

# THE NEWS

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

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November 30, 2016

Dear Roseway Heights Community,

As I write this message, I have just finished signing the certificates for our Middle School Honor Roll assembly that will happen at school this week. Because of the nature of my job, it is easy to see the school through the lens of conflict and crisis, problems and issues. However, like many of our students and teachers, I consciously choose to shift my perspective by seeking out the best our school has to offer – and there is a lot! My hand is nearly cramping from signing so many certificates, because over 40% of our middle school students made our honor roll for the first quarter. To be on our honor roll a student must have earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average. To have a school where 40% of middle school students are able to do that is impressive! And although it is in middle school that students begin to earn letter grades, a K-8 school cannot have that kind of success unless the K-5 program feeding the middle school is solid. It is clear to me that our teachers from Kinder up through the 5th grade are doing an excellent job of preparing our students to be successful when they get into our middle school program.

For those of you getting to know me, however, you also know that I believe our work has only begun. I know we have teachers at every grade level that go that extra step (sometimes an extra mile or two!) to connect with a student, or offer an alternative way to understand a concept, or support a student who is struggling – and they will continue to support those students until every student in our school is able to achieve academic excellence. And while we are ready to celebrate the accomplishments of our successful students, we also met as a teaching team to look at students that are not being as successful and worked on strategies to engage them more fully in our program. For all of our students, we are constantly looking at work produced in class to quickly identify areas students need to work on and areas where they are ready to accelerate. We meet in small teams to share ideas and plan together – all in an effort to figure out what is going to help all of our students feel the success they are capable of reaching.

As we hunker down to these last few weeks before our winter break, take some time to talk to your student about what they are learning, ask them what they are excited about, find out where they are struggling. It is important that everybody stay engaged in the success of every student, and asking questions is a crucial step in that process. Hopefully everyone had things to be thankful for over the long Thanksgiving break. I for one am thankful I get to serve in this community, and although I am tired of signing my name, I look forward to many more honor roll assemblies and even more certificates!

Respectfully, Jeremy Cohen - Principal

# DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 <b>Craft Fair and Hot Cocoa Social!</b> (2:30-4:30)
5 <b>Winter SUN packets available</b>	6	7	8	9 <b>Fall SUN classes end</b>
Drive for Change Week!				
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12	13	14 <b>Winter SUN packets are due</b>	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
WINTER BREAK		WINTER BREAK		
26	27	28	29	30
WINTER BREAK		WINTER BREAK		
School resumes Tuesday, 1/03 – Winter SUN classes begin 1/09				

## Day-by-Day Guide to Spirit Week

Monday the 5th	Tuesday the 6th	Wednesday the 7th	Thursday the 8th	Friday the 9th
<b>Twin/Triplet Day</b>	<b>Pajama Day; Teddy Bear Parade</b> (bring a stuffed animal to join the parade!)	<b>Crazy Hat/Hair Day</b>	<b>Favorite Character Day</b>	<b>Mismatch Color Day</b> <small>plus Staff vs 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball game @ 2:30 Students involved in the game must be passing all classes.</small>

# PTA NEWS!

**President Kemper Shrout**  
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**Volunteer!**  
[rwhvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:rwhvolunteer@gmail.com)

Hello Roseway Heights Community,

Well, November flew by quick!

There are zero PTA meetings in December. Yay! But come join us for coffee after drop-off on December 16th. Principal Cohen will be there if you want to grab his ear.

As 2016 ends and you consider the multitude of things you want to do to make an even better difference in the world, consider being a board member of the PTA for the 2017/18 (and 2018/19?) school year. There are quite a few seats to fill: two VP slots, Secretary (Administrative Professional?), Volunteer Coordinators for the various grade ranges (K-2, 3-5, 6-8), and maybe another position.

If you would like more information on what the duties include, please contact the people who are in those positions currently.

I hope your winter break is fun. See you in 2017.

## **Kemper Shrout, the Roseway Heights PTA**

<b>Kemper Shrout</b> <b>President</b>	<b>Valerie Klacik</b> <b>Secretary</b>	<b>Brenda Britsch</b> <b>Volunteer Coordinator, K-2</b>
<b>Sabrina Henley</b> <b>co-Vice President</b>	<b>Amy Rose</b> <b>Membership</b>	<b>Kris Farrell</b> <b>Volunteer Coordinator, 3-5</b>
<b>Tracy Nunn</b> <b>co-Vice President</b>	<b>Brian Sheehan</b> <b>Scrip Treasurer</b>	<b>Heather Johnston</b> <b>Volunteer Coordinator, 6-8</b>
<b>Tricia Harding</b> <b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sam LaRoe</b> <b>Legislative Liaison</b>	



## **PTA'S PANTHER PAWS OF THANKS**

We would like to thank all the soup/dessert/bread chefs and people who donated their time or bought something to supply the annual **Teachers' Soup** during conferences. The teachers and staff loved it all, and it's the least we can do to show our appreciation for all their hard work educating our children.



