're Like Me* and *Egbert, the Slightly Cracked Egg*. Both books focus on the positive aspects of being unique. This also provides another way to learn about fiction and non-fiction writing styles.

The 2nd and 3rd grade students will both be sharing the book *Miranda Peabody Learns what it Takes to Make New Friends*. The follow up activities will have the 2nd graders making a circle of friends and the 3rd graders will be discussing specific skills we can develop to make new friends.



Fourth grade students will be trying their hand at problem solving social situations. Small groups will be determining solutions for specific situations as we work on, What Would you Do? discussion cards.

The fifth grade students will be discussing the issue of bullying and how to prevent this amongst their peers.



Peace Ball

Our Stallions will be creating our 3rd Wild Horse Peace Ball April 26th - May 21st. You might be asking what is a peace ball? A peace ball is the connecting of strands of yarn to show and represent how many students are demonstrating acts of respect, cooperation, kindness, understanding, caring, compromise, conflict resolution, self-control, concern for others, other acts that students have identified that promote peace. When a student is "caught" or recognized for showing a kind or peacemaking act, the teacher or ambassador should give the student a piece of yarn (the color of their grade level). The student will hold on to this yarn until the peace ball comes around to his/her classroom. The Ambassadors will bring the peace ball around to each classroom once a week so the students who have received a piece of yarn can add it to our peace ball and we can all watch it grow together. Our Wild Horse peace ball will be displayed in the window of the library throughout the week. After May 14th, our Peace Ball will continue to be on display in the foyer of our school for the remainder of the school year as a reminder of how our Stallions "Show Heart" as part of every day here at Wild Horse.

END OF YEAR PROCEDURES FOR MEAL ACCOUNTS

As the end of the school year is approaching, Child Nutrition Services is implementing our procedures for negative meal account balances. Students and staff will not be allowed to charge a meal after Friday, April 30, 2009. Beginning on Monday, May 3rd, if a student does not have adequate money or has a negative meal account balance, an alternative entrée of cold cheese or tuna sandwich will be offered to the student.



Credit balances left at the end of the school year will automatically be carried forward for students continuing in any Rockwood School.

If a student moves out of the school district, a refund can be requested. A refund may be given only with a written note or phone call to the cafeteria manager from a parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian chooses to have a student pick up a cash refund for an amount less than \$10.00, a signed note needs to be sent to the cafeteria manager giving the student permission to receive the refund. Refunds over \$10.00 will be issued by check from the Rockwood School District.

To avoid confusion about your child's meal account, Mrs. Berhorst, the Wild Horse cafeteria manager recommends that you sign up for the NutriKids payment program. This program allows you to review your student's meal account, review food purchases and will also send you email notifications when the funds are low. Please contact Mrs. Berhorst for more information.

WELCOME BABY RUSSELL



Mrs. Julianne Russell and her husband, David welcomed their new daughter, Isabella Ruby on April 2nd. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 22 inches long. She joins big sister Sophia. Congratulations to the Russell Family.

DISTRICT ART SHOW

The Rockwood School District Art show to be held at Wildwood Middle School, 17401 Manchester Road, Grover, MO 63038.

The displays can be viewed on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. both days.

All are invited to enjoy looking at original artwork by pre-school through high school artists from our entire district.

Letters will be mailed the week of April 12th to those students from Wild Horse Elementary who will have artwork on display. In order to include as many students as possible, I send only one piece of artwork per student chosen.

Hope to see you there! Mrs. Jenny Jadrich



Art Show Electronic Recycling Event

Sponsored by

Eco-Cycle LLC

and

Rockwood School District



How many pounds of E-Waste can Rockwood School District save from landfills?

Join our e-waste collection event

12 - 3:30 Sat. April 24 and Sun. April 25

Wildwood Middle School 17401 Manchester Road, Wildwood, MO 63038

and help the pounds add up!

Visit Eco-Cycle on site to watch the pounds add up and the opportunity to guess the total number of pounds kept from landfills. The closest guess will win an 8GB Ipod nano.*

*Winner will be notified by Sat. May 1, 2010

What can be recycled?

