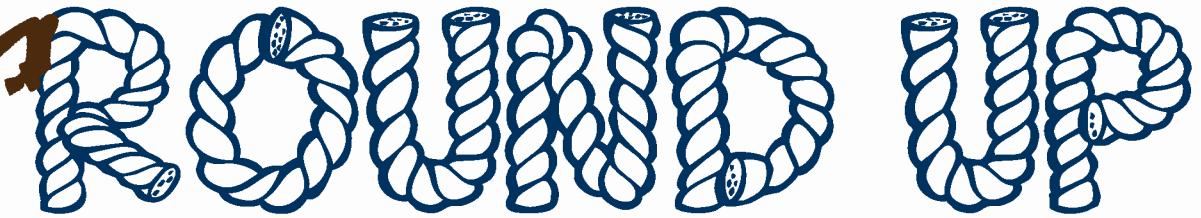


Wild Horse



OCTOBER, 2009

Dear Parents,

One of my favorite pastimes is to get lost in a good book. Reading is a good way to relax, to pass the time in a waiting room and also serves as the basis for social connections through book clubs. One goal of all educators is to help children learn a love of reading – not just for learning – but for pleasure.

Our staff is building such a foundation by helping our students select books that are the correct level for independent reading. When reading for 'fun' research suggests that a child should be able to read the book with 99% accuracy. For a long time – that is all we looked at....was the book at the correct level. Now we know that there are other factors to consider when selecting a book:

What is the purpose for reading?

What is the interest in the topic?

What is the ability to comprehend?

Many of our teachers have taught our students how to select a 'good-fit' book and I wanted to share these strategies with you. One way you can support your child's learning is to follow these simple steps when selecting books at the Book Fair, the library and when purchasing gifts. We call this the I PICK method.

I choose a book

Purpose – Why do I want to read it?

Interest – Does it interest me?

Comprehend – Am I understanding what I am reading?

Know – I know most of the words

But helping your child through the I PICK process, you are empowering your child with the tools to make great book selections. Thank you for partnering with us to help instill a love of reading in our Stallions.

Sincerely,

Karen Kieffer

P.S. If you are reading any good books – please pass on the title. I am always looking for a new book!



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

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IMPORTANT DATES:

October

- 16 – WHE Fall Carnival, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 21 – WHE at Papa Johns
- 26 – 29 – Red Ribbon Week
- 26 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 26 – Book Fair, Library, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 27 – H1N1 Clinic for Students, time TBA
- 28 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 – Book Fair, Library, 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 29 – Picture Retake Day
- 29 – Grade 4 Missouri Heritage Field Trip
- 30 – No School

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- 4 – Gr. 3 Field Trip to Shaw Nature Reserve
Krystalovich/Fox
- 5 – Staff Development-Early Dismissal, 12:08 p.m.
- 6 – No School – State Teacher's Conference
- 11 – Gr. 3 Field Trip to Shaw nature Reserve
Singer/Miklasz
- 12 – 5th Gr. Biz Town Field Trip
- 14 – PTO Sponsored Market Place Shopping Event

RED RIBBON WEEK

During the month of October, we are once again recognizing the importance of Red Ribbon Week. The Red Ribbon Campaign began when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. The Red Ribbon became the symbol to reduce the demand for drugs and to live a drug-free, healthy lifestyle. This year marks the 22nd anniversary of Agent Camarena's sacrifice. This year **Red Ribbon Week is October 26-30th**. Our main focus with the students is to discuss ways to live a healthy lifestyle. A full schedule will be distributed to teachers with activities during this week.

RED RIBBON WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Oct. 26th "Don't Get Tied Up in Drugs" - Wear a Tie



Tuesday, Oct. 27th "We're Sockin' it to Drugs" - Wear crazy or mismatched socks



Wednesday, Oct. 28th "Smart Hearts Don't Start Drugs" - Show Heart by wearing **RED**

Thursday, Oct. 29th "Winners Don't do Drugs" - Dress up as a winner or positive role model-(real or fictional).

CLASSROOM GUIDANCE LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

Kindergarteners will be discussing "Rules and Expectations" in the classroom and throughout the school and what those specifically look like in different situations and activities. Mrs. Sasfai will also introduce our school-wide expectations of S.H.I.N.E. and discuss what those letters mean.

