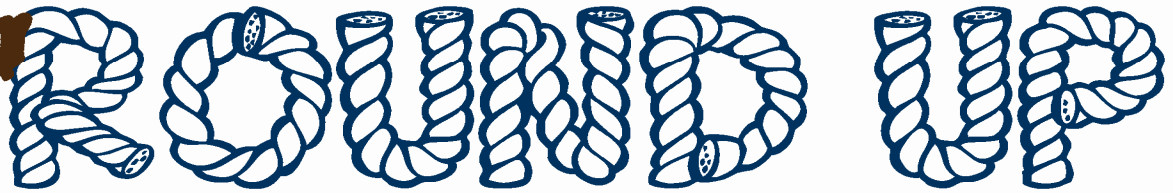


Wild Horse



SEPTEMBER, 2009

Dear Wild Horse Families,

In keeping with our Wild Horse back to school tradition, I 'kidnapped' the staff on the morning they returned. The 'kidnapping' is always related to our theme for the year. This year our theme is **'The Heart of Learning'**. I partnered up with the **United Way** and we participated in their program called **A Day of Caring**. The staff was divided into 6 groups – with each group going to a different **United Way** agency to volunteer for the morning. We had such a powerful experience that morning that I thought I would share with you the reflection piece that followed our day of service.

We make a living from what we get; we make a life from what we give.

Winston Churchill

I know that when you woke up this morning you were thinking of all that you needed to complete in your classroom. You were hoping you wouldn't have to play any silly 'getting to know you' games and that our meeting would not really take all morning. You were focused on making a living!

I hope when you leave here today, you are thinking about the valuable time you just spent in service to others. My hope is that this morning becomes a wonderful memory and influence in your life!

We often hide behind the excuse of being too busy or too tired to take the time to see how we can come to the aid of our neighbor. We are led to believe that the path leading to success is the fast lane focused on 'what's in it for me'. We get stuck in the 'it's all about me' mindset.

I hope that today exemplifies for you, that you can indeed step off that fast lane and find a moment to serve. Thinking of others does not have to interfere with success, rather it can enhance it. I guarantee that all of your work will get done back at school in time for the students to arrive. You may find that you actually accomplish your tasks much quicker because you refocus on what is truly important to make the start of this school year meaningful for your students.

So thank you for your generosity today! My wish for each of you is that you truly discover The Heart of Learning and that you pass that message on to your students so that they can go beyond making a living, rather they have the foundation for making a life!

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Mahatma Gandhi

I invite you and your family to join us as we discover **The Heart of Learning** throughout the 2009-10 school year!

Sincerely,
Karen Kieffer



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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September:

- 17 – Stallion Stable open during lunch
- 18 – Rockwood Night @ the Ballpark
- 26 – District Science Expo, EHS, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- 30 – Box Top Day

October:

- 2 – WHE Night at @the Ballpark, 7:15 p.m.
- 10 – Elementary Cross Country Meet @ MHS, 8:30 p.m.

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PLEASE REMEMBER.....

- All visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge while they are in the building.
- When your child is late to school, (after 8:23 a.m.) a parent or guardian must accompany the child into the office to sign him/her in. Tardiness (arrival after 8:23 a.m.) and absences are noted on your child's attendance records.
- An adult must sign out a student being picked up early in the office. The office will call the classroom for the student when the adult arrives to pick them up. Students will not be sent to the office to wait for an adult to pick them up.
- Forgotten homework, lunches, or messages must be brought to the office. This is for safety reasons as well as not interrupting instruction time.
- We ask that each family keep their home and emergency telephone numbers, and e-mail address up-to-date by notifying us in writing.
- Please look for your child's Wednesday Wrap-Up folder each week. This folder contains important information and communication from the district, our school and PTO. The folder is due back to school on Thursday.

RUSH HOUR AT WILD HORSE

Thank you for a great start to the new year. As we settle into our routines, please take note of the following transportation reminders that will help all Stallions arrive safely and on time.

Car Rider Reminders

- Be sure to pull all the way forward to the first spot in the drop-off lane.
- Have your child(ren) **READY** to exit the car when you are in one of the drop off spots. This helps keep the line moving.
- If you must assist your child out of the car or you have a project to bring into school, please park your car in an empty space in the parking lot and walk your child to the lobby.
- Please note: Our teachers on duty are overseeing the traffic flow and student safety. Please keep questions/conversations to a minimum. If your question isn't related to pick-up/drop-off, please save that conversation for a later time to ensure the teachers can effectively supervise their area.

Bus Riders

- Please remind your students to be at their stop on time and standing at a safe distance from the road.
- Remind your student to stay seated and facing forward at all times while riding the bus.
- Encourage your child to "SHINE" at all times.

Walkers and Bike Riders

- Please remind your student to always obey the traffic signals or the crossing guard when crossing the street as they walk or ride their bike to and from school each day even if they are waved across the street by other drivers.



