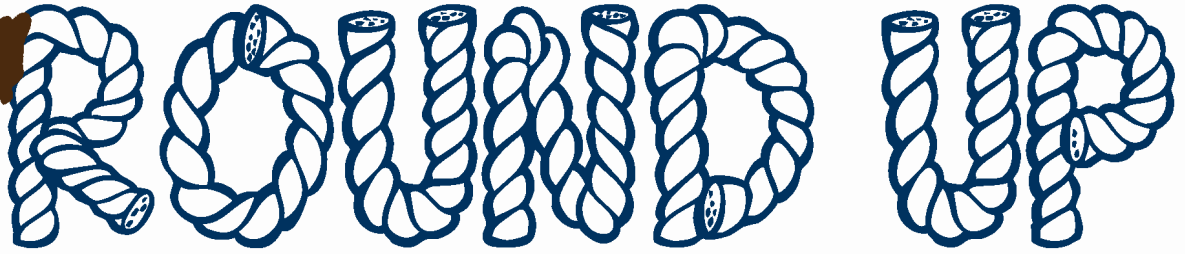


Wild Horse



JANUARY 2010

I can tell I am getting older because I find myself listening to the sage advice of the octogenarians and realizing that it makes a great deal of sense. I know as I am 'rushing' through every day life, I do not always have the time or inclination to truly ponder life. I came across the poem below and I thought it had a very nice message - especially as I have several conversations this time of year regarding the entrance age for kindergarten. I hope you spend just a minute really reading this poem and how it applies to your 'rushing' through life! The message truly embodies *The Heart of Learning!*

If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again
by Diane Loomans

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd finger-paint more, and point the fingers less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.

I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd teach less about the love of power, And more about the power of love.



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

IMPORTANT DATES






January:

- 20 - Wild Horse Spelling Bee, 9:30 a.m., gym
- 20 - 5th Grade Parent Informational meeting, 1:30 p.m., strings room
- 20 - Wild Horse Night at Papa John's
- 21 - Stallion Stable open during lunch
- 26 - 5th Grade Transition Night at CMS, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 - Bingo Night at Wild Horse, gym, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.



February:

- 2 - 5th Grade Choral & Strings Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 - Kindergarten Registration, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 4 - 5th Grade Trivia Party, 1:30 p.m.
- 8 - Science Fair Projects due to Mr. Polizzi
- 10 - WHE Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:15-4:00 p.m., gym, strings room
- 11 - WHE Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:15 - 4:00 p.m., gym, strings room
- 12 - Early Dismissal, 12:08 p.m.
- 15 - No School, Presidents' Day

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GENTLE REMINDERS









-  Please do not block the handicap access ramp when picking up or dropping of your student. Thank you!
-  Please encourage your children to ride the bus. This keeps our parent drop-off to a minimum. This helps with traffic control and ensures we are able to start our day on time.

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%

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 will be held at Wild Horse Elementary on Wednesday, February 3 from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 4 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

To register for kindergarten, children must be five years old as of July 31st per Missouri state law. The following documents should be brought to registration:

-  Original birth certificate issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics
-  Medically documented immunization records
-  Special medical information if applicable
-  Telephone numbers for child's physician, dentist and emergency contacts
-  Physical form (must be provided within 30 days of school start date)
-  Evidence of a comprehensive vision exam performed by a state licensed optometrist or physician
-  Two proofs of residency containing parent/guardian name and address (e.g., deed/sales contract of residence; lease agreement; current real estate tax receipt; unpaid water, sewer, gas or electric bill)
-  Custody papers and a complete copy of the dissolution decree that stipulates custody in cases of parental divorce.

A \$300 deposit and a voided check are required on the day of registration for those students who register for Full Day Kindergarten.

IMMUNIZATION, SCHOOL PHYSICAL, AND VISION SCREENING INFORMATION FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten immunization and physical records should be sent to the office **BEFORE** the start of school in the fall. According to

Missouri state law, immunizations must be completed prior to any child attending the first day of school. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services recently revised the immunization requirements for school age children. This information is on the following website:

http://www.dhss.mo.gov/immunizations/2010-11_School_and_Daycare_Requirements.pdf

All students enrolling in kindergarten in Missouri will be required to provide proof of a comprehensive vision exam. This is a full eye exam, more than just screening for visual acuity. Proof of the exam or a written parental objection (waiver) to the vision exam must be submitted to your school nurse, no later than January 1, 2011. The form, provided by the state vision commission, is available on the district website: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us under parent resources and new enrollment.

