

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

Oct. 8, 2015

Dear Roseway Heights families,

Last week was an eventful week culminating in a very busy Friday. I am so proud of how well our students and staff performed during an unplanned fire drill. It was actually very impressive when we got outside and there were close to 750 people that I could talk to without the use of any amplification and let everyone know what was going on and what we needed to do. A smoke detector had malfunctioned in the small gym, which set off the alarm. Several kids got to see firemen in their full roll-out gear, which added to the excitement of the day!

Each month we are focusing on a character trait that is discussed with Kindergarten through 8th grade. September was Respect and this month is Courage. The K-5 *Courage Assembly* was last Friday, and 6-8's was on Monday. Each time we do the assembly my goal is to include student voices in the presentation and to make it as relevant and easy for the kids to connect to as possible.

Our *Run, Walk, and Roll for the Heights* was a big success, especially due to the work of Tammy West and Danielle McSherry, along with lots of parents and other volunteers. Now to get the funds collected, which all will go to arts programming here at school.

One of the funding recipients of the *Run* monies is our drama program, which is continuing even though Marjorie Anderson has moved on. We will be working with three new theater experts and are in the process of putting together contracts and schedules so that we can again have productions for grades 3-5 during the school day, along with an after-school production for students in grades 6-8. I will get out more information once these plans are finalized, but read further in this issue for details on New Moon Productions and its three theatre directors, who will soon be working with your children.

I am in the process of hiring new staff. Cynthia Wojack is retiring now instead of at the end of this school year as she had originally planned. Roz Shenker will continue as her substitute, but only through conferences, as she did retire officially last June and has big plans in the coming months. We will miss both of these dedicated educators and are so appreciative of the wonderful role they have played in helping students have a successful beginning to their school careers.

Lauralee Cude has decided she wants to move on to other opportunities and I thank her for the support she has been providing for the last four years to our students with some of the highest needs. We have two other para educator vacancies because Tony Apilado and Jake Stone moved to other programs in the district. Another special education vacancy is an additional half-time learning center position. This will bring us to two full-time learning center positions, with the plan that Kellie Baier and a new hire will be working together, and Liz Mayer will continue in the other full time role. Hopefully all these positions will be filled by the end of this month.

A safety reminder and request: we are finding that the back maintenance door is often being propped open after school with sticks or even hooked open. This is not okay and creates a safety concern for students who are here either in Hand and Hand or in our SUN program. The only doors that should be open after 2:15 are the front door and the west entrance. These doors have better supervision and line of sight for who is coming and going. Thank you for your help in ensuring the safety of our students.

This Friday there is no school due to the statewide inservice day. We do end up with several days of no school this month due to parent teacher conferences and the end of the first quarter. There *is* school on Oct. 12, Columbus Day.

Enjoy the three-day weekend!

Events @ RWH

Statewide In-Service Day, no school Fri., Oct. 9

Apple and Pear Sale pickup

Tues., Oct. 13

Late opening

Wed., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.

Sun will provide late opening activities beginning at 7:45 a.m. in the Large Gym (\$5 drop-in fee per child)

TAG parent meeting

Wed., Oct. 14, 6-6:30 p.m. Library

PTA meeting

Wed., Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. Library

FREE! Childcare during PTA meetings, courtesy of our Sun program 6:15 p.m. in Rm. 007

Annual School Carnival & Haunted House

Fri., Oct. 16 Carnival hours: 6-8 p.m. Haunted House hours: 5-9 p.m.

Run, Walk and Roll for the Heights pledge money due

Oct.16

Conferences; no school Oct. 21-23

> First quarter ends Thurs., Oct. 29

Teacher Planning Day, no school

Fri., Oct. 30



On Fri., Oct. 2, students participated in the annual school-wide **Run, Walk and Roll for the Heights**. PE teachers Tammy West and Danielle McSherry led the event, with help from staff and parent volunteers. The funds raised during Run, Walk and Roll for the Heights support our school's art programs. A huge thank you to everyone who made it happen, and to all the kids who ran!

Photos courtesy of Tracy Nunn, Sabrina Henley, Fiona Salama and Susan Eichman.













SMARTER BALANCED RESULTS ARE IN

The Oregon Department of Education has released results from the Smarter Balanced Assessments that students in grades 3-8 and 11 took last spring, replacing the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in math and English language arts.

Each student will receive his or her results in the mail in October.

Meanwhile to learn more about the results and what they mean, please visit the PPS Common Core/Smarter Balanced web page to find a Family Advisory "Smarter Balanced: Test results" in our supported languages: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/curriculum/7650.htm.

To read an overview of the results statewide and for PPS: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/10963.htm.

VOLUNTEER TO JOIN IN ALL THE CARNIVAL AND HAUNTED HOUSE FUN!

One of the best school celebrations and PTA fundraisers of the year is right around the corner: our annual Carnival and Haunted House will take place on Fri., Oct. 16. This is a fun, all-school event with games and activities for all ages.

