

THE NEWS

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

Sept. 23, 2015

Dear Roseway Heights families,

It is hard to believe but next week is the mid point of this first quarter of the school year! As we approach October, it will be necessary to check your calendar, as there are a lot of important school events taking place during this month. If you were unable to come to our Back to School Night, please try to connect with your child's teacher to get signed up for a conference time for Parent Teacher Conferences. These take place on Oct. 21 and 22.

The first edition of this newsletter went out only in paper copies. From this point forward it will primarily be sent electronically with a few copies available at school. We are using the emails that you have provided as part of the student information filled out by you for your child. If your information has changed and you haven't had a chance to return the Student Verification form that went home at the beginning of school, please send that in, because being able to communicate with a student's family is critical for us. If any information changes during the year, you can call the office to update our records.

We are definitely getting into our new routines. The kindergarteners are adjusting very well to figuring out how to navigate the cafeteria. Thank you to all the volunteers who have come in to help with this. Please remember, when you are picking up a student at the end of the day, wait until the bell rings before walking down the hallway. We are often transitioning classes very close to the end of the day and want to make sure the entire class makes it to their destination and doesn't get separated or distracted from where they are going. Thank you to everyone who is helping with the traffic flow and ensuring our Safety Patrollers are able to do their jobs. Not stopping to drop off or pick up students on Siskiyou is really helping.

Safety reminders: when you come to check out your child or bring some item they need (lunch, homework, etc.), please come to the office and we will bring your child to you and/or make sure the item gets delivered to them. Our instructional time is precious, so we want to minimize disruptions as much as possible by not having lots of coming and going from the classrooms. This is also a safety issue by having everyone consistently come to the office. If you are staying to volunteer or to have lunch with your child, you must sign in and wear the volunteer/visitor badge so that it is readily visible. We appreciate your help with this!

Have a great rest of the week!

Sarah Lewins, Principal

Events @ RWH

Picture Day

Fri., Sept. 25

SUN classes begin

Mon., Sept. 28

Fall Bulb Sale orders due

Wed., Sept. 30

Run, Walk, Roll for the Heights

Fri., Oct. 2

Apple and Pear Sale orders due

Fri., Oct. 2

International Walk and Bike Day

Wed., Oct. 7

Statewide In-Service Day, no school

Fri., Oct. 9

Annual School Carnival & Haunted House

Fri., Oct. 16

Carnival hours: 6-8:00 p.m.

Haunted House hours: 5-9:00 p.m.

SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATIONS

Students who were receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits at the end of last year must fill out a **new** meal application for the 2015-16 school year. If benefits are denied or reduced when the new application is approved, families will have ten days before the change in eligibility takes effect.

Students who have NOT submitted a new application will be required to pay full price for school meals starting Mon., Oct. 12, 2015.

Apply online www.pps.net.

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/.

RWH 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.

ANNUAL ROSEWAY HEIGHTS CARNIVAL

Are you or someone you know an inspiring Balloon Animal Artist?

Or are you willing to learn this new skill, and help us at our annual Carnival on Oct. 16?! The Carnival Committee wants YOU! Please contact Tracy Nunn at tracynomadnunn@gmail.com.

A message from our Haunted House Committee:

Our 3rd Annual Haunted House is fast approaching and we would love to see your skills, talents and enthusiasm put to good use! We start building on Sat. Oct. 3, and whether you have carpentry skills or just want to hang cobwebs, WE NEED YOU!! Email meghannstreetbuswell@gmail.com.

APPLE SALE

Like to bake desserts? Need apples for lunches? Roseway Heights PTA can help! The PTA is proud to be selling apples and pears from Kiyokawa Farms for its newest fundraiser.

Kiyokawa Family Orchards is a family-owned and operated farm located in Parkdale, Oregon, growing produce since 1911. Kiyokawa Family Orchards takes pride in promoting local and sustainably-grown

produce and utilizing a farm management system that incorporates best management practices.

These orders are by the box. A box of apples weighs 20-22 pounds. A box of pears weighs 22-25 pounds. That makes our fruit cost around \$1.50 per pound, which is a fantastic deal for high quality, local produce - cheaper than the farmer's market.

If you have storage for your apples (refrigerator or cool basement), the apples will last a long time. If you don't have storage for them, plan to use them sooner (for pies, canning, etc) or share a box with a friend! Order forms went home in backpacks on Sept. 18. Extra forms are available in the office.