First grade students will be discussing what it takes to be a successful student. Traits such as, following directions, good attendance, and asking good questions will be discussed.

The guidance lesson for 2nd grade students is appreciating the differences between ourselves and others. Students will be completing Venn diagrams noting similarities and differences with their friends.

Third grade students will be continuing our discussions about bullying and harassment and ways students can make good choices in stopping bullying and/or people they can ask for help,

Our fourth grade students will be taking a bullying quiz during their guidance lesson and then reviewing techniques for dealing with bullies that we have discussed in the past, as well as learning new strategies.

Fifth grade will be discussing the idea of "Crossing the Line" with our words and how body language, tone of voice, etc. have influence on whether a comment is acceptable or not acceptable with our friends and classmates. Our discussion will include ways to help other students to stop before "Crossing the Line".



SHOWING HEART

Locks of Love Donation

Jorie Myers, a kindergarten student at Wild Horse Elementary, donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love when she had her hair cut in August.

Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children who are suffering a hair loss due to a long term medical diagnosis.



MOAHPERD Young Professionals of the Year

Congratulations to Mr. Tim Mosby, for being selected as one of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Young Professionals of the Year for 2009.

This award is presented annually to a young member of the Association who has demonstrated outstanding potential for scholarship, teaching, and/or professional leadership. Mr. Mosby will be recognized at the MOAHPERD awards banquet in November.



Laptop Computer Donation

Thank you to the Lourie Family and GE Capital Real Estate for contributing 30 Dell Laptop computers to Rockwood School District. Some of the computers will be distributed to Wild Horse Elementary to enhance our technology needs.

Helping Hand

A very special 'Thank You' to Mrs. Laura Gierhart for cleaning and dusting the trophy case located in the foyer next to the main office.

H1N1 FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

All elementary schools in the Rockwood School District will provide free H1N1 vaccination shots for students. Shots for will be administered at Wild Horse on October 27 and November 23.



Vaccinations will be administered behind a curtain on the stage in the gym. Our fantastic P.E. teachers will help students keep their minds off the impending shots with a variety of activities in the gymnasium. Parents are welcome to come to be on hand to lend support for their young ones. We will continue to keep you posted on this topic. For more 2009 H1N1 virus and vaccination information, email askthenurse@rockwood.k12.mo.us or go to the Wild Horse website and click on the "Flu Outbreak" icon.

WILD HORSE'S 23RD BI-ANNUAL BOOK FAIR: READ AROUND THE WORLD



If you like to read a book on a plane...or on a train...or anywhere else (you don't have to explain) – then travel to our upcoming "Destination Book Fair: "Read Around The World" on Monday, October 26th and Wednesday, October 28th from 3:30 to 7 p.m. This year's book fair will bring the world of reading right to our very own school library!

Proceeds from the Book Fair help our Wild Horse Library maintain its Level 3 status, which is the highest rating possible for our school based on population and copyright. The library continuously updates old titles, as well as replaces lost and damaged materials. All of this is made possible through the Book Fair and our support.



We are proud of our Wild Horse library, which provides your children with exceptional resources in a warm and educational atmosphere. Stop by on October 26 and 28 and support your library...and your children. We guarantee our fair will feature books for you and your family to take on a special trip...or read in your very own backyard!

Read This. Read This. Read This.

We need parent volunteers for our upcoming book fair. If you are available for morning set up on Tuesday, October 20th or during conference times (Monday, October 26th and Wednesday, October 28th, from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.), please call Linda Malin at 530-0480 or e-mail her at malins5@sbcglobal.net. Thanks for supporting your library...and your children.



READ, RIGHT, and RUN MARATHON

Throughout St. Louis families are participating in a program that combines reading, doing good or "right" deeds, and jogging. The program lasts 26 weeks from early October until Saturday April 10, 2010. The children read a book (30 literature pages), do something to help out around the home, and jog one mile with their family each of the weeks. The last mile is completed in Forest Park, thus completing the "marathon."

