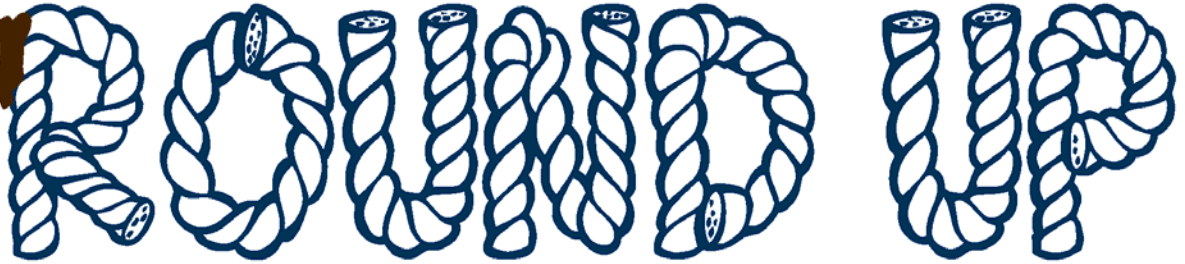




Wild Horse



FEBRUARY, 2010

Dear Parents,

February is in full swing at Wild Horse. It is truly hard to believe how fast the year is going. With our days full of hustle and bustle, I leave you with a story that might help you remember that only a few things are truly important....

A philosophy professor stood before his class with some items on the table in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes." "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your education, your health, and your children - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter - like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else- the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just pebbles and sand."



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IMPORTANT DATES

February

- 12 Early Dismissal, students dismissed at 12:08 p.m.
- 15 No School, Presidents' Day
- 17 Wild Horse Night at Papa John's
- 26 Wild Horse Variety Show, Marquette High Sch., 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Rockwood Sch. District, Science Olympiad, Rockwood Summit High Sch., **POSTPONED - DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

March

- 1-5 Rockwood Sch. Dist. Reading Week
- 2 Early Dismissal, 12:08 p.m.
- 3 STUCO Spirit Day - Pajama Day
- 8 & 10 Book Fair, Library, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
- 8 & 10 Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- 12 No School, office closed
- 15-19 Spring Break, No School, office closed

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%

LAST CHANCE YEARBOOK SALES!

If you are interested in a school yearbook, the orders need to be turned in NOW. Yearbook forms are in the office. Please keep in mind that our only yearbook sales have been over this past month (there were NO sales at the beginning of the school year). So if you didn't turn in an order recently, you have not ordered a yearbook! If you are unsure, please feel free to contact Cindy Grigg cgrigg@swbell.net 636-519-7170 or Jennifer Breitenwischer jbreitenwischer@yahoo.com 636-237-3324 and we can confirm for you.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Join in the fun! It's the **Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read** happening at our school library on **March 8th and 10th** from 3:30 - 7:00 each night. We're looking forward to seeing you there. Your child will be visiting our Book Fair with his or her class to preview this spring's collection during the week preceding the fair. Watch at home for the Scholastic Book Fair flyer along with your child's wish list. Our library collection continues to shine thanks to your consistent support.

We always welcome volunteers for our book fair. If you would like to volunteer for setting up, sales, or packing up please contact one of our parent chair persons listed below:

Cindy Grigg cgrigg@swbell.net
Linda Malin malins5@sbcglobal.net

Read Around the World is the theme for our upcoming **Rockwood Reading Week** March 1- 5, 2010. The "free" Family Performance of Little Red Riding Hood will take place at Woerther Elementary on March 3 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Parents please continue your great work of encouraging good library citizenship with your students. Thanks for helping them remember to return their books on time, helping them search for lost books and reminding them to take good care of our books. It is greatly appreciated.

LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS!

Attention PARENTS and TEACHERS: If you have photos that can be used in the yearbook (spirit days, book buddies, classroom activities, groundhog day, 100 day of school, science bus, Science Olympiad, AR celebrations, Arts Partners, JA day, 5th grade trivia, Girls on the Run, Read Right Run, Bingo night, Milk and Cookies, Scouts, Dare, etc.) **we need them by February 19th** in order to make our final yearbook deadline. These can be emailed to cgrigg@swbell.net or jbreitenwischer@yahoo.com, or copied to CD and turned in at the front office. They need to be in .jpg format in the size/quality that they were taken (not compressed). Thank you!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Do you want to learn more about Internet Safety and the issues facing students and parents with Communication Technology?