COLD AND FLU SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Mrs. McDougal and Mrs. Suttie, the Wild Horse guest nurses, would like to remind students, parents, and staff of the following guidelines during the cold and flu season:

- As these viruses are spread by respiratory droplets, please remind students to cover sneezes and coughs, wash hands often and stay home if sick!
- Staff and students are to remain home for at least 24 hours AFTER they no longer have a fever.
- District updates regarding H1N1 can continually be found on Rockwood School District's website home page.
- CDC has an official site regarding the H1N1. It can be found at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/general_info.
- If your child will be absent, a parent should call the school and leave a message on the attendance line explaining why. The attendance line phone number is 636.537.4385.



SEASONAL FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE AT WILD HORSE

On Tuesday, October 13, from 11a.m.-1p.m. Wild Horse Elementary will have influenza vaccines available to the public ages six months to 100 years. The H1N1 Vaccine will not be available at this clinic. No appointment necessary. All children under 18 need parental permission. The cost is \$30 for flu shot and \$40 for FluMist. Checks should be made to Nursing Vaccination Specialists.

VISION SCREENING

On Wednesday, October 7th, vision screenings will be conducted for students in grades 1, 3 and 5. This screening will also include 2nd and 4th grade students who are new to Rockwood School District this year.



PAPER WORK DUE TO THE NURSES' OFFICE

Please remember to turn in the following forms to the nurses' office.

1. Physical forms for all kindergartners and any students new to WHE this year (Deadline 9/18/09)
2. Purple papers for student health forms

ATTENDANCE AT WILD HORSE

If your child is ill or will be absent due to other reasons, please call by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. There is specific information that needs to be included in your message so please listen to the complete greeting before leaving your message. This includes your child's name, grade level, and reason for absence which also includes any diagnosis from your doctor.

The attendance line is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent, the school will call you at home or at work to see why your child is not in attendance.

Excusable Absences:

1. Death in the student's immediate family.
2. Illness of the student.
3. Doctor or dental appointments.
4. Certain days for religious observances.
5. Court appearances.

When a family is leaving town and desires to take the student with them, they may be excused up to 5 days provided that:

- a) the school is notified in advance of the absence.
- b) the student procures available assignments in advance of the absence;
- c) all assigned work is turned in upon returning to school; and
- d) all tests, etc., are made up at the discretion of the individual teacher.

However, we strongly discourage vacations which will interrupt the student's learning.

Wild Horse Attendance Beginning August 18, 2009 and Ending September 4, 2009		
Total School Enrollment	Average Daily Attendance	Total School Attendance %
575	559.99	97.39%

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

At the start of the school year, Mrs. George and Mrs. Sasfai visited several classrooms to discuss the issue of harassment: what it looks like, what it includes, and ways to deal with it.

For classroom guidance in September...

Our Kindergarteners will be visited by a special friend "Pooh Bear" who will be helping students learn how to use the whole body for good listening.

Our first grade students will be learning about personal space. We are learning strategies to protect our own personal space as well as ways not to impose on others' personal space.

The second grade students are learning ways to share friendly acts with other students. We discuss behaviors that reflect friendly and unfriendly acts.

The third grade students will be discussing teasing and harassment. We will problem solve several strategies for dealing with teasing.



Our fourth grade students will be taking a quiz on bullying, as a form of review on previous strategies to deal with bullies. We will be role playing different scenarios so that the students will have an opportunity to practice new skills.

In 5th grade, students will be discussing the story "Trouble Talk", which is about a girl who loves to talk and try to make friends and connections through gossiping, spreading rumors, forming cliques, and name-calling. More specifically, we will discuss strategies in how to deal with classmates and friends in situations where "trouble talk" occurs.

Looking ahead to October, remember to check the Round Up and school calendar for a list of activities for Red Ribbon Week, October 26-30th.

STALLION BUDDY SKIT PROGRAM!!!

We are looking forward once again to our 2nd year in implementing our Stallion Buddy Skit program which focuses on Character Education. Parent volunteers are needed to help our older Stallions create and perform skits for their younger Stallion Buddy classes. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jill Sasfai-sasfaijill@rockwood.k12.mo.us or Kim Mill-kim.mill@charter.net

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Ever wonder what ESOL means? It stands for English for Speakers of Other Languages. Who receives ESOL services in our school? Students who speak other languages and need to improve their English language skills. Teachers often refer to these students as ELL's, which stands for English Language Learners.

Rockwood School District provides FREE Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for parents or anyone 16 years of age or older. These classes are for beginning, intermediate, or advanced students. Classes are offered both in the morning and evening. Call (636) 938-2308 for more information or ask the friendly ESOL teacher in your building for a brochure!



According to Dr. Robert Headrick, Coordinator of World Languages and K-12 ESOL Services, Rockwood has around 300 students in the ESOL program. Almost 50 different languages are represented with Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Russian and Somali among the most prevalent.

For more information, please call 636.938.2308 or request a brochure from Wild Horse ESOL Teacher Miss Dawn Warren.



LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULES

	Recess	Lunch
Kindergarten	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10
1st Grade	10:50-11:10	11:10-11:30
2nd Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
Adv. Club	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10
4th Grade	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
3rd Grade	12:05-12:25	12:25-12:45
5th Grade	12:30-12:50	12:50-1:10

We are happy to have parents visit during lunch times. However due to safety and supervision concerns we would appreciate limiting your visit to the cafeteria lunch times and not the recess times.



SHOWING HEART



Each month The Wild Horse Round-Up will feature individuals who have “shown heart” through special achievements, awards or community service. If you know of a Wild Horse student, parent, or staff member who is ‘Showing Heart’ please contact Mary. Hirth at 636.537.4398 or by e-mail at hirthmary@rockwood.k12.mo.us and she will include them in our monthly newsletter.

Wild Horse P.E. Wins Exemplary Gold Award

Out of all the schools in Missouri, Wild Horse was one of only three to receive an award for its outstanding Physical Education program. This distinction is given to schools that exhibit the highest level of a quality P.E. program including professional certified staff and an innovative curriculum presented in a safe environment with age-appropriate assessments provided for all students.



The Missouri Association of Health, Physical Education Recreation and Dance (MOAHPERD) will present a plaque to Ms. Meckfessel, Mr. Mosby and Mr. Wallington on Saturday, November 14 at the state convention. CONGRATULATIONS!

United States Map

You may have noticed the United States map painted on the sidewalk near the kindergarten entrance. Andy Slocum, a junior at Lafayette High School spent part of the summer working on this project as part of his final stage of becoming an Eagle Scout. We wish to thank Andy for thinking of our school when planning his service project.



Matching Funds Donations

Thank you to Aniruddha Raychaudhuri and the Monsanto Matching Gift Center and also to Zhaohui Geng and the Pfizer Foundation Matching Gift Program for making a donation to Wild Horse Elementary. For each donation made by an employee, Monsanto and Pfizer will match the donation. We appreciate their generosity in supporting our school.

Furniture Donation

Thank you to the Bogart Family and Boston Scientific for donating the conference room furniture to Wild Horse Elementary. The large conference table, 10 chairs and credenza look great in the principal’s conference room.



Portrait Show Winner



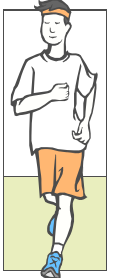
Congratulations to Ms. Jadrich for winning first place at the Mid-Missouri Fine Arts Society Portrait Art Show held Labor Day weekend. Her mixed media portrait titled “Uncle Fred, Town Smithy” captured the judge’s interest and imagination.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

School pictures were taken on Wednesday, September 9th. If your student missed Picture 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.

READ, RIGHT AND RUN MARATHON

Once again we are inviting children to sign up with GO! St. Louis to participate in the Read, Right and Run Marathon. This is a 26 week program during which the child reads one book (30 pages), does one right or good deed, and jogs one mile each week. The last 1.2 miles of the “marathon” will be run on Saturday morning, April 10th, in Forest Park.



Any child who signs up will be invited to stay after school on Thursdays (yes, Thursdays this year) from 3:15 – 3:45 to jog and stretch with parent volunteers Mr. Gellman and Mr. Lynch who are avid runners. To sign up and pay the \$15 registration fee using Pay Pal go to http://www.gostlouis.org/participant/RRRM2010/participant_signup.aspx

Wild Horse encourages you to **READ, RIGHT and RUN!**

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT SCIENCE EXPO

The Rockwood Science Expo will be held on September 26th at Eureka High School from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is a family event. Participants of all ages will find exhibits that are exciting, hands-on, mysterious, challenging, inspiring and fun. Please come to touch, jump-on, pick-up and even eat our exhibits. Every student that attends enters into a raffle to win their classroom a “Dream Science Makeover!” Take a look at some of our exhibit line-up: Exotic Petting Zoo, Huge Insect Exhibit, Chemistry Magic Shows, Crazy Bubbles, Physics Fun, and more!





Eureka High School

Saturday, Sept. 26

1:00-5:00

JUST SOME OF OUR EXHIBITS!

*Discovery Dome 3-D Shows *MAD Science Shows *Chemistry Magic Shows
*Sand Art *Drunk Driving Simulations *Live Bug Showcase
*Bubble-ology *Live Music *Forensic Science *Babler Wild *Estimania
*GIANT Games *Optical Illusions *UV Detection Bracelets *St. Louis Zoo
*Static Ball *Shadow Wall *Sound Room *Button Factory *Recycling with QRS
*Skull Discovery *Environmental Awareness *Robotics *Dino Bounce House
*Petting Zoo *Emergency Vehicle Showcase *Science Adventure Trips
*Anatomy *Germs *GIANT Earth *Science Art *Mirror Madness
*Danforth Foundation *Olympic Pre-View *Science Mobile Lab

THE TOP 5 CLASSES WITH THE MOST EXPO ATTENDANCE WIN A FREE FIELD TRIP!