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ROSEWAY HEIGHTS' MISSION IS TO HELP ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL AND BECOME CREATIVE, CONFIDENT AND COMPASSIONATE LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.

Dear Roseway Community,

In this, my last newsletter of the year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to this entire community for the welcome I received and the ongoing understanding of my failings throughout the year. Of course, when looking back it is easy to find all the places I didn't do exactly what I wished I had, or things did not go exactly according to plan – in neuroscience and mindfulness studies they call that "negativity bias" – but we have to find a way to consciously choose to see the positive in our lives.

I have felt completely honored to serve with this community in the sometimes overwhelming task of educating our young people. There are days when it seems like the task is simply too complex, or the conditions are not right, or we are not the right people to the job correctly – but there are also lots of days when we can easily look out into the faces of the students and see that we are having an impact. I recently had the opportunity to see a complete portfolio from a Kindergartner – from the first day's welcome page to the final "what I learned in Kindergarten" sheet, and it reminded me that an incredible thing has happened here at Roseway Heights. Likewise, I looked through some work samples from our middle school and saw obvious and impressive growth in writing, math and self-confidence. Together – students, teachers, families, community members – we have done amazing academic and social growing – and for many of our students physical growing (Not for me, however, I will remain short for the foreseeable future...).

So, now as we head into the summer, please keep in mind what we learned here – that together we can accomplish what we strive for, that with actions that are Safe, Responsible and Respectful, we are likely to make the world slightly better, and that with kindness and compassion we are likely to create deeper and more meaningful connections with those around us. I know as I head into summer I am looking forward to reading some good books, walking around with my family and getting started on next year's planning. It has been an honor to work here with you all and I am eager to get started next year – if you have any questions or concerns about next year or what happened this year, please let me know. I can be reached at jcohen@pps.net or on my cell at 503-319-3245.

Respectfully,

– Jeremy Cohen Principal, Roseway Heights

JUNE 2017							
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
12 Ice Cream Social, Gallery Exhibit & Jazz Music – 6:30 – 8:00 pm	13	14	15 With Mr. Cohen 8:15 AM 8 th Grade Promotion! 6:00 pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	PTA			

School Resumes on Wednesday, August 30th – Kindergarten on Tuesday, September 5th

SUN Summer Camps begin Monday, June 19th at Glenhaven Park – Have a great Summer!

It's the annual PTA-sponsored Teacher's Lunch!

Friday, June 16th, the days after classes end for the year!

The PTA sponsors a nice lunch for all staff since they are still at school and to thank them for everything they do!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4a62ba31-taco

Anyone can sign up to bring in something for the lunch or just come to set up or clean up. Thank you!



PTA NEWS!

President Kemper Shrout <u>iam.kemper@gmail.com</u>

Volunteer! rwhvolunteer@gmail.com

Hello Roseway Heights Community,

I would love to end the school year with something positive and uplifting, but the past few weeks have left me unsettled. As we all know, two high school girls, one Black and the other Muslim, were terrorized by a racist that ended with two men dead, their throats slashed and a third hospitalized. Since then, two PPS schools sent out letters to parents/guardians that racist, hate filled flyers were put up around their area, and two Black middle school girls were verbally attacked by men while waiting for the bus near Hosford Middle School. These events are outright signs of racism and its effect. It is obvious to everyone. Less obvious is institutional racism. Institutional racism is reflected in disparities against people of color regarding criminal justice, employment, housing, health care, political power and of course, education.

Institutional racism displayed itself within the last couple of weeks as well and affected the students in our cluster, the Madison cluster. Those students attend Vestal, Lee, and Scott schools. These are schools that serve nearly 80% community of color, a high proportion of English Language Learners, and students who are served by special education services. They are historically (and CURRENTLY) under-served.

The Interim Superintendent (IS) proposed Rose City Park open up as a K-5. All of the students currently zoned for Roseway Heights were to move to Rose City Park, while moving the Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program to Lee School. This leaves our Vestal and Scott schools under-enrolled, and Lee School over-enrolled.