Important dates:

Forms DUE: Friday, Oct. 2 (turn forms in to the 'Apple Sale' box in the office).

Please make checks payable to: Roseway Heights PTA.

Pick-up date: Tuesday, Oct. 13 (pick-up will be outside, near the west entrance, by the basketball hoops).

FALL BULB SALE ENDS SOON!

Are you one of those people who love the first signs of spring when all the daffodils and tulips are in full bloom? Here's your chance to plant bulbs this fall and support our school. Our PTA receives a 50% profit off the combined sales!

Plant sale ends: Wed., Sept. 30

Order forms and payment: Please make your check payable to Roseway Heights PTA and attach it to your completed order form. Return forms and checks to the box marked 'BULB SALE' in the school office.

Bulb arrival: Late October - bulbs will be sent home with your child.

If you'd like to skip the paper order and check payment method and order directly online, please use the following link:

<http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/rosewayheightsschoolpta.php>

It's quick and easy, and a great way to reach out to family and friends who live outside of Portland or other parts of the country. Keep in mind there is a \$4.00 shipping fee when you order online.

Be sure to add 'ROSEWAY HEIGHTS' in 'Add special instruction to the seller' field provided during the checkout process. By clicking 'add,' a message box will appear and you can type our school name. This ensures we receive the profit from your purchase.

For more information, please email Iris Reimnitz at tomiris@gmail.com.

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!

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Welcome new RHS families!!! The lost and found is located on the north end of the gallery (the hallway leading to the small gym) under the stair well that leads to the library.

Items that are frequently lost are coats, sweatshirts, lunch boxes and water bottles. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found frequently if they have lost something as it commonly takes a few days for an item to show up. The lost and found crew is not responsible to call or locate students if a number or name is written in the item, but at times we have been known to call or return items.

Please note: Unfortunately nicer and name-brand items do not always get returned to the lost and found. The lost and found is cleaned out before winter break, spring break and summer break. Notice will be given a couple of weeks before these breaks to remind everyone.

Items left are donated to the PTA Clothing Center (nicer items and items that are needed at that time) and ARC. If you have any questions, or would like to help keep the lost and found tidy please email Antje Gillard at antjegillard@gmail.com.

GET CONNECTED

Stay in the loop with the Rose email

Receive updates on all things Roseway Heights — visit our website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/rosewayheights> and click on the 'Subscribe' link under the 'Welcome' heading on the left-hand side—it's that easy!

Check out the Roseway Heights website

Visit our website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/rosewayheights>. For more information, email Chris Hansen at rwh@palmerhansen.com.

Counselor's Corner

LAURIE VANDENBURGH,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Focusing on positive character traits

We are off to a great start to the school year! Each month we will be focusing on one positive character trait and September was Respect. Students put together slides of what respect looks like or means to them, and these were featured at our Respect assemblies. We had one assembly for grades K-5 and another for grades 6-8. The October character trait is courage. Have conversations at home about what courage means to you, your student and your family.

The first meeting of our S.O.A.R. Group (Students Organizing for Awareness and Respect) is Mon., Sept. 21. This group serves as our middle school Gay Straight Alliance and is currently open to all 7th and 8th graders. Sixth graders will be able to join later in the year. We will be participating in National Ally Week, which is the week of Sept. 28.

If you have any new or gently used shoes or clothing at home that would fit any school-aged students please consider donating to the PPS Clothes Closet. This is a wonderful resource for students who are in need of clothing. You can bring donations to our main office in a bag marked Clothing Closet and we can deliver them.

We are here to support you and your student in any way that we can. Please feel free to contact us!

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Principal Sarah Lewins speaks to the students at an assembly during the first week of school. The assembly's topic was respect, the first in a series of character trait themes. October's assembly will address the concept of courage.



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!



Safety Patrollers of the Month

William Ballaris • Hannah Feters

Help congratulate these two students for their fabulous safety patrol efforts during the month of September!

And, please remember these guidelines:

- School buses have traffic priority because they are on a schedule.
- All pedestrians should cross using marked crosswalks only.
- Pick up and drop off children in the designated area only. Please do not use Siskiyou Street for this purpose.

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October 2, 2015 1:15

RUN, WALK OR ROLL (October 2nd)
TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR ART PROGRAMS!
START COLLECTING YOUR PLEDGES NOW.

