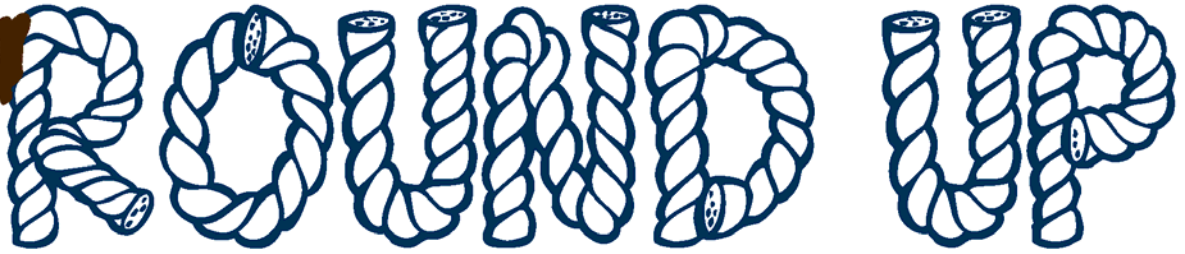




Wild Horse



MAY, 2010

Dear Parents:

The information in the **Round Up** is moving online **next school year**. To help keep parents in the communication loop – our monthly school newsletter is being replaced with the home page of the school Web site.

With the re-organization of our school Web site, parents can receive school news every day by logging on to the **Wild Horse** Web site at www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/wildhorse

Instead of a once-a-month newsletter, parents can find the latest information online at their convenience: events, school announcements and news from the principal and more.

To remind parents of school news items, I will send out occasional email reminders. This reminder will provide links to our school calendar and announcement pages, as well as important news our parents need to know. Parents will be able to do the following:

- Print off the school calendar
- Link to the most recent school announcements
- Access curriculum and department updates
- Find out what's going in with the PTO

If your family does not have a way to access the Internet and receive email messages, please let us know. Call **636.537.4398** and ask for **Mary Hirth**, and we'll make sure you receive printed copies of these messages via your child's Wednesday Wrap-up take-home folder.

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

Wild Horse understands that one of the keys to ensuring the best educational experience possible for your child and family is great communication. Remember all the ways we work to keep parents updated on what your child is doing and what's happening at school.

Electronic:

Teacher Web sites: To help build upon learning, teachers share important information about what's going on in the classroom.

Rockwood Web site: Learn about district-wide programs and resources for students, parents, community and staff.

AlertNow Messages:

Phone or Email: Parents will receive important information - such as emergency notifications, school closings due to inclement weather, and other school news.

Resources:










Wednesday Wrap-up Take-Home Folders: Each child at our school has a folder, which your student will bring home on Wednesdays. It includes items, such as program flyers, artwork, notes from the teacher, etc.

PTO Communication: Our parent-teacher organization keeps parents in the loop through the PTO page on our school website and notices that go home in our Wednesday Wrap-up folders.

Parent Resource Centers: A parent communication center is located in our school entryway. This is the place to find community information that support education and families.

Karen Kieffer

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IMPORTANT DATES:

May, 2010

- 18 – 5th Gr. Finale Concert, gym
1:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- 19 – 5th Gr. Field Trip to the Pointe
- 19 – 3rd Gr. Field Trip to Magic House
- 20 – Stallion Stable Open during lunch
- 21 – 4th & 5th Gr. Elementary Track Meet at MHS
- 25 – Wild Horse Summer Fun Day
- 27 – Last Day of School for Students
- 28 – Teacher Records Day

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM NURSE BEAGEN

If your child has medication at school, a parent must pick it up the final week of school.



Medications will not be sent home with students. Any medications remaining at school on May 27th, will be destroyed. Please call to let me know if someone other than you will be picking up your child's medication.

All fifth graders are required to have a physical exam before entering the sixth grade. It must be dated August 16, 2009, or later. Please send the form to Wild Horse if you have it completed before the end of the school year. After May 27th, they should be sent directly to the middle school your child will be attending. A physical form may be downloaded from the Rockwood District Website.

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.

All students enrolling in kindergarten in Missouri are 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. Have an awesome summer! Be safe!



REPORT CARDS

Your child's report card will be sent home with your child on the last day of school. Please read the report card with your child, celebrating successes and setting goals.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, May 27th is the last day of school for all students. This will be a full day of attendance for students in full day kindergarten and grades one through five. Buses will run their regular schedules on this day. AM and PM Kindergarten will also run according to their regular schedule.

We ask that students leave their backpacks at home on the last day of school.

MOVING?

If your family is planning to move over the summer, we would appreciate it if you would notify the office before the end of the school year so that we may keep our files updated. This includes any move, whether to another location within the Wild Horse boundaries, or a move out of town, state or country. This will assist us in placement for the next school year.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011

As families with children of elementary school age move into the Wild Horse Elementary School attendance area, please ask them to register their children as soon as possible by calling the school office. It is important to enroll students as soon as possible as this affects class lists and staffing.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Be sure to check out our school website at <http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/wildhorse>. It will have all the information (calendars, supply list, etc.) you'll need to help plan for next year.