These three schools are all under-resourced, Title I schools serving our most diverse students and families with the highest needs. Vestal has the same number of classrooms as Rose City Park, but under the IS's proposal it would seat less than 300 students, while Rose City Park would seat over 600 students. Scott school has a Spanish Dual Language Immersion program with 2 classes per grade. Their neighborhood catchment is only one class per grade. This year they had eight kindergartners enroll. Eight.

While it might seem amazing that the RWH community gets to stay together, this opportunity, this privilege, DISENFRANCHISES and DISADVANTAGES the rest of our cluster community. It redlined our Title I cluster schools. For Madison to be even stronger, it needs to have its middle school be strong. For its middle school to be strong, it needs to have its feeder schools be strong. This is done by assuring the feeder schools are at their proper enrollment.

Thankfully, through community and parent activism (co-lead by Ginger Huizar, who also helped me with this letter; Panther ROAR to her!), the IS (who publicly admitted he had to ask what redlining was) revoked this harmful proposal. Unfortunately, he did not replace it with one that would serve our cluster better. It is has been placed on hold without an alternative. Leaving Vestal and Scott under-enrolled and Lee over-enrolled, STILL. For a stronger Madison, we need boundary changes that thoughtfully impact and right size our sister schools.

If RWH stands for the Madison cluster, then we will be open to having our children attend our sister schools at Vestal, Lee or Scott at some point. If not, we are benefiting from and silently contributing to racism that terrorizes and slashes throats.

Kemper Shrout, the Roseway Heights PTA

School Community – Opinion

The following article is an opinion from a long-time school advocate and Roseway Heights community member, Grace Groom. It is not the official position of Roseway Heights School PTA. *We offer her opinion here as we value her experience with this complex issue as a member of* the Districtwide Boundary Advisory Committee (DBRAC) and believe her insights may be informative. We honor all voices in our school community and encourage open dialogue throughout the process of districtwide boundary review. Just as we encourage our children to think critically, keep open minds, debate respectfully, and collaborate to solve complex problems we also encourage this in our community. We recognize our school community has a variety of opinions on what we think should happen to our school in the future. For some of us our wishes for the future of the school may even be in conflict with your own beliefs on what is best for the whole district. It's a complicated and potentially emotionally charged issue. We encourage everyone to start first with making space for listening to understand. If you have a different opinion, Grace is open to respectful dialogue and can be reached at ggroom@pps.net. You may also choose to share your experiences and opinions with your PTA Newsletter editor, Paul Carson, at **paulcarsonpdx@gmail.com**. We encourage everyone to stay engaged with open hearts.

Hey Roseway families and staff. By now, you should have all received the email from Superintendent McKean about "slowing down" on the proposal for feeder patterns for Roseway Heights and Tubman Middle Schools. The proposal is still being revised. As it stands now, the proposal will create under-enrollment at Scott and Vestal, and an overcrowded Lee. We would lose our Dual Language Immersion program to Lee and they don't have the space to house the classrooms needed for the program AND have a robust neighborhood program of at least 2 sections at each grade K-5. Also, the proposal on the table scoops up a few blocks of Beverly Cleary and Laurelhurst and puts them in Rose City Park School with ALL of the K-5 students now at Roseway Heights. This will make that school 85% white, with about 20% of the students qualifying for free and reduced lunches while Scott, Lee, and Vestal will serve over a student population of over 70% combined underserved students (students of color, English language learners, students qualifying for free and reduced lunch).

