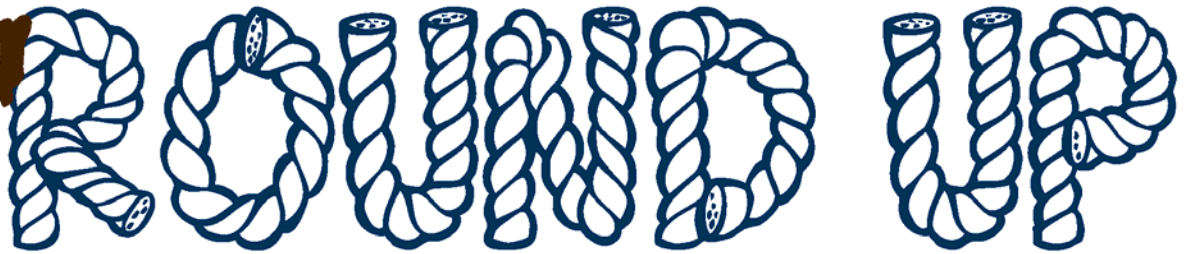




# Wild Horse



**MARCH 2010**

Dear Parents,

During this time of year, we all could use a calendar the size of our refrigerator to record all the happenings taking place. The warmer weather brings an increase in evening activities: baseball practice, soccer practice, dance rehearsals, music performances... Add to this the numerous school events that take place the last quarter of the year.






As you record the school events on your family calendar, I encourage you to take a moment to talk with your child(ren) about the events he/she is involved in and then begin prioritizing the list. I realize it may be impossible to fit everything into your schedule busy I hope that participation in school events is high on your list. Parent attendance at school functions sends a message to children that education is important.

Your priority list will also come in handy when you must schedule your evening time so that all things are accomplished. Even though we are in the last quarter of the year, school work should still be a priority. It is still important to read every evening and to practice those math facts. Thanks for your help and support in ensuring that every day is a productive learning day for your child(ren).

Sincerely,

*Karen Kieffer*

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### March

12	No School
15- 19	Spring Break, No School, office closed
22	School Resumes
27	District Science Olympiad, Eureka High School, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
27	WHE Trivia Night @ JCC, Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
29 – April 9	WHE Testing

### April

1	Early Dismissal 12:08 p.m.
2	No School, Spring Holiday
5	No School, Professional Dev. Day
6	School Resumes
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical, 7:00 p.m.
9	No CCL classes
10	Read, Right and Run Event @ Forest Park

## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



Please remember to call the Wild Horse Attendance Line by **9:00 a.m.** each day to report your

student's absence. The Attendance

Line telephone number is **636-537-4385**. You can place calls to this number 24 hours a day.

Unreported absences are considered unexcused. If you have questions regarding absences please contact Mrs. Becky Conrath in the school office.

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%

## MAP TESTING SCHEDULE

MAP testing for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 9. The tests administered are as follows:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Communication Arts and Math**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Communication Arts and Math**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Communication Arts and Math**

***Please try to keep these dates clear of appointments that require the students to miss school. Also, during this time, it is extra important that our students get plenty of rest, a healthy breakfast, and arrive to school on time.***

**NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT CCL ON APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO MAP TESTING**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN THE RECESS AND LUNCH TIMES DUE TO MAP TESTING.**



**CLIP AND SAVE THIS SCHEDULE**



GRADE	RECESS	LUNCH
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10:50 – 11:10	11:10 – 11:30
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11:15 – 11:35	11:35 – 11:55
Kindergarten	11:30 – 11:50	11:50 – 12:10
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	11:40 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	12:05 – 12:25	12:25-12:45
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	12:30 – 12:50	12:50 – 1:10

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH NEWS

During 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wild Horse Stallion students participated in the fast paced action of floor tennis with paddles and ping pong balls. They have learned how to perform a serve, a backhand hit, a forehand hit, and utilize game play strategies/rules. The K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been training on overhand and underhand throwing. Remember to step with the opposite foot! Students will also be introduced to rolling and bowling activities.



As for Health at Wild Horse, our intelligent learners have just completed an investigation into the structure and function of the heart and lungs. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be analyzing our body systems and safety. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will now study dental hygiene and safety, while each of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be taking RED CROSS classes.



Enjoy family time together during Spring Break with some type of physical activity whether indoor or outdoor!

## SHOWING HEART



Lauren Jenkins, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, passed the American Music Scholars Program Piano exam with the highest score on an international piano exam and is invited to participate in the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati in July. Lauren worked very hard for 8 months to prepare for this program.

Tali Gorodetsky, grade 3 and Grihith Varaday, grade 2 participated in the Academic Challenge Cup: Creative Convention at Washington University on Tuesday, March 9. Tali and Grihith were members of the Flexible Problem Solvers team.