You can take this opportunity on **Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in the Rockwood Valley Middle School Commons**. The presenter will be Cindy Schroeder with INOBTR (I Know Better). She presents to parents and students about information regarding the issues with communication technology. She will lead you through current online trends and tips for good Digital Citizenship. You can check out www.inobtr.org for more tips and resources. So, please feel free to bring your child with you to hear the message together.

Guidance Lessons for February...

Kindergarten students will be focusing on feelings and how to communicate different feelings appropriately.

Our 1st grade students will be discussing the difference between tattling and telling. We will be reading, *Charlene's Choice*, and discussing the dilemma the main character has in deciding whether or not to tell on a classmate.

The 2nd grade students will be learning about different positive things they can do when they are angry. The book, *Andrew's Angry Words* will provide the starting point for our discussion about how words that are said in anger can't be taken back.

Third grade students will be evaluating the goal they set last month. They will be learning that there are many different ways to evaluate goals. Then we will be talking about time management.

Fourth grade students will be learning about test taking strategies and then reviewing these strategies by playing Testing Bingo.

Fifth grade students will continue with discussing the transition to middle school. We will be talking about friendships, the issue of cliques, and decision-making.

SHOWING HEART



Thank you to all of our Wild Horse families for "**Showing Heart**" in helping the people of Haiti. **Our school collected \$1,070.97.** Thank you for helping each of our Stallions learn the importance of giving to people in need and teaching them that they can make a difference in other's lives.

Congratulations to Poorva Sheth for receiving a rating of Solid Superiors in Milders Musical Arts Solo Piano Progressive Education. She performed a 16th Century March by Palmers and Robots by Crosby.

Good luck to fourth grade student Greg Svirnovskiy, who has been chosen to compete at the Gifted Resource Council's LinguisHTIKs Tournament at Washington University on March 8. The purpose of this competition is to engage students in high-level thinking in a friendly competitive spirit. Gifted Resource Council feels that it is more important for students to leave the competition with a feeling of success and having fun than for them to leave with a medal in hand.

Congratulations to Mike Piotraschke, Technology Support Specialist, Cindy Poston, Problem Solving Resource Teacher, and Janet Strate, parent and RSD Board member, on their ROSE Award nominations.

The ROSE (Rockwood Outstanding Service in Education) Award is presented to those who have made a difference in a child's life, in a Rockwood school, or in the Rockwood community. Any individual providing volunteer service or working at a Rockwood location is eligible to be nominated for this exclusive award. This year's winners will be announced on March 1st.



**FEBRUARY EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 12:08 P.M.**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 NO SCHOOL

**MARCH EARLY DISMISSAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 2 @ 12:08 P.M.**

2010 DREAM CATCHERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Diego Jasso, in Mrs. Vojslavek's fifth grade class, for being awarded a Dream Catchers Scholarship sponsored by the Rockwood Schools Foundation. The scholarship provides innovative opportunities to students. Diego's scholarship will allow him to attend the 5th Grade Smoky Mountains Science trip in May. Diego will receive his scholarship at the February 25th Board of Education meeting.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

In December our building wrote 234 letters that were sent to service men and women stationed around the world.

In January, stallions read to support Penny-a-Page, a program designed to provide brand new books to children who have never had them. Stay tuned to learn the total number of pages read and the dollars donated in next month's summary!

Stallions also showed heart by writing letters and Valentines to once again send to active military personnel as our way of saying thanks for protecting us.

February's service project is Pennies for Patients. This will run from February 9th-20th and the money raised supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Money that is donated is used for research and treatment, and to support the families with sick children. Please send in your money to school in a plastic baggie with the amount written on the outside. Over the past five years Wild Horse has raised over \$13,000!

WELCOME BABY CASTENS



Congratulations to Jaymie and Chris Castens, on the birth of their baby boy, Connor Alan Castens. Connor was born at 6:23 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz. and 20 inches long. Connor joins big sister Kaylynn.

2010 SPELLING BEE

The 2010 Spelling Bee was held January 20th. Representatives and alternates were chosen from each fourth and fifth grade classroom. The bee rounds were conducted according to rules listed in the Merriam-Webster Spell-It booklet from the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The following students represented their grade/classroom:

Grade 4

Seth Wallerstein - Mrs. Castens
Vinai Kumar - Miss Fozard
Sydnie Kong - Mrs. Russell
Greg Svirnovskiy - Mrs. Sodemann

Grade 5

Alex Tan - Mr. Bain
Nika Levtchin - Mrs. Bryan
Erin Rauber - Mrs. Lammers
Megan McVey - Mrs. Vojslavek
Jenica Bunderson - Mrs. Whitford

The second place winner was Seth Wallerstein. The first place winner, Alex Tan, will compete in the St. Louis Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the St. Louis Post Dispatch later this spring. Congratulations to our winner and to all the students who participated in this event.