The problem with under-enrolling schools, if you aren't aware, is that the district provides staffing based on the number of students enrolled in a school. If there are less students enrolled, there are not as many teachers and so there are not as many programs for students. This has been the problem for the past decade at Scott, Lee, and Vestal and to a lesser extent at Roseway, especially for our middle school students. That's why the district has decided to move to a mostly K-5 and middle school model. Part of the process in moving to a middle school model is determining the feeders for the middle school. This current proposal for the feeders for Roseway Heights creates school re-segregation, separating majority populations of students of color from majority populations of white students. Not okay for ANY of our kids, right?. It also maintains under-enrollment at Madison High School by allowing the students that are being moved from BCS and Laurelhurst to Rose City Park to be able to go back to Grant for high school after going to Roseway Heights Middle School. Madison currently has 400 fewer students than Grant. This decision to create a split feeder for Roseway Heights Middle School is not supportive of Madison at ALL. Last point I'd like to make, if you aren't already aware, this proposal creates a school of only 277 students at Vestal (serving high populations of historically and currently under-served students, racially, culturally, linguistically diverse, lower income) and a school of almost 600 at Rose City Park (rich, predominantly white school) and both of these buildings have EXACTLY the same number of classrooms. Under-enrolling the schools that serve our highest populations of students of color is not okay. Not only does it not serve our stated

PPS mission of equitable education outcomes for all kids, it makes it so that the students that come together at Roseway Heights Middle School will be coming from VASTLY different educational backgrounds from their K-5s, as most of the schools will be set up to be under-resourced and serving the highest students with the highest needs for support. This is NOT okay for any of our Madison cluster kids. If this is a problem for you, I encourage you to write a letter to the Superintendent at superintendent@pps.net, let the DBRAC (boundary review committee) know by emailing ppsgrows.net, and letting the School Board know by emailing them at schoolboard@pps.net. Thanks for listening and for advocating for all Madison cluster kids. Time to ally-up, people!



Taco Bar Lunch for Staff 2017

Let's thank our wonderful RWH Staff by providing them lunch on their first day of summer break! Our menu theme is Mexican Fiesta! Please sign up to bring an item, or to help with setup at 10:30 or cleanup at 12:30. Lunch will be served in the RWH School Library from 11:30-12:30. <u>PLEASE return at 12:30 to pick up your serving</u> dishes/crockpots!!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4a62ba31-taco

Ms. Cook's 1st graders won the Box Tops Popsicle Party! Thank you to everyone who collected and submitted Box tops this year- it really is a schoolwide effort! It's not too late; you can still drop them off in the box outside the main office to go in the Fall mailing! Don't forget to collect and save them over the summer too!

Highlights from the Arts Showcase/Ice Cream Social...

ART























Laurie Vandenburgh School Counselor

As we wind down the 2016-17 school year, we want to wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break. Please keep in mind that schedules change during these weeks and that it is good to have some "down time" and to keep some routine/structure in place. We are sending some links to some summer activities and programs if you are interested:

www.pdxparent.com/portland-summer-camps-guide (camps)

https://www.pps.net/Page/2903 (Summer Sun School)

https://www.pdx.edu/...children/...children/.../Summer%20Programs%20Edocument%

(Free and low cost activities)

If you should need any urgent mental health support for your student or family over the summer break, please contact the Multnomah County Crisis Line at 503-988-4888.

It has been a wonderful year with your children at Roseway Heights! We look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Laurie Vandenburgh 2017-18 (Grades 5-8 Monday – Friday) Jenny Goslin 2017-18 (Grades K-4 Monday- Friday)

8th Grade Promotion UPDATE!

Our Promotion program will be held at Madison's Hibbard Auditorium on **Thursday, June 15, starting at 6 pm.** This will be followed by a short reception for 8th graders and their families. 8th grade families, this is your **last call** to send your student photos for the slideshow to Meghann Street at <u>meghannstreet@gmail.com</u> (YOUR DUE DATE WAS JUNE 1!).

The students are then invited to attend our New Freshmen Social in the Madison cafeteria immediately following the reception. There will be karaoke, ping-pong, air hockey, cards, photo booth, food and drinks, yearbook signing station, and much more! This will last until 10 pm. We need volunteers to assist with this event to make it a success! **Please sign up here:**

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4aaeab2ea13-newfreshmen

Contact Kerry Graves at **graves64@centurylink.net** if you have questions! Thank you, and congratulations to our 8th graders!

Music News!