Desktop CPU, LCD Display-laptops, Notebook Computers, CD,CDRW drives, Hard Drives, Zip Drives, DVD Drives, Floppy Drives, Printers, Speakers, Servers Cell Phones, Corded Phones, Cordless Phones, Answering Machines, Pagers, Packet PCs, Battery Backups, Digital Cameras, PC Cameras, Routers

There may be a charge for some electronics such as monitors and TV's, for a more complete list of items please visit yecocycle.com. (A portion of all fees collected will be donated to the Rockwood School District Art Foundation.)

YECOCYCLE.COM 1-888-Y-ECO-CYCLE 1-888-932-6292

MCTM ELEMENTARY STUDENT MATHEMATICS REGIONAL CONTEST RESULTS

The following students participated in the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics Math Contest on Saturday, April 10.

4th Grade: Seth Wallerstein, Eric Chien, Dor Cohen

5th Grade: Alex Tan, Matthew Pisoni, Allison Licavoli, Jeffrey Rauber

Eric Chien won 8th place and Seth Wallerstein won 2nd place in the 4th grade Math Problem Solving portion. Seth Wallerstein also won 5th place in the Math Concepts portion of the contest.

Alex Tan won 2nd place and Jeff Rauber won 9th place in the 5th grade Math Concepts portion of the contest.

Alex and Seth qualified to participate at the state competition in Springfield in May. Good Luck!



MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?

Please contact us in writing as soon as possible if you are moving out of the Wild Horse attendance area for the 2010-2011 academic year. Records will be forwarded to the new school when a request from the new school is received.

Please contact the office with any telephone number and email changes. If your address changes, proof of residency is required (e.g. sales contract, lease agreement, unpaid utility bill).

If you know of someone who needs to enroll a child, please tell them to come to school as soon as possible.

By providing us with this information early, you assist in our efforts to plan for next year. Many decisions are contingent on enrollment (i.e. ordering materials and supplies, student placement). This also enables us to forward your child(ren)'s records to help the new school in their planning.

READ, RIGHT & RUN

88 students signed up for Wild Horse's Read, Right & Run team in October to read books, do a right deed, and run a mile each week. Parents, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Gellmann, conducted a running club for the students on Thursdays after school. Thank you to both of them for their time and commitment.

The program continued for 26 weeks and the last 1.2 miles of the 26.2 mile "marathon" was run on Saturday, April 10th, in Forest Park. Each runner received a T-shirt, bib number, and a medal.



Below is a list of the participants. An * indicates students that participated in the GO! St. Louis Read, Right & Run Marathon.

* Betsy Baker	Iahly Bastian	* Drew Behl
* Jackson Bocis	Burton Brandt	* Durham Brandt
Cole Breitenwischer	Alexis Brinkmeyer	* Jack Cronin
John DeCampi	*Kartik Deshpande	Charlie DeMaria
* Allison Duggan	*Sadie Eggmann	* Brody Ellison
* Zach Ernstrom	*Jack Essex	* Halle Flom
* Lexi Flom	* Hannah Freeman	* Noah Freeman
Claire Gellmann	* Tyler Gellmann	* Matthew George
* Brennan Gerspach	* Camryn Gerspach	* Shannon Gerspach
* Tali Gorodetsky	* Madison Hale	* Joseph Hayes
* Paul Hayes	Alex Hohlen	Paige Hohlen
Blake Koutroubis	Ethan Koutroubis	*Ajay Krishnaswamy
* Vinai Kumar	* Vishnu Kumar	Chase Landmann
Jacob LaPasso	Allison Licavoli	Nicole Licavoli
* Ian Lynch	* Jack Lynch	* Rachel Malin
Elle McElroy	* Marlo McElroy	* Emily Melaragno
* Sarah Melaragno	Jack Messmer	* Gabriel Murray
* Vladimir Murray	* Xavier Murray	* Lily Nixon
* Sam Nixon	* Nick Orr	* Annelise Pagel
* Keerthi Padmanabhan	* Reethu Padmanabhan	* Josie Pagel
Rachel Pang	* Prathithi Parasuram	Ellora Pedersen
* William Pedersen	* Cole Petch	David Pisarkiewicz
* Sofia Raffaelli	*Angelo Raffaelli	*Carina Raffaelli
* Elio Raffaelli	Ellen Rose	Hannah Rose
* Nathan Rosner	* Aiden Rudman	* Blake Silverman
Samantha Snider	* Connor Spielberg	* Hannah Spielberg
* Collin Taylor	* Anna Toler	* Kyle Tournillon
* Jack Warmann	* Nick Warmann	Nickolas Wherry
Trenton Wherry	Charlie Wight	* Sriram Zassenhaus