## WILD HORSE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mrs. Stacy Singer on being named Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Singer has taught elementary education for 12 years, the last 6 ½ years as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Wild Horse. She taught in the Fort Zumwalt School District for 2 years until she started her family. She later served as the PTO President for Wild Horse Elementary. She was asked to substitute for a teacher who was on maternity leave and never left.

Mrs. Singer knew she wanted to be a teacher before she started college. She liked the idea of helping people understand things better and hoped to make a difference in someone's life.

Mrs. Singer loves that in the teaching profession you get a new beginning every fall. She loves getting everything ready for that first day of school when 25 students walk in the door and wait to hear what they're going to do. Third grade has always been a fascinating year to Mrs. Singer, watching the students change physically and emotionally, becoming taller and more mature as they become part of the 'upper grades' in the school. She enjoys seeing their progress and growth as she begins to see the person they will become. Mrs. Singer's hope for all of her students is that the lessons they learn in her class, whether about math, social studies, reading or friendship, will stay with them as they get older and further their education.

Rockwood School District  
Science Olympics  
Eureka High School  
Saturday, March 27, 2010  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Wild Horse Student Council would like to thank all the students who donated to the Pennies for Patients. A total of \$1026.95 was donated to this worthy cause. Congratulations to Mrs. Lammers' class for donating the most money. They won the Olive Garden Lunch for their efforts.

Student Council will sponsor two more spirit days for the 2009-2010 school year. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, students will be asked to bring a dollar to wear a hat for Hats on for Kids with Cancer. Our last spirit day for the school year will be May 12<sup>th</sup> – Stuffed Animal Day. Students will be allowed to bring their favorite stuffed animal.

There will be no Student Council meeting in May.

## NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you have a new neighbor? Do you know someone who is moving into the Wild Horse Elementary attendance area? If so, pass the word to come in and enroll their children as soon as possible. Early enrollment helps us plan for the next school year.

## WELCOME BABY SCHAUB

Congratulations to Brooke Schaub and her husband Matt on the birth of their second child, Andrew Bradley Schaub. Andrew was born on March 5, weighing 7 lbs., 14 oz., and is 21 inches long. Andrew joins big brother, Christopher.



## ADVENTURE CLUB ENROLLMENT FOR 2010-11

Adventure Club is now accepting enrollment for the 2010-11 School Year. Enrollment is also being accepted for the SummerLink/theZONE programs for summer 2010. Apply Early! Our services are in high demand and waiting lists start early.

The 2010-11 application fee is \$70 per child/\$140 family max and the 2010 summer non-refundable weekly deposit is \$25 per week per child.

You may access the online enrollment form by visiting:

[www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/adventureclub).

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.

**Wild Horse Elementary  
Trivia Night Fundraiser  
Saturday, March 27, 2010  
Jewish Community Center  
16801 Baxter, Chesterfield, MO 63005  
Doors open 6 p.m. – Trivia 7 – 10 p.m.**

**Live Auction  
Bingo Roll  
Heads or Tails  
Basket Raffle**

**Tickets cost \$25 per person  
\$200 for tables of 8  
Checks payable to PTO  
RSVP by March 11**

# Prop 5: What does it mean for my school?



Safety • Maintenance • Additions  
Renovations • Technology

The \$55 million, no-tax increase bond issue focuses on these five areas:

- **S**afety measures and infrastructure
- **M**aintenance of current facilities
- **A**dditions for classrooms
- **R**enovations of instructional areas
- **T**echnology

## **At Wild Horse Elementary, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources

- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
  - Install amplification systems in designated areas, such as Art and Music
  - Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
  - Provide wireless coverage for all instructional areas
  - Replace aged/at capacity telephone and voicemail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service
  - Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
  - Install new carpet in the library and 18 classrooms
  - Replace HVAC energy recovery units
- See project lists for Crestview Middle and Marquette High on back.*

Take a moment to review the project lists for all Marquette feeder schools, and the entire district, at [www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5](http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/prop5)

**At Crestview Middle, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Provide wireless coverage for all instructional areas
- Replace aged/at capacity telephone and voicemail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Renovate Student Health Services/Nurse's office
- Add and/or renovate space for new library
- Add and/or renovate space for band and orchestra rooms
- Enclose south and north walkway entrances for safety



**At Marquette High, funds from the bond issue will allow the district to:**

- Replace aged classrooms computers and install additional classroom computers to lower the student-to-computer ratio
- Provide portable computers for full-time teachers to improve access to technology resources
- Provide student response systems (clickers) to facilitate immediate assessment of student learning
- Install projection devices and interactive white boards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged projection devices and/or interactive whiteboards (SMART Board™)
- Replace aged network equipment and add additional switches
- Install tile in 14 rooms and quarry tile in kitchen
- Replace HVAC screen wall system
- Replace sections of the building's roof
- Install kitchen hoods for gas ranges in FACS lab
- Expand student parking lot
- Expand existing weight room
- Construct new library and add and/or renovate space for 4-6 classrooms
- Conduct engineering study for possible new gym in the future