The M.U.S.E. Band Program is now registering students for the fall 2017 for after school band classes at Roseway Heights. M.U.S.E. Band is offered to grades 4-6 - No experience required. Flyers will be distributed through Peach Jar and posted in school lobby area. Please be on the lookout. You can also go to the website at <u>www.museband.com</u>. This is a fun and convenient way for your child to learn an instrument for half the cost of private lessons and prepare for middle school band with Mr. Baird. Students participate in fun concerts, parades, free band workshops, and other performance activities throughout the year. Hope to see you in band next year!

XC Runners - Summer Opportunities for You

Train with the HS XC team. They condition Tues and Thurs 4:30-6:00pm. Meet between the track and the gym. Contact Coach Ryan Keene for info **<u>Ryan@oneillelectricinc.com</u>**

Family Running Opp

My name is Jessie Rubin and I coached distance at Sellwood Middle School this past XC and track season. Due to a new job, I'm not sure I'll be able to coach during the school year again, but I am hosting a Youth Summer Run Camp and wanted to pass along this opportunity to you, to hopefully pass along to your athletes and their parents! Here's the pitch:

Whether looking to gain that edge for cross country or trying running for the first time, this program offers fun and inclusive running group sessions for kids of all skill levels, aged 9-15. Coached by former Division 1 distance runner and team captain, Jessie Rubin (ARC CPR & First Aid Certified) draws on her experience as a competitive athlete and camp counselor to promote a holistic approach to running, focusing on long-term physical, mental, and emotional development.

When and Where?

Duration: Tuesday June 20-Tuesday Aug 27 (total 10 weeks) Specific Days: Tuesdays (7:00-8:30 PM) and Sunday mornings (11:00am-12:30pm) Location: Tuesdays (Wilson HS) and Sundays (Cleveland HS track)

Pricing:

Full Summer-- 18 sessions for \$270 (\$15/session) Benefit: GREAT VALUE!

Half Summer--9 sessions for \$180 (\$20/session) **Benefit:** SCHEDULING FLEXIBILITY. Use any session anytime during 10 week period.

Thanks so much for spreading the word! Please feel free to reach out to me and/or check out my website for more information!

Thank you, Jessie Rubin

https://runhuman.wordpress.com/youth-run-club-summer-series/ runhumanpdx@gmail.com or jessierubin92@gmail.com 240-994-8197

The Rocky Butte Running Club

A group of parents and myself are putting together a run/walk nonprofit club, "The Rocky Butte Running Club" for local families in the Madison area who have athletes and themselves who want to explore the local community. We are affiliated with the national Road Runners of America Club which helps us out with spreading the word about running as a sport. We are small with a focus on helping out the local athletes in their efforts to make it to summer camps and other training avenues they would not be able to afford or access. We are working on a flyer and summer schedule to be out by the end of the school year so parents can join in. It's all about community. Please feel free to pass on to any interested parents. Al the best – Frank Stevens, Madison Volunteer, Rocky Butte Club President <u>xfstevens@gmail.com</u>





PIL YOUTH SPORTS

For 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

MADISON YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY

Practice begins August 21 Contact: Tammy West, twest@pps.net Website: <u>MadisonYouthSports.weebly.com</u>

- Season runs from Aug 21 thru October 27
- Practice 3x a week (MWF, 3:30 at Glenhaven, meet by the Tennis Courts)
- I meet/week Thursday
- Season ending District Meet
 Each player will receive a
- tach player will receive a uniform (turn in at the end of the season) and PIL HOODIE to keep!

Registration forms and cost:

Please bring all forms and money to practice. Forms available on website. Payment plans available. Turn in the following on the first day of practice:

- 1. PPS MS Sports Parent Information and Consent Form
- 2. Emergency Contact Form
- School Sports Pre-Participation Examination (Part 1-Parent and Part 2-Medical Provider)* -- FREE at the Madison Health Clinic – apts. 503-916-5220
- 4. Permission to Run Off-Campus Form
- \$125 (check, cash, or money order), \$35 for students who receive free or reduced lunch

*Every student needs to have had a physical within the past two years.