ROCKWOOD SCIENCE OLYMPIAD POSTPONED

The Rockwood School District's Science Olympiad scheduled for Saturday, February 27th, has been postponed. Information regarding the new date will be passed along to you as soon as it becomes available.



SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DATES

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 - NO SCHOOL
SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, MARCH 15 - FRIDAY, MARCH 19
SCHOOL RESUMES

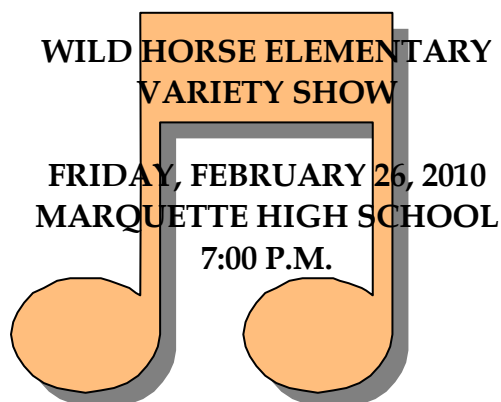
MONDAY, MARCH 22

ANNUAL ESOL TESTING

The English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12 in the Rockwood School District will be tested with the LAS Links, an English Language Proficiency Test, February 8 - February 25, 2010. The LAS Links test was selected by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to meet the requirement of No Child Left Behind to annually assess Missouri's students who are eligible for ELL services. LAS Links measures the annual progress that Missouri ELLs are making in learning English language skills. Reports on the students' progress are provided to the district, state and federal government.

Have you been wondering what makes a student eligible for ESOL? A Home Language Survey Form (Title VI NCLB) is completed when a student enrolls in a school. Students are identified as English Language Learners if 1) the student's native language is not English or 2) a language other than English is spoken in the student's home or environment. These responses on the Home Language survey indicate that the student is eligible to be tested to see how fluent they are in English. Based on the test results the district may provide the student with ELL services.

For more information please feel free to contact our school's ESOL teacher, Miss Warren, any time!



2009-2010 TEMPERATURE GUIDELINES

As we continue to experience cold weather; please send your child to school with a coat, hat and gloves. They go outside every day if weather permits.



GUIDELINES FOR RECESS AND PE OUTDOORS

Temperature (including wind chill or heat index)
Below 20 - stay inside
20 - 95 degrees - outside normal time
96 and above - stay inside

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPRING BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

"The Rockwood School District Community Education Department is offering spring baseball/softball programs for boys and girls in grades K-5. The K-1 league is a Co-ed Coach Pitch/T-ball league while the 2nd-5th grade boys play Machine Pitch Baseball and the 2nd-5th grade girls play Coach Pitch Softball. The registration deadline for these programs is Friday, March 5. To register or for more information about these programs and other Community Education programs, please visit our website at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/communityed or call our office at 636-938-2307."



CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/wildhorse

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/child_nutrition

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/transportation

www.nutrikids.com

The Math Message

February 2010

Rockwood Mathematics

Tracey Mulholland, Coordinator

Stephanie Nauman, Instructional Coach

Emily Pettersen, Instructional Coach




Message from the Math Department. . .

The January parent workshops provided an in-depth look at the progression of children's mathematical thinking from partial algorithms to traditional methods and all the milestones in between. Parents who attended the workshops received a copy of the "Rockwood Math Algorithms and Strategies Handbook." The handbook provides definitions, milestones, and examples of the algorithms in the elementary math program and can be downloaded at <http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/curriculum/Mathematics/Pages/default.aspx>

If you would like a paper copy sent home with your child, please contact Sandy Horton in the math office at 636-938-2327 or hortonsandy@rockwood.k12.mo.us. When requesting your copy, please provide your child's name, school, and teacher and a paper copy will be sent home with him/her.