ROCKWOOD GIFTED PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The Rockwood Gifted Program is accepting nominations of currently enrolled Rockwood kindergarten students for possible placement in the Rockwood Gifted Program for the 2010-2011 school year. Parents who want to nominate their child(ren) for the Program and/or who want additional information about the Program should call the Center for Creative Learning at 636-207-2579 ext. 223 or visit our website:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/giftededucation

REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE CLUB

Kindergarten Adventure Club Offers:

- An activity-based curriculum
- A staff/student ratio of 1:12
- A reasonable cost (the fees qualify for the childcare tax credit and Flex Spending Plans)
- Students are in the program for their lunchtime and the ½ day they are not in kindergarten class.
- Before and after-school care is also available for students in Kindergarten Adventure Club.

If you are interested in registering or need further information, please see the Adventure Club Facilitator, Brian McKinnon, at Wild Horse while you are registering for Kindergarten. You may access the online enrollment form by visiting:

www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub.

Apply Early! Our services are in high demand and waiting lists start early.

The application fee of \$70 per child/\$140 family max is due at the end of the enrollment process and may be paid with either MasterCard or Visa. If you don't have access to a computer please visit the Adventure Club office at 1900 Hawkins Road in Fenton. For more information, call 636-861-7768.

ROCKWOOD ROSE AWARD NOMINATIONS

The ROSE Award stands for the Rockwood Outstanding Service in Education. This is one of the highest honors in Rockwood and is given to individuals who show excellence of character, performance, leadership and service. Please support our Wild Horse staff and parents by nominating them for this special award. The deadline for completing nominations is January 27th. You can nominate online at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/rose.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For guidance lessons in January...

Kindergarten will be discussing the importance of kindness and the acceptance of others as our friend the Chicken puppet shares with us the story of "The Band-Aid Chicken."

The first graders will be discussing treating other people with respect. We will be learning that it is ok to be different and the importance of treating others' the way we would like to be treated.

Second grade students will also be discussing respecting behaviors as we turn our focus to the development of manners. Manners also mean treating others' the way we want to be treated.

The 3rd grade students will be learning about goal setting as we read and discuss Annie's Plan. The students will then each develop their own educational goal and learn about the steps necessary to realize their goal.

Fourth grade students will be learning about how our bodies respond to stress, and more importantly, ways we can appropriately calm ourselves during times of stress.

After the Crestview Counselors have visited with our 5th graders, we will continue to discuss the transition to middle school by viewing a video. Topics of discussion will include organization, time management, study skills, scheduling, and social situations.

BLIZZARD BINGO
At Wild Horse Elementary
Fun for the whole family!
Bingo Games
Desserts
Prizes

Friday, January 29th, 2010
6:45 Registration
7:00-8:30 Bingo

5TH GRADE TRANSITION NIGHT FOR PARENTS

CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 26, 2010
7:00 p.m. in the Gym

All 5th grade parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help prepare your child for middle school. There will be a meeting for the parents of our gifted students at 6:30 p.m. in the library, but the actual presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The computer room (room 318) will also be available from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for assistance in the registration process.

REAL SCOOP ON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 20th at 1:30. We will have a small informal gathering in our Wild Horse strings room in which a parent who has been through this process several times will give a little presentation and will answer any questions you have. This is a chance for you to chat - parent to parent about this next transition in your child's life. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday!

"I'M GOING TO BE A STAR!" WHE VARIETY SHOW 2010

Friday, February 26
7:00 p.m. @ Marquette High School

Important Practice Dates:

Wednesdays 2/10 & 2/17
Gr. K, 1, 2 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. @ WHE

Thursdays 2/11 & 2/18
Gr. 3, 4, 5 3:15-4:00 p.m. @WHE

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal with Props at MHS
Wednesday 2/24, 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.
You will be given a time to arrive.

Please return permission form by Friday January 29th.

PRESCHOOL PREVIEW

Rockwood Early Childhood Center at Clarkson Valley
2730 Valley Road, Chesterfield

AND

Rockwood Early Childhood Center at Vandover
1900 Hawkins Road, Fenton

DATE: Saturday, January 23, 2010
SNOW DATE: Saturday, January 30, 2010
TIME: 9:30-11:30 AM
LOCATION: Preschool Classrooms
PRESENTERS: Rockwood Preschool Teachers



Child must be 3 or 4 years old by July 31, 2010, to be eligible for fall 2010 registration.

Discover what Rockwood Preschool is all about. Bring your child to explore the Block, Art, Library, Discovery and Pretend areas in our classrooms.



Receive a preschool application for the 2010-11 school year. If you wish to register for preschool, the \$70 registration fee is payable by cash or check.