LOST AND FOUND

An assortment of jackets, hats, gloves, coats, jewelry, eyeglasses and other items are located in the lost and found in the cafeteria. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after June 1.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



It's hard to believe that another school year is about to come to a close. I think the library gets busier every year. It is a fantastic place to work, read and learn and the students are making great progress with information literacy as they move forward with fulfilling the standards for the 21st century learner. So far this year students have:

Checked out – 22,159 books

Taken – 24,735 Accelerated Reader Quizzes

Read – 240,688,252 words

With the school year winding down that means "INVENTORY" time for our library. Your child can help us go through the inventory process quickly and successfully by turning in all his or her library books by Friday, May 14. The last day for student checkout will be Thursday, May 13. All students who get their books turned in on time will have an opportunity to participate in our special library prize drawing. Thank you for reminding your child to find and return all library books by the dates above.

Unfortunately if a book is lost or damaged students will need to pay for a replacement. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for making our Spring Scholastic Book Fair another success! Our parent volunteers really work hard to make our fair the best it can possibly be. Your support, volunteer and patron alike, is always much appreciated. We are in the process of weeding (replacing books with a copyright older than 15 years) and updating our collection to keep it at the highest rating possible according to the Missouri Department of Education. Because of your generosity we:

- ✓ Received over \$1,000 worth of the latest great fiction and nonfiction books with book credit through Scholastic.

- ✓ Updated our nonfiction collection with new books in the following topic areas:
 - Dinosaurs
 - Famous Americans and Explorers
 - Transportation and Communication
 - Countries Around the World
 - Internet and Computer Technology
 - Scientific Investigations
 - Holidays
 - Animal Classifications

WILD HORSE CENSUS VERIFICATION FORMS

In an effort to update the information that is listed in Infinite campus concerning Wild Horse families and reduce the number of forms turned in prior to the first day of school a STUDENT INFORMATION FORM was sent home for your review. This form included all current names, phone numbers and addresses of the members in your household that are listed in Infinite Campus. It is important that this form be returned by the last day of school. This will insure that you receive future communications and your child receives teacher placement information in August.

If you have moved or your home/work phone number changes during the summer, please send a note to the office to update your records. If it is an address change, please send 2 proofs of residency, also. Thank you for your help in keeping information current.

| 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% |
| April 6 – April 30 | 95.78% |

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school. We have just a few copies left for sale. If you did not order a yearbook and would now like to purchase one, please send in a note stating this along with a check for \$18.00 made payable to Wild Horse PTO. These will be first come, first served. If you have any questions about the yearbook or your order, please contact Cindy Grigg at cgrigg@swbell.net or Jennifer Breitenwischer at jbreitenwischer@yahoo.com.

MAY GUIDANCE LESSONS...

In Kindergarten, students will be discussing the transition to First Grade for next year while reflecting on their first year in school and what might be the same and different in First Grade.

Our first graders will be listening to and discussing two books with the common theme of "How one person can make a difference". The books are, *Listen to the Wind*, by Gregg Mortenson and *One Smile*, by Cindy McKinley.

Our second grade students will be having an introduction to the six career clusters and then sorting various occupations into the different clusters.

Third grade students will be participating in a reader's theater activity with parables and fables from different countries. Each student will have the opportunity to shine in their own role.

The fourth grade students will be discussing the teamwork skills necessary for working in various occupations.

The 5th grade classes will be participating in a follow-up lesson discussing the transition to middle school and practicing locker combinations. We will also have a question and answer piece after our visit to Crestview.

TRACK MEET NEWS

Several fourth and fifth grade students will be participating in the Rockwood School District Terry Lantz Elementary Track meet on Friday, May 21st. The track meet will be held at Marquette High School at approximately 9:45 a.m. Students will compete in jumping, sprinting, and distance running events. The team members are:

GRADE 4: Jimmy Johnson, Sophia Raffaelli, Ryan Wagoner, Lexi Szweda, Ryan Wagoner, Carys Shearer, Hunter Hartmann, Katie Wendell, Kornae Miller, Avery Engelmeyer, Rahsaan Smith, Mya Patterson, David Hummel, Kiara West, Nick Warmann, Anna Gierhart, Jake Szweda, Jessica Scheer, Adan Jasso, Maddie Lay, Grant Keebler, Dominic Raineri, Brooke Rauber, Vinai Kumar, Caitlyn Bender, Austin Schebaum, Sophia Ulett, Will Sturgill and Cailee Betrus

GRADE 5: Ty Rauber, Lindsey Abernathy, Cole Gast, Lauren Rickard, Thomas Penney, Anna Davis, Tyler Gellman, Lindsey Rauber, Brian Sanchez, Nicole Jacobs, Marquis Yarbrough, Diego Jasso, Cooper Gast, Hannah Freeman, Dasia Wallace, Elizabeth Andrews, Jessie Squellati, Lauren Jenkins, Reginald Green, Lindsey Schmidt, Jack Essex, Katiana Porporis, Josh Galmiche, Hallie Sidney, J.T. Schuman, Lindsey Abernathy, Ryan Crews, Erin Rauber, Jack Messmer and Holly Gilmore

Good Luck to all of our participants!



MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER

We are excited to once again offer an informal time for our students to meet their new teacher. Mark the date of Friday, August 13, 2010, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. for our **Meet Your Teacher** activity. An e-mail will be sent on August 12th announcing the teacher assignments. (We will also post all class lists at 3:30 p.m. on the 13th in the event that you have not yet received your e-mail.) If you would like the opportunity for your child(ren) to meet their teacher(s) and see where their new classroom(s) will be, we invite you to stop by some time between 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on August 13th for an informal visit. Teachers will be working in their classrooms during that time, so feel free to stop by and introduce yourself and your child.



Although teachers may be in the building at other times during the week prior to the start of school, they will be involved in curriculum meetings and preparing their lesson plans for the first week of school. We ask that you respect their preparation time and only visit the classrooms during the Meet Your Teacher time from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on the 13th. A great deal of work goes into planning for a wonderful beginning to the school year and through everyone's cooperation, we will make 2010-2011 a terrific year!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 12 – Placement E-mail Sent to Parents
August 13 – Meet The Teacher, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
August 17 – First Day of School for Students
August 24 – Curriculum Night, 6:30 p.m.

PLACEMENT FOR 2010-2011

We will be working hard during the summer months to place students in balanced classes that meet the needs of each student.

There are so many factors that go into creating balanced classes that it is like a huge puzzle. I appreciate those of you who followed the directions given regarding parent input in the placement process. We received over 250 letters. By outlining the learning environment and/or the learning needs of your child(ren) you provide valuable insight to be considered for placement. Remember that any mention of a teacher does not guarantee placement in that classroom. Our goal is to ensure a good learning environment for all students.

Kindergarten students will receive a letter in early August concerning their class placement and bus routes. After teachers return on August 11th and review the classes, an e-mail will be sent to each child's home (grades 1-5) informing them of their teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, class rosters will be posted on the front doors of the school after 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 13th and will remain there until school starts on Tuesday, August 17th.

2010-2011 STAFF DEVELOPMENT/EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Wild Horse will release students early once again next year for the teachers to participate in staff development activities. Lunch will be provided at school on each early release day and all kindergarten students will attend in the morning. On early release days, school will be in session from 8:23 a.m. – 12:08 p.m. Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

September 14, Tuesday
October 12, Tuesday
November 9, Tuesday
December 7, Tuesday
January 14, Friday
February 18, Friday
March 8, Tuesday
April 21, Thursday
May 10, Tuesday

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Wild Horse Elementary office will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday from June 1st – June 18.

The office will re-open for the 2010-11 school year on Thursday, July 22, 2010. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

CCL FOR 2010-2011

Students will attend the Center for Creative Learning on Friday. Classes will begin on Friday, August 20th.

TESTING SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011

Please avoid scheduling any appointments or trips during these testing dates.

August 23-31

GATES, Grades 1-5

September 7 – 10

OLSAT & Practice, Grade 1

November 1-19

Stanford 10, Grades 2 and 4

March 28 – April 22

MAP 2011 Testing, Grades 3, 4, 5

May 4-13

Math Inventory Part A and B, Grades K-5

SAVE, SAVE, SAVE.....

We ask that you continue to save Box Tops, Campbell Soup labels, aluminum pull tabs, ink and laser printer cartridges. These programs will continue next school year, so it would be great to begin the year with a large collection. Please continue to support our recycling bins and little yellow clothing bin throughout the summer, also.

Many thanks for your support of these programs.

SHOWING HEART

Brownie Troop 1388 visited the Ronald McDonald House in March. Each girl made a fleece blanket to donate to the House. Their theme this year was "Showing Heart, Giving Heart, and Having Heart".



Pictured: Haley Myers, Sarah Virruso, Emma Gore, Lauren Bayne, Julia Lees, Rachel Malin, Elle Anderson, Nicole Goodman, Allison Broadhurst, and Josie Pagel

Allison Broadhurst, grade 3, was chosen to be in the production of Sound of Music at the Munny this summer. She will be in every performance which will run from July 26- August 1st. Congratulations, Allison!