To make this event successful, the PTA needs help with setup, cleanup, and with actually running booths at the carnival. It's a fun way to get involved! Sign up is easy online through SignUpGenius at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA4A62BA31-carnival.

The Carnival committee is also looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to help make balloon animals the night of the carnival. Don't have the skills? No worries! Just an hour of training and your enthusiasm is all you need!! Contact Tracy Nunn at tracynomadnunn@gmail.com.

Helpers are also needed for the Haunted House. Set up before the event and/or help on the evening of the event. The committee is also looking specifically for volunteers who have makeup and sewing skills. If you're interested in helping with the Haunted House, please contact Meghann Buswell at meghannstreetbuswell@gmail.com.

DRAMA IS BACK!

We are happy to announce that the RWH Drama Program is a go! All of the plays will be run by three experienced directors from **New Moon**

Productions (NMP), a theatre company which has provided theatre outreach programs, acting classes, summer camps and fully-staged performance opportunities to youth actors of all ages since 1994. You can learn more about this wonderful organization at www.newmoonproductions.org.

Two of the three directors are from our very own talented parent pool and come to us with decades of theatre experience: **Amy LaRosa-Peters**, a 3rd grade parent, will direct the Middle School play while 1st grade parent, **Sara Kennedy Adams**, will take on the 3rd and 4th grade plays. The 5th grade play will be directed by NMP founder and Artistic Director **Michael Wehrli**, who has more than 25 years experience in theatre. We will be sure to announce performance dates and times as they approach.

MUSIC WEBSITE DEBUT

Make sure to check out our new school music website, run by music teacher Andrew Baird, at **www.Rosewayheightsmusic.co**. Visit regularly for updates on what your children are doing in music!

FREE ESL CLASSES

Madison's SUN will be offering Adult ESL Classes again! Here's what you need to know:

Adult ESL Classes

Tuesday & Thursday evenings 5:30-7:30 p.m. Madison High School, Rm. B15 Oct. 6 through Nov. 24

Classes are FREE, no sign-up is required and childcare will be provided. All levels are welcome. For more information, flyers are available in the Roseway Heights school office.

Donations needed for CARNIVAL

Please help us make CARNIVAL a success. These items are needed:

- 1. DISHWARE...in good condition like cups, bowls, small glassware & PENNIES for penny toss.
- 2. TOYS...clean out your childs toy drawers. We need small toys and games that are CLEANED and in good condition for Bingo prizes.
- 3. BAGS OF CANDY...Pick-up an extra bag of Halloween candy at the store for our "good try" prizes at the booths.
- 4. BAKED GOODS...Cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc. for the cake walk sign up to bake, or buy something to bring at signupgenius.com
- 5. YOU! We need parents/grandparents/adults to man the booths. Sign up for a 1 hour shift at a booth at <u>signupgenius.com</u>

Please bring all donations to the front office and put them in the BOX labeled "CARNIVAL DONATIONS". Thank YOU for all the donations. We appreciate it!!

Any questions? Feel free to e-mail me: sabrina@sanedesign.biz or phone 503.719.3323 (Sabrina) CARNIVAL IS OCTOBER 16th.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Whether you're a returning RWH family, or brand new to our community, you've likely heard of Scrip. So what exactly is Scrip? It's fun, it's easy, and it raises thousands of dollars for our school!.

Simply put, Scrip means gift cards and gift certificates. It's a dollar-for-dollar value exchange, where you purchase a gift card or gift certificates from one of our participating retailers. The best part? These retailers contribute anywhere from a 4-43% rebate to our school on the sale of the gift cards. It's really as simple as that. You buy the gift card at face value, and our school gets money!

So how do you purchase Scrip?

Option 1: Complete an order form. Personal orders are placed weekly on Tuesday morning. Completed order forms including payment (cash or check made out to RWH Scrip) can be dropped into our Scrip envelope in the school office no later than Tuesday at 8 a.m. Order forms can be picked up in the school office, from the Scrip desk, or electronically on the PTA Facebook page.

Option 2: Stop by the West entrance after school to purchase directly from our desk. We are open M-W-F from 2-2:30 p.m. We keep all our bestsellers on hand: Fred Meyer's, New Seasons, Papa Murphy's, Safeway, Pizzicato, Petco, Amazon, Starbucks and more! We also sell Chinook Books. Sales at the desk are cash or check only.

Please try Scrip. It's one of the easiest ways to fundraise for our school. Last year our teachers used profits to fund almost entirely our school field trips. Remember, we're not asking you to purchase something you don't need or want. But this way, everyone can contribute and do their part – it's individual-based shopping! What could be better? We look forward to a successful year ahead. Try Scrip today!

TAG NOMINATIONS

Talented and Gifted (TAG) nominations are due by Mon., Nov. 2, 2015. If you wish to nominate your child for TAG, pick up an IDPF form. IDPFs in several languages are available now in the front office on the TAG Bulletin Board. IDPF forms require teacher input. Please begin this process now, as late forms will not be processed.

For more information about TAG, visit www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/tag/.