There is a \$15 registration fee that covers the cost of a T-shirt to wear on April 10th, a medal that all receive at the Forest Park event, free breakfast for race day, and other incentive prizes.

If your child is interested, there is still time to sign up online at

http://www.gostlouis.org/participant/RRRM2010/participant_signup.aspx

Any child who registers with the Go! St. Louis organization is then invited to stay after school on Thursdays beginning Oct. 15 to practice running with parent volunteers Mr. Gellman and Mr. Lynch.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

There will be a Picture Retake Day on Thursday, October 29, 2009. This will be your student's last chance to have his/her picture taken for the school year. There will be NO SPRING PICTURES taken this school year.

WELCOME BABY NELSON



Congratulations to Sheri Nelson and her husband Steve on the birth of their baby daughter, Ruby Jean Nelson. Ruby arrived on September 21st weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Best wishes to the Nelson family!

MYTRAY AND MY NUTRITION ONLINE SERVICES

Rockwood School District's Child Nutrition Services Department is excited to provide parents, students with the opportunity to try two online services. Wild Horse Elementary has been selected to be part of a Beta Test Group for two new components of the NutriKids program: MyTray and MyNutrition.

The testing for these new components will last for approximately ninety days, beginning October 1st and continuing until December 31st. These services will be available to parents at no cost and will be located temporarily at www.MyNutriKids.com.

MyTray is an interactive menu planning tool which allows you and your child(ren) to view school breakfast and lunch options in a fun and entertaining way. You and your child(ren) will learn how each choice contributes to the nutritional quality of their dietary intake. As parents you will find using MyTray to be the perfect media to open the lines of communication about the importance of good nutrition.



MyNutrition provides adults, teens and children with online educational opportunities related to health, nutrition and physical activity. Resources include articles, tips, tools, recipes, links and challenges to encourage small steps toward living a healthier life. MyNutrition provides monthly features focusing on all the hot topics surrounding child and family health and well-being.

The Rockwood Child Nutrition Services Department is confident this resource will benefit parents, students and the entire school community.





**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
&
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES
4:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

**&
BOOK FAIR
3:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

**NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR REMINDERS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 12:08 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 25, 26, 27
NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**



**FALL INTO FUN AT THE WILD HORSE
FALL CARNIVAL**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00-8:00 P.M.

**CHILDREN'S ADMISSION
\$7.00 at the door
ADULTS FREE**

**Admission includes all
carnival games,
fortune teller,
costume contest/parade,
balloon artist, face painting, tech
decks, cookie/cupcake walk,
photo-op, caricature artist and more!**

**Food and drink will be for sale in the
cafeteria using your
Rockwood School account or cash.**

**Come wear your costume and
have a great time! We look
forward to seeing you.**

**This is an indoor family event –
NO drop offs, please.
Parents must
be with their children
throughout the event!**



Prepare, Prevent, Respond

Oct. 19-22: A week in Rockwood dedicated to safety awareness, prevention and crisis response.

Jesus Villahermosa, a national expert on school and workplace safety and the founder of Crisis Reality Training, will lead presentations for parents, students and staff. His realistic and interactive delivery raises awareness for safety and security to a new level. Three types of training will be available to the Rockwood community in an effort to inform all "team members" of the proactive measures to protect the safety of all our students and schools:

for parents:

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Crestview Middle School at 16025 Clayton Road in Ellisville

Parents of students of all ages will learn how to keep their children safe - how to prevent drug abuse - and what signs to look for if they suspect drug abuse.

for students:

Seniors and freshman learn how to stay safe on a college campuses and the perils of drug and alcohol abuse.

Monday, Oct. 19

Eureka High School
Rockwood Summit High School

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Lafayette High School
Marquette High School

Sixth-grade students talk about bullying and making safe choices to live drug and alcohol free.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Crestview Middle School
Selvidge Middle School
Rockwood South Middle School

Thursday, Oct. 22

Wildwood Middle School
LaSalle Springs Middle School
Rockwood Valley Middle School

for rockwood administrators:

Administrators discuss emergency planning and how the district would respond to a crisis at a Rockwood campus during the week-long focus on school safety.

Questions? For more information, contact Dennis Griffith, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, at (636) 938-2213.