THE ART OF EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY

Rockwood School District and Special School District in conjunction with Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) are offering a parent workshop on April 28th, from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Rockwood Administrative Annex, 500 North Central Avenue, Room #A-11, Eureka, Missouri.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Space is limited so reservations are requested. Reservations can be made by e-mail to knightpaul@rockwood.k12.mo.us or by phone at 636.938.2353. Reservations can also be made through the MPACT website at www.MPACT.ORG.TRAINING. The deadline for reserving a seat is April 23rd.

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center that serves parents of children with all disabilities. Their primary goal is to assist parents in their effort to effectively advocate.

21st CENTURY PARENTING: PRESENT ~ INVOLVED ~ EFFECTIVE

Date: Tuesday, April 27

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Crestview Middle School Auditorium
16025 Clayton Road in Ellisville

Wondering how to help your overwhelmed teen? As parents of children in the new millennium, we see our children facing so many challenges that it can be difficult to know how to help. Come to the presentation and hear Tom Michler, therapist with Johnson/Michler, share parents can help their teens navigate boundaries and develop more open communication.



2010 ROSE AWARDS CEREMONY

You are cordially invited to attend a
Rockwood Special Event

Sunday, May 2, 2010
4:00 p.m.



Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire Road
St. Louis, MO

The ceremony will honor ROSE Award recipients,
Teachers of the Year, Cornerstone Award recipients,
2009-2010 Retirees and those with
25-30 years of service to Rockwood.

The following staff members from Wild Horse Elementary
will be honored at this event:

Karen Kieffer – 25 years of service

Stacy Singer –Teacher of the Year

Jan Meckfessel – Physical Education – retiree

A paid reservation form must be received by
Friday, April 16, 2010.

Your canceled check is your receipt.

2010-2011: Changes in Elementary School Schedules

Beginning next year, Rockwood parents will notice a few changes in the way elementary schools schedule the school day.

What is it?

All Rockwood elementary schools will have larger blocks of time scheduled for core curricular areas, such as language arts, math, science and social studies. In addition, each grade level will have sections for art, music, physical education, strings and technology.

Why the change?

Students have a lot to learn and enjoy in elementary school. By changing the schedule, students and teachers will benefit the following ways:

- 1) Focus on core curriculum:** Uninterrupted blocks of time allow for extended instruction in the areas of language arts, math, science and social studies.
- 2) Increased collaboration:** Teachers will have a common planning time and can share best practices that are innovative and successful in the classroom.

Do you have a question about the new schedule?

Please contact your school principal and ask what changes you and your family can expect and how they will benefit your child's education. For more information call (636) 938.2447.

What does it mean for my child?

Core Classes: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

With more time for core classes, your child's teacher can provide more opportunities for hands-on, individualized learning. The new schedule provides larger units of instructional time - and this allows teachers to manage the classroom more effectively and meet the needs of all students in these important curricular areas. It allows for increased collaboration among teachers for students who receive services to support their education, such as those provided by Special School District and Reading Intervention.

Physical Education:

Rockwood is committed to providing health and physical education for all students. In previous years, elementary students had four days of physical education and one day of health in a classroom setting. With upcoming changes to the schedule, students will receive four days of physical education, with 30-minutes provided for health. The health curriculum is currently under committee review to determine the most effective way to deliver this instruction.

It is important to note the district exceeds the state requirements for minutes in physical education classes - now and with the new elementary schedule for 2010-2011. Students will receive four days of 30-minute physical education classes. In addition, remember that students have recess five days a week for 20-minutes sessions. Together, this provides our children more than 220 minutes of physical activity a week.