ROSEWAY HEIGHTS TAG PARENT MEETING: Oct. 14 at 6-6:30 p.m.

Learn how to have your child assessed for Talented and Gifted. All TAG applications will be due Nov. 2.

CITY OF PORTLAND SUN PROGRAM

SUN program session dates have recently been updated:

Fall term: 9/28/15 to 12/18/15 **Winter term**: 1/11/16 to 3/11/16 **Spring term**: 4/4/16 to 5/27/16

Also, please note that SUN provides late opening activities for our late start days at 7:45 a.m. in the Large Gym. There is a \$5 drop-in fee per child.

And, **Free!** SUN childcare is provided during all PTA meetings, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in Rm 007.

HELP THE MADISON PE DEPARTMENT

Have you ever gone to the gym and forgotten your towel? Wasn't it fabulous when the desk just handed you one? The PE department at Madison High School is trying to remove barriers to full participation in their classes. They now have boxes of loaner clothes available for students who have forgotten and/or don't own appropriate athletic clothing (although they could still use more).

However, they are in *desperate* need of athletic shoes that are still in good shape. Sizes need to fit high school aged students. Maybe you have some shoes that didn't ever quite fit you right, or your older kids are growing like weeds and you are clearing out closets. If so, please bring them to the donation box marked MADISON PE in the main office before Fri., Oct. 16. Questions? Email **mtaylor@pps.net**.

Thanks for helping Madison students have what they need to be successful in PE!



We're collecting Box Tops again! Please look for the little pink rectangles on cereal boxes, granola bars, Ziploc bags, and many other products! Cut them out and turn them in to the box on top of the glass display case next to the office. Please put them in a bag or envelope with your child's teacher's name on it.

The class who turns in the most Box Tops by Dec. 1 will win a **popcorn party**! Every Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school, and the money really adds up! Questions? Ask Amy Bazley **abazley@hotmail.com**. Thanks!

Madison Girls Soccer Community Night

Join us while we take on Franklin High School!



Youth soccer celebration, senior night acknowledgement, gear to purchase, and a raffle!



PANTHER PAW OF THANKS

To **Sabrina Henley** for her Run, Walk and Roll for the Heights poster design. In addition to her role as co-Vice President of our PTA, Sabrina donates her time and talent every year to make the event poster look fabulous.

A paw of thanks also goes out to all the volunteers and cheerleaders who helped with the run. We have an amazing, supportive community of parents, friends and staff. We couldn't do it without you!



Save electricity by teaching your children to turn off lights when they leave a room. Also, turn the TV off when no one is watching it.



Join our Eco-team! There are no in-person meetings and we welcome anyone to our committee! Email Janna Holm at jannaholm@hotmail.com, or call 503-764-5862.

President Ginger Huizar gh2@pdx.edu

PTA NEWS

Volunteer! rwhvolunteer@gmail.com

Hello parents, teachers, staff and students,

Happy Fall!! This month we are kicking off some of the PTA's biggest fundraisers of the year. Fri., Oct. 2, was Run, Walk and Roll for the Heights, and Fri., Oct. 16, is the Halloween Carnival and Haunted House. Thank you for all the volunteers who make these events possible!

For those participating in Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB), the forms are due back to the PTA by Oct. 27.

I encourage everyone to attend October's PTA meeting on Oct. 14 (the second Wednesday of each month). Our counselor, Laurie Vandenburg, will be discussing the school's new anti-bullying model and student leadership, as we head into October, which is National Bully Prevention Month.

Our volunteer spotlight is sending a shout out to Susan Eichman. Susan is the new editor of the school newsletter this year. Thank you Susan for all you are doing!

Regards, The PTA

Ginger Huizar, President Sabrina Henley, co-Vice President Tracy Nunn, co-Vice President Katie Van Winkle, Treasurer Valerie Klacik, Secretary Sherrie Burrell, Membership Brian Sheehan, Scrip Treasurer Grace Groom, Legislative Liaison Brenda Britsch, Volunteer Coordinator, K-2 Kris Farrell, Volunteer Coordinator, 3-5 Heather Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator, 6-8

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CARNAM

7334 NE Siskiyou ---- Open to the community!!



carnival hours 6-8 PM

GAMES ★ FOOD ★ PRIZES ★ FAMILY FUN

Children must be accompanied by an adult to this event!

SECRET COSTUME CONTEST COME DRESSED-UP!

Top 3 costumes will win a prize at 7pm!

PIZZA & POPCORN FOR SALE STARTING AT 5PM

Fortune Tellers * Fish Pond * Cake Walk * Bingo Ring Toss * Football Toss * Penny Pitch Hole-in-One * Face Painting * NEW Donut Dash NEW Balloon Artist * Rock Wall * much more

50¢ per ticket ★ Purchase tickets at door ★ All games 1–2 tickets ★ Please bring a bag to carry all the prizes you will win! ★



\$5 per entry ★ Cash ★ No refunds

haunted hours

5-9 PM

5–6 Lights on for younger or squeamish

6–9 Horribly Scary for older or fearless