..... **PANTHER PAWS TO YOU!** .....



This month we'd like to give a **PANTHER ROAR** to Paul Carson for acquiring submissions from around the school community and then producing the newsletter each month.

A big **PANTHER ROAR** to our anonymous "Rose" bulletin e-mail sender. Gathering information and publishing this as needed informs our community quickly.



If you would like to subscribe to the ROSE bulletin please send an e-mail to:  
[rosewayheights+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:rosewayheights+subscribe@googlegroups.com) You will then receive an e-mail asking if you'd like to Join This Group.



ROSEWAY HEIGHTS

*Holiday*  
CRAFT FAIR

DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

2:15- 5:30

MPR OF ROSEWAY  
HEIGHTS SCHOOL  
7334 NE SISKIYOU

COME AND ENJOY AN ASSORTMENT OF UNIQUE  
HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FROM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

CHILDREN'S TABLES ARE \$10  
ADULT TABLES ARE \$25  
SELLERS KEEP ALL PROFITS

PLEASE EMAIL [meghannstreetbuswell@gmail.com](mailto:meghannstreetbuswell@gmail.com)  
OR PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM IN THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE



## 2016 Winter Break Theater Camps!

Young actors will *feel the thrill of performing a play* at the Theater Auditoriums of D. A. Grout School and Roseway Heights School! **The all-youth casts will be in full costumes and props and will perform for an audience at the end of the camp! Here's the link to register:**

<http://newmoonproductions.org/outreach-theatre-programs/camps/>

Brought to you by SUN Community Schools, Portland Parks & Recreation, and New Moon Productions, these extensive theater camps feature instruction by a highly qualified theater professional!



### WINTER BREAK THEATER CAMPS 2016



NEW MOON  
PRODUCTIONS



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

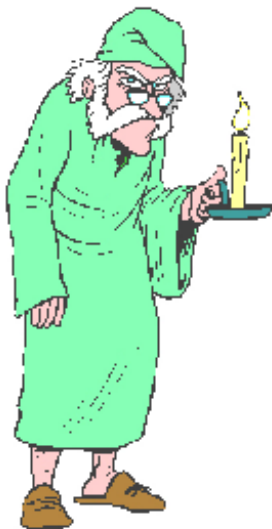
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

#### ROSEWAY HEIGHTS - PLAY PRODUCTION CAMPS

December 19-22 & 27-29 (two weeks)

## A CHRISTMAS CHAOS

By Michael Wehrli



Because of a huge mix up, these rag-tag group of young actors have to throw together their own version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in only 8 hours! Everything that can go wrong does in this fast paced backstage comedy. Hilarious characters, fun situations, and great roles for young actors! The camp takes place right here at Roseway Heights!

Only \$199 - Less than \$6.67 per classroom hour!

- Ages: 9-18 – All Camps.
- 2 Locations: Roseway Heights School (7334 NE Siskiyou, in Portland).  
Grout Elementary School (SE Holgate & 32<sup>nd</sup> in Portland).
- Dates/Times: Dec. 19-22 & 27-29, 2 weeks, M-Th & Tu-Th, 9:00am-12:00pm.
- Taught by theater professionals.
- Fully-staged performance (lighting, costumes & props) on afternoon or evening of last day of camp.
- Focus on acting, characterization, improvisation, stage movement, and other acting skills.
- Students work on improving their artistic skills as well as rehearsing the show.

\* A few partial scholarships also available \*

#### TO REGISTER:

Go To Our Website: [www.newmoonproductions.org](http://www.newmoonproductions.org)

For more information call 971-266-3102 or email: [nmptheatre@comcast.net](mailto:nmptheatre@comcast.net)

**Limited  
Enrollment!  
Sign up early!**



# Music News and Updates!



Dear Parents,

Our music programs are moving at full steam.

**The Band** has been completely outfitted. The students worked hard to develop a balanced band with trombones, drums and percussion, Saxes, trumpets, clarinets, bass guitar, and flutes. It's very exciting. We have had a number of advanced players come and join our group to provide sectionals and individual attention. By now, the students are playing exercises 1-39. Please ask them to play some pieces for you. Remember they are required to practice 50 minutes a week or 10 min a day. They need to be completing their practice sheets and turning them in at the first class of the week. Also, we still have a few parents that need to complete their rental contracts and get them turned in. The district is anxious for us to have those completed and submitted. On the up side the band has put together a good set of music and will perform in the MPR on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 to kick off the winter break.


**The Choirs** have been working on a nice variety of music from Gospel, to a WWI memorial piece, some movie music, and a beautiful choral piece entitled "Glorious" written by David Archuleta the American Idol star. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade singers have done their first performance here at RWH in the center hall as students arrived. They sang Shalom Chaverim and an African piece Si Si Si. They provided good feedback about their work during class. We have also had an award winning choir director Doree Jarboe come and work with the students to help them practice part singing. Both middle school choirs will be performing at the Zoo Lights on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM, and then at Madison High School on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. In preparation, Mr. Owens will bring the Madison choir over on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> to rehearse together. We are singing Lennon/McCartney Blackbird and Si Si Si with the Madison Choir.