Strings:

Research shows that students enjoy and retain music education the younger they are exposed to this type of learning. Next year, strings classes will be required for 3rd-grade and 4th-grade students. After this initial phase-in, strings classes become optional for 4th- and 5th-grade students during the 2011-2012 school year. Students at this level may choose the electives of strings or technology.

Technology:

Rockwood incorporates technology into the classroom. Our curriculum focuses on integration so technology is an important component in the classroom learning. The district has increased its collaboration among teachers, library media specialists and instructional technology coaches to ensure students learn research skills and Internet safety inside the classroom as part of their core education. Additional technology classes are available for students, as an alternative to strings education.



Coming this Summer...

Rockwood Track and Field Club

For boys and girls entering grades 5 - 9 during the 2010 - 2011 school year

Rockwood Community Education will be offering a Track and Field Club this summer aimed at introducing youth to the sport. The club will have a minimum of two inter-squad meets at Rockwood locations in which coaches will assign participants in events.

Dates: June 1 - July 24

North Site Practices: Lafayette HS - 6-8pm - Tuesdays and Thursdays

South Site Practices: Rockwood Summit HS - 6-8pm - Mondays and Wednesdays

For more information or to register:

- Visit www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed
- Call the Community Education office at 636-938-2307
- Enroll Now!! **Registration Deadline is May 14**

Volunteer Assistant Coaches Needed!!

Volunteer coaches are critical to the success of this program and will assist the lead coach at each location. If enough volunteer coaches are not secured, registration fees will be refunded. If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer coach, please contact the Community Education office at 636-938-2307.



*Growing Together,
Learning for Life*

Middle School Review



Rockwood parents, staff and community members are invited to a town hall meeting to receive updates and provide feedback on the middle school review.

Date: Wednesday, April 21

Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Rockwood Administrative Annex: Room A-11
500 North Central in Eureka

It has been more than a year since Rockwood initiated a review of middle schools in order to improve the educational experience for our students. During that year, the school district has conducted surveys and focus groups, gathered data, and developed subcommittees to study topics of interest.

Come to the Middle School Review Town Hall and you'll hear about the progress of this important work. Dr. Karen Seiber, executive director of secondary schools, will share what the subcommittees have learned about the following:

- Curriculum Delivery**
- Affective Needs of Students**
- Structure of the School Day**
- Extracurricular Opportunities**
- Measurement and Evaluation**

The committees have posted this research and information on the Rockwood Web site to share with the community. Visit the District Committees Web page for more information:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/committees/middleschoolreview

Questions: Contact Dr. Karen Seiber at (636) 938.2388.

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Safety • Maintenance • Additions
Renovations • Technology

Thank You Rockwood Voters

Election results show Rockwood School District voters approved Proposition 5 – a \$55 million, no-tax increase bond issue on the April 6 ballot. The referendum will not raise the district's current 68 cent debt service levy.

Prop 5 passed with a high majority of 64 percent of voters favoring the bond issue. "As a district, we want to thank our Rockwood community members for showing their overwhelming support to pass this bond issue," says Dr. Craig H. Larson, Rockwood Superintendent. "The bond issue projects will finance a number of new classrooms in existing schools, along with renovations to aging schools, and technology upgrades."

Prop 5 focuses on five SMART priority areas:

- Safety measures and infrastructure
- Maintenance of current facilities
- Additions for classrooms
- Renovations for instructional areas
- Technology infrastructure

Find out more: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5.

Middle School Review on April 21

The Rockwood community is invited to a town hall meeting to provide feedback on the middle school review progress. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 21 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The location is Rockwood's Administrative Annex in Room A-11 (500 North Central in Eureka).

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Visit the Middle School Review Web page to learn more about the direction for middle schools:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/committees/middleschoolreview.

Rockwood District Art Show

You are invited to the Rockwood Art Show:

Date: April 24-25

Time: Noon to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Wildwood Middle School located at
17401 Manchester Road

At the exhibit, more than 6,900 student artists will demonstrate their skills. While exploring the artwork on display, children are encouraged to get their face painted, participate in chalk painting and enjoy the fun!