Upcoming Parent Workshops:

Fractions, Decimals, and Percents in the Rockwood Elementary Math Program

-  3/23 10:00 - 11:30 at Wild Horse Elementary
-  3/24 6:30 - 8:00 at Bowles Elementary
-  3/29 6:30 - 8:00 at Babler Elementary

Monthly Math Challenge

1. There are 86 medal events on the Vancouver Olympic Program. In how many of those events do you think the USA will win a medal?
 - a. 0 - 20 events
 - b. 21 - 40 events
 - c. 41 - 60 events
 - d. More than 61 events
2. How many total gold medals do you think the USA will win?
 - a. 0-7 gold medals
 - b. 7-15 gold medals
 - c. 16-25 gold medals
 - d. More than 25 gold medals

Feel free to do a little research with your child at www.nbcolympics.com before reporting your child's estimates.

If you don't have access to the internet at home, ask your teacher for a hard copy to submit your monthly challenge results.

How to submit your results online:

1. Go to www.rockwood.k12.mo.us
2. On the About Us drop down menu, select curriculum.
3. Then, click on curriculum by subject.
4. Then choose math.
5. Under the Elementary School heading, you will see a link for the Monthly Math Challenge

Kindergarten Spotlight

February Curriculum

- Counting with tally marks and by 5s
- Measuring length
- Bar graphs
- Using a number grid
- Penny and Nickel
- 2-D and 3-D shapes: square, circle, triangle, rectangle, cube, cylinder, sphere, and cone

Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Inch by Inch by Leo Leoni
- Pet Show by Ezra Jack Keats

EMgames suggested activities:

- Spin a Number
- Disappearing Train Game

First Grade Spotlight

February Curriculum

- Addition and Subtraction Facts Table
- Equivalent names
- Fact Families/ Fact Triangles
- Centimeters
- Quarters
- Digital clocks
- Data landmarks: range and middle value

Connecting Math and Literacy:

- 26 Letters and 99 Cents by Tana Hoban
- Deena's Lucky Penny by Barbara deRubertis

EMgames suggested activities:

- Coin Exchange
- Plus or Minus Game

Second Grade Spotlight

February Curriculum

- Fractions as equal parts of one
- Fractions of a set
- Equivalent Fractions
- Comparing Fractions
- Fractional Units of length
- Perimeter
- Area

Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Inchworm and a Half By Elinor J. Pinczes
- Twelve Snails to One Lizard by Susan Hightower

EMgames suggested activities:

- Basketball Addition
- Name That Number

Third Grade Spotlight

February Curriculum

- Using number models with parentheses
- Extended multiplication and division facts
- Naming Parts with fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Comparing fractions
- Fractions greater than one
- Fractions in number stories

Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Eating Fractions by Bruce MCMillan
- Math Curse by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith

EMgames suggested activities:

- Baseball Multiplication
- Beat the Computer

Fourth Grade Spotlight

February Curriculum

- Naming fractional parts of regions
- Renaming fractions as percents
- Reflections
- Connecting reflections and symmetry
- Addition and subtraction of fractions
- Rotations and translations
- Addition with negative numbers

Connecting Math and Literacy:

- Shadows and Reflections by Tana Hoban
- How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty by Nathan Zimelman

EMgames suggested activities:

- Frac-Tac-Toe
- Credits/Debits Game

Fifth Grade Spotlight

February Curriculum

- Interpreting line graphs
- Circumference of a circle
- Area of circles
- Geometric solids
- Volume of cylinders, pyramids, and cones
- Surface area

Connecting Math and Literacy

- The Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky
- Pi: a Math Adventure by Cindy Neuschwander

EMgames suggested activities:

- Factor Bingo
- Landmark Shark

Fun Math Websites

The following site has many excellent practice games for all disciplines: www.iknowthat.com/com

What you need to know:

- Guest Registration is free and allows you to play basic learning activities and create quizzes.
- Registration is not required, but every time you want to play a game a window will pop up asking you if you would like to register.
- You can choose to browse activities by grade level or discipline.
- The math games offer more than just basic fact practice.

Questions about algorithms? Look here...

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/curriculum/Mathematics/algorithms.htm>

Questions about routines? Look here...

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/departments/curriculum/Mathematics/Handbook%20Items/routines%20wo%20pnum.pdf>



Rockwood Reading Week
Presents
Little Red Riding Hood by Springboard



This musical version of Little Red Riding Hood is entertaining for children and adults. It is the classic tale of a young girl, a grandmother and a wolf, but adds humor and “nutritious” twists! You won’t want to miss this performance.

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Woerther Elementary
314 New Ballwin Road, Ballwin
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ All Rockwood School District families are invited
- ◆ The performances are FREE, but a donation of a new children’s book will be accepted - donations will go to Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital



For more information, please call Lynn Hoover (636) 938-2354

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