For more information on our PIL Youth Sports Program, please visit our website at www.pilathletics.com

Grade Girls Basketball 1ST-5TH **SKILLS DevelopMent** CLass This summer! SCHOOLS UNITING NEIGHBORHOODS

Skills, drills, games, and scrimmages

Build basketball ability in these summer classes taught by Ms. West!

June 26 – August 11

Roseway Heights Large Gym

3:00-4:00pm

Mondays – 1st Grade

Tuesdays – 2nd Grade

Wednesdays – 3rd Grade

Thursdays – 4th Grade

Fridays – 5th Grade



*Please use the grade the player will be entering in Fall 2017

Only \$15 for 7 weeks of class!

Contact Shelby Coshow to register, there is limited space available in each class. Shelby.Coshow@portlandoregon.gov 503.916.5865

Rose City Rowing!

Throughout PE this year, middle school students at Roseway Heights had the opportunity to learn and practice rowing during an Erg Education unit. All middle school students who participated in the Erg Ed unit are now invited to attend a FREE summer camp put on by Rose City Rowers. The Rose City Rowers is a youth education program that offers multiple opportunities for beginner rowers. See information provided or contact Danielle Koping or Tammy West for more details or contact: www.rosecityrowing.org and rcrowing@comcast.net .



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District 504 Contact: Suzy Harris, Integrated Student Support (503-916-2000 x72124) American Disabilities Act Contact: Jeff Fish, HR Legal Counsel (503-916-3246)





Row Portland Summer Camp Sign-up

Some beginning rowers do not already know how to swim. Others aren't able to find transportation to the boathouse or they can't afford the fees. Rose City offers a free three-week summer camp for Portland 7th and 8th graders who would not be able to row otherwise. For this camp, rowers are not required to complete a swim test before attending, and will wear life jackets on the river. The camp includes lunch each day and transportation to and from camp.

Child's Name:

Parent Name: Parent Phone:

I would like to sign my child up for the Row Portland Summer Camp. Please check all that apply:

___ My child does not already know how to swim.

___ I do not have transportation for my child.

___ I cannot afford the fees for Beginner Learn To Row.

2017 USRowing Release of Liability: Rose City Rowing Club

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any USRowing activity, including scheduled, supervised club activities, and registered regattas during the policy term 12/31/2016-12/31/2017, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

 ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that (a) ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis, and death ("Risks"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Release named below; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member USRowing and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.

HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, the Regatta, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a the result of such a claim to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Parental Consent

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS, each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss liability, damage, or cost that may incur as the result of any such claim to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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Athlete Email				
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Athlete Birth Date	Athlete School		Grade	



Rose City Rowing Club Emergency Medical Release Form

Athlete's Name	Birth date		
Height Weight	Date of Last Tetanus Booster		
Allergies (include food allergies)			
Special Conditions			
Current Medications			
Medical Insurance Carrier			
Medical Insurance Number			
Athlete's Physician	Phone		
Emergency Contact (other than p	parent/guardian named below):		

Name ______ Phone _____ Relationship _____

In the event of accident or injury to my child or in the event of illness of my child while in, on or about the premises of Rose City Rowing Club ("RCRC") or while participating in any activity sponsored by or under the auspices of said organization under circumstances where I am unable to consent or am not present:

- I hereby authorize and consent to the administration of any and all medical, dental, and surgical examinations or operations and treatment or all other related care, including the administration of drugs, tests, anesthesia and/or blood transfusions to my child that may be ordered by a physician and/or dentist in attendance at the medical center deemed necessary for emergency treatment.
- I authorize any officer, employee or volunteer of RCRC coaching, administrative or volunteer staff to consent to such medical care, attention or treatment.
- 3. I understand that RCRC and its officers, employees and volunteers assume no financial obligation or liability in the case on my child's accident, injury or illness. I agree to pay the cost of such medical care, attention or treatment and to indemnify and hold harmless RCRC its officers, members, staff, volunteers, and coaches, or any other members thereof, from any and all liability for such treatment, care, or attention.

RCRC will attempt to contact me before my child is treated, but treatment will not be withheld if I cannot be reached.

Parent/Guardian(print)	_ Date	
Parent/Guardian(sign)	Date	