Every student will receive a free RWH t-shirt!

Walk and bike news

Welcome back to school walkers, runners and bikers! The bike racks have been full and we've seen lots of kids walking to school! Way to go, Roseway Heights!



Mark your calendar for **International Walk and Bike Day** on Wed., Oct. 7!! We are so looking forward to that celebration!! We will have our tables out in the morning at the front and West doors with incentives and snacks for our self-propellers!

Remember, safety first with using sidewalks and crosswalks if you are walking, and bikers, please pay attention to cars and use a U-lock to lock your bike at school to help prevent theft.

Questions, or want to join our little committee of three? Email Mary at mdrink@yahoo.com.

Keep walking and biking!

- Mary Drinkhouse, Janna Holm and Michelle Zobeck,
your Walk/Bike Committee

Volunteers needed to help with K-2 lunchtime

Picture, if you will, 256 children all under the age of 7 or 8 in the MPR lunchroom at the same time. You have just entered the K-2 Lunchtime Zone.

We could use 1-3 parents or volunteers to help these little guys open milk cartons, fill their bellies, dump their lunch trays and have fun on the playground from about 11-11:30 a.m. any day of the week.

Sorry, no Kindergarten parents just yet (we want little ones to adjust to staying at school, and if they see their parents or parents of other classmates at lunchtime, it can be challenging).

If you're interested and available any day of the week, please contact Principal Sarah Lewins, or the office, to find out about how you can help.

Thanks! And kudos to Ms. Jackie, Ms. Debbie, teachers, support staff and Ms. Lewins for doing all they can to help these little ones have a great first week of lunches!

Get social with school Facebook pages

Did you know that there are Facebook pages for every grade at Roseway? The school, PTA, and SUN school all have pages, too. They're a great way to communicate with fellow parents, find out about classroom activities and learn about fundraisers and volunteer opportunities to help our school stay connected.

Here are links to all of the pages, and remember, these pages are aimed at adults and are not meant for student communication:

Kindergarten - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/481330068694642/>

1st Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/305264806321145/>

2nd Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rosewayheights2022/>

3rd Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/131700480326104/>

4th Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RosewayHeights2020/>

5th Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/481330068694642/>

6th Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RosewayHeights2018/>

8th Grade - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1606179209646376/>

Middle School - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1525022194401076/>

PTA - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/191622640908257/>

School Page - <https://www.facebook.com/RWHschool?fref=ts>

RWH SUN School - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008404837673>

PANTHER PAW OF THANKS

Thanks to the awesome RWH parents who have stepped up to teach the SUN classes that were in need of instructors:

Dani Oates: *Creative Art*

Beth Ivester: *Crafts: Under the Sea*

Mark Ballaris: *AKA science, Intro to Mime and Readers Theater*

Jamie Leinbach: *Girl Power*

You are rock stars!!



AN ECOTIP FROM OUR ECO-TEAM:

*Unplug your phone
chargers from the wall
when not in use, as
the chargers suck
energy even when not
plugged into a cell
phone.*



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
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PTA NEWS

Volunteer!
rwhvolunteer@gmail.com

Hello parents, teachers, staff and students,

Our brand new **Apple Fundraiser** kicked off last Friday. We hope you had a chance to join us to sample some of the delicious apples that are available for ordering and pick up a fresh-baked treat! This is a fun new way to bring in the harvest season here at Roseway. Look for recipes when you pick up your apples in October!

PTA will be busy this month organizing the **Annual Carnival** and **Haunted House** on Oct. 16. We're still in need of volunteers in order to bring this spectacular event to you. Please consider joining the planning committee or signing up to run a booth. Online signups will be posted to the PTA FB page soon.

Many thanks to the volunteer efforts around our school. Volunteers make the PTA a thriving organization and without their many efforts we would not have these fundraisers and events. The money that is raised supports our teachers with an individual fund, assemblies, library books, programs like Oregon Battle of the Books, garden projects and field trips, to name a few. This year we are excited to announce that we will be getting a new sound system!

Each month we'd like to highlight a special volunteer in our school. This month many thanks and recognition goes out to **Diana Morales!** You can find her volunteering in the front office most mornings. She has brought in \$45 in recycled can returns for the Eco-Team thanks to her green efforts. Thanks Diana! If you know a special volunteer in our school who you would like to recognize, please email me, ginger.huizar@pdx.edu.

Regards,
The Roseway Heights PTA Board

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