Emily Yn donated 11 inches of hair to Locks of Love which is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. The hairpieces will provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

Jack Cronin participated in the Illinois Junior Classic Golf Tournament in West Chicago, Illinois April 24-25th. After taking first place last year, he ended up in a tie for fourth place this year!

Congratulations to **Reethi Padmanabhan** for placing third in the 2010 NSF Regional Spelling Bee and to **Advik Goel** for placing third in the 2010 NSF Regional Vocabulary Bee contest held in St. Louis on Sunday, May 2. The NSF – North South Foundation is a non-profit organization which provides college scholarships in India to children who excel academically among the poor families. The educational contests in the United States are designed to encourage excellence among the Indian American children and prepare them to enter better colleges such as Harvard, MIT and Stanford.

WELCOME BABY MOSBY

Congratulations to Tim Mosby and his wife Marci on the birth of their first child, Tessa Lynn on April 19th at 12:34 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long



LOVE THAT LIBRARY!

Your first stop during the summer break should be to your local public library. Schedule a weekly trip to drop off and pick up books so your child can go anywhere in the world of imagination while keeping up reading skills. A 30 minute reading break each day will help your child for the upcoming school year and be a peaceful break to your day. The library also offers free movies and children's shows! The County Library offers rewards through the Summer Reading Club <http://www.slcl.org/kids/>, and check the St. Louis City Library for their summer reading program <http://www.slpl.org/>.

ESOL SUMMER ACADEMY CLASSES

ESOL Summer Academy classes are available at Ballwin Elementary, Clarkson Valley Early Childhood Center and Crestview Middle School. Call the ESOL department at 636-938-2359 for dates and times at each location.

MAKE A VISIT TO ST. LOUIS VISITOR SERVICES

At this website

<http://www.explorestlouis.com/kids/index.asp> you can connect to so many fun activities for a summer day. Many are free such as the St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis Science Center, Missouri History Museum, Laumeier Sculpture Park, and the World Bird Sanctuary. Others may charge admission or parking fees like the Magic House, City Museum, Challenger Learning Center, Missouri Botanical Garden, Faust Historical Village with the Butterfly House and a 1920 carousel for the kids to ride. Another great resource for activities is St. Louis County Parks – <http://www.stlouisco.com/parks/>. Plan a weekly day to explore our wonderful city. There are many more adventures listed on the websites.

COMPUTER CONNECTIONS

Finally, the computer can be used to reinforce English as well as grade level academic skills. Remember to visit your school's website for grade level specific websites. Good English reinforcement can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.eskidsworld.com/>

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/>

http://www.everythingesl.net/in-services/elementary_sites_ells_71638.php

District News

May 2010



The Rockwood School District and the Drug-Free Coalition invite parents to be a part of the Neighborhood of Excellence award program. Earn distinction for your neighborhood by giving youth a voice in your community.

Children and teens who feel valued, connected and accountable are less likely to indulge in risky behaviors. Join us in an effort to empower youth and enable them to reach their potential.

Register your neighborhood.

Plan and implement your ideas.

Share your success stories.

Working together, we can build relationships, provide youth with opportunities for growth, and make a difference in the Rockwood community.

For more information contact the Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition at 636-938-2363 or visit www.rockwoodcoalition.org.

Rockwood Relay for Life

Join your friends and neighbors:

American Cancer Society

Relay For Life for Rockwood

June 4, 2010 from 6 p.m. – 6 a.m.

Eureka High School

Bring your family to this districtwide event and be a part of our community's commitment to celebrate cancer survivors, to remember those who have battled the disease, and to fight back for a cure.

Eureka High is located at 4525 Highway 109. Find more information on the Web site:

www.relayforlife.org/rockwoodmo.

Thank you Rockwood Voters! Prop 5 Passes ~ What's Next?

Nearly 11,000 Rockwood voters endorsed a check for \$55 million when they approved Prop 5 during the April 6 elections. Here is what stakeholders can expect to see during the next two years of this bond issue cycle:

In June 2010, Rockwood's bond advisors will sell the bonds competitively. Since these are AAA bonds, they are very attractive. A list of prospective bidders is formed and the bidder with the lowest interest rate will be awarded the bonds.

Once the bonds are sold, Rockwood has the funds needed to begin working on the school project list with contractors.

Rockwood's construction management company works with the district's facilities department to plan and design the work, facilitate the competitive bidding process, and award contracts for the various projects.

A schedule for projects is being developed. You can follow the progress of the bond issue projects and see when they are completed by visiting this site: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us.

Administrative Center: 733-2000

On April 29, the Rockwood Administrative Center is replacing its aged phone system, which means the school district's main office will change its phone number to (636) 733.2000.

The district's central office and related departments located at 111 E. North Central will replace the aged/at capacity telephone and voice-mail system with Voice over IP technology that includes 911 service.

Rockwood patrons can find an updated directory of administrative staff at this location on the Web site: www.rockwood.k12.mo.us.