**Lastly, our elementary musicians** have hit a new high in music development, incorporating the appropriate folk dances with their American folk music studies. It represents a huge growth point for all of them especially considering where we started two years ago. Their rhythm studies have progressed to new highs, their singing using solfege has gotten up to grade level, and all elementary grades are working on creating music individually and as an ensemble. I'm very proud to be on staff at Roseway Heights and have our music program expanding and growing. Our elementary music program is planned for February, more on that later. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. It's really rewarding. **-Andrew Baird, Music Teacher**

## Another Successful Book Fair!

Thank you to everyone who made a book fair purchase. Because of your support, we had overall sales of almost \$7,500. That translated into over 40 books for classroom libraries, over 70 books for the Roseway Heights library, and an additional \$1,800 for purchasing more books for the school library. We look forward to your support again next year when we have our next fall book fair. Thanks, **Stuart Levy, Teacher-Librarian**

# Hot Coco Social



*Please join the PTA  
in the Gallery on  
Friday, Dec. 2nd  
from 2:30-4:30pm  
for complimentary  
hot chocolate + donuts!*

**The CRAFT FAIR will be going on at the same time!**

## 3rd Grade Play

Portland is known for being weird but it's a great place to live and grow up. Join the 3rd grade classes as each class shows you how Portland got its name and how it became the city we live in today. Performances of ***Our Portland Play***, written by Marjorie Anderson and adapted/directed by Sara Kennedy Adams are:

### Wednesday, Dec 14

8:30am	Daley
9:30am	Ellenwood
1:30pm	Herman

### Thursday, Dec 15

8:30am	Herman
9:30am	Daley
1:30pm	Ellenwood

#### SOME E-SCRIP RETAILERS:

Anthropologie, Apple, Ace, Babies R Us, Barnes & Noble, BB&B, Best Buy, The Body Shop, Bose, Brookstone, Buy Buy Baby, The Children's Place, Container Store, Cost Plus, Crate & Barrel, Game Stop, Gap, HobbyTron, iTunes, JCP, Kiehl's, Kmart, Kohl's, Lands End, Lego, Mac Mall, Macy's, Michael's, Old Navy, Petco, Sephora, Sur La Table, Toys R Us, travel sites...  
**and hundreds of others.**



## Holiday shopping on-line?

**Earn hassle-FREE money for RWH in a few steps.**

—> Money raised goes toward off-setting field trip expenses!

#### TO SIGN UP:

- 1 Go to **escrip.com** and click on "Sign Up - It's Free"
- 2 Enter Roseway Heights as the organization you are supporting and click our group's name...click NEXT button
- 3 Enter information about yourself and click the Next button
- 4 Register your credit and debit cards and click until you are registered

#### TO SHOP:

- 1 Start every on-line shopping trip at website: **shopping.escrip.com** (bookmark it)
- 2 Sign into your account and start shopping (look for scissors ✂ symbol for offers and coupons)

#### AMAZON SHOPPERS:

- 1 Start every Amazon shopping trip at **smile.amazon.com**. Sign-up to support Roseway Heights PTA as the recipient and then bookmark it. This is different than e-Scrip but every purchase you make thru Amazon now earns money for RWH. You can still use your Prime account too!

# PTA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

**FAMILY NIGHT OUT – Win a \$25 Pizzeria Otto gift certificate AND 4 movie tickets to Roseway Theater!!** The Roseway Heights' PTA now has 122 members. That's great but we can do even better!! A stronger PTA equals more parent involvement which means kids win! **Everyone who joins between now and Winter break will be entered into our membership contest.** We will also hold a drawing for the same prizes for the 122 members that joined before December. **IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE:** fill out membership envelope, make checks payable to RWH PTA and drop in PTA box. \$11 per member. OR you can join on-line: [oregonpta.org](http://oregonpta.org) and click Join Now (processing fee charge).

## Drive for Change Next Week!

**December 5-9<sup>th</sup>**

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"* – Gandhi

Our **Drive for Change** will emphasize the small ways in which our school can impact the community. As our students work within their community, they learn that they can be responsible for making great things happen.

**Mission:** Collect change and help raise money for people in our community.

**School Goal:** \$5,000

**Money Disbursement:** Shared between Outside In, IRCO, and Roseway Height Families

**Jar Decorating Contest:** Each class will be responsible for decorating their collection jar. The Drive for Change committee will come around and judge. Best jar wins a pizza party!

## HELP WANTED! Walk & Bike Coordinator!

If you love biking & walking to school and would like a super fun, low stress volunteer job, how about heading up our **Walk & Bike program** at RWH? This has been a wonderful program at our school with good support from the Safe Routes to School people! Contact RWH parent **Mary** at [mdrink@yahoo.com](mailto:mdrink@yahoo.com) and get all the details!

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