

# THE NEWS

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

Sept. 9, 2015

Dear Roseway Heights families,

We are off to a great start for the new school year. I'm so appreciative of all the work both staff and families have done to get everything ready for the students. I particularly want to give a huge shout out to the parents who have been helping everyone follow the new route for cars in our west parking lot, as well as reminding everyone to obey the signs on Siskiyou Street, and not stop to drop off or pick up students in front of the school. It becomes a definite safety issue as it blocks traffic and makes it difficult for our safety patrol students to see cars coming when they are crossing people at the front cross walk. Please take the time to review the new drop-off rules and map at the end of this newsletter. Student safety is our highest priority and we must all work together to make sure kids are not only safe at school, but coming and going as well.

We love having volunteers at school, but all volunteers must pass a criminal background check before volunteering. Fill one out online [here](#). Every time you come to volunteer or to have lunch with your child, please check in at the office and be sure to wear a visitor or volunteer badge that can be clearly seen by staff and students. Also, to be able to have the classrooms focused on learning and to ensure student safety, we ask that any adult needing to get information or items to a student come to the office and we will make sure it gets to the student. The same applies if you are picking up your student early — please come to the office to check your child out and we will have the child come to the office. Adults are not to go to the classroom unless there is a special event going on. If you need to talk to your child during the day, please call the office rather than your child's cell phone. We'll have your child come to the office to speak with you. Students are not to have their phones on during the day.

Tomorrow is our **Back to School Night**, one of the biggest events of the year. The intent is for parents and guardians to meet teachers and learn about expectations for the year. It will not be an opportunity to have a private conversation about specific issues related to your child because there is not enough time. Parent-teacher conferences are at the end of October, so that opportunity will come next month.

**Back to School Night** is set up so that teachers in grades K-5 will do 2-3 presentations, and parents/guardians can come to any of those. For grades 6-8, you will follow your child's schedule. Ideally your child will bring home a copy of their schedule, but in case they don't we'll have those available when you arrive at school. Unfortunately, there is not childcare available for this event and it is an adult-oriented presentation.

Next Wednesday, Sept. 16, will be our first late opening of the school year. This time allows our entire staff to come together and focus on culturally relevant practices to ensure we are better meeting the needs of all of our students. School will begin two hours later that day, at 10 a.m. Bus times will run two hours later.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow evening!

Sarah Lewins, Principal

## Events @ RWH

### PTA meeting

Wed., Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Library

### Back to School Night

Thurs., Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m.  
Large Gym (no children please)

### Late Opening

Wed., Sept. 16  
School begins at 10 a.m.

### SUN classes begin

Mon., Sept. 28

### International Walk and Bike Day

Wed., Oct. 7

### Please note:

The Garden Celebration,  
scheduled for Fri., Sept. 18,  
has been canceled.

## JOIN THE BAND

M.U.S.E. Band is back at Roseway Heights for the 2015-16 school year, and will be led by Scott Johnston. Students in grades 4-8 who enjoy being part of a team and want to show their Roseway Heights pride by performing in the band should join us at one of the open houses listed below. The program and all the instruments that students can play as part of the band will be discussed at the meetings. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet Mr. Johnston and ask questions.

Already have an instrument? Please bring it and we will get you started. Not sure what you want to play or need an instrument? Please come to one of the tryout and rental events listed below.

### **Open houses:**

*(at Roseway Heights in the Music Room)*

#### **Open House #1** (for new students)

Fri., Sept. 11, from 2:25 to 3:10 p.m.

Intermediates first class from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

#### **Open House #2** (for new students)

Fri., Sept. 18, from 2:25 to 3:10 p.m.

Intermediates continue from 3:15 to 4:00pm

### **Instrument tryout and rentals:**

Sat., Sept. 12, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Location: Archbishop Howard at St. Rose  
5309 NE Alameda, Portland

Sun, Sept. 13, between 3 and 5 p.m.

Location: Holy Trinity School  
13755 S.W. Walker Rd., Beaverton

For more information about joining M.U.S.E. Band, please visit [www.museband.com](http://www.museband.com).

## IN MUSIC NEWS

Our students had a great first week in music class deriving melodies, singing familiar folk songs, improvising, playing an Australian folk music game, establishing classroom expectations, and exploring with our voices. I am happy to be back working with our amazing students.

We are working on the song "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers. It has such a wonderful message for all of us to embrace.

Roseway Heights now has a music website using the Wordpress platform. This is a fun website to share music activities our students are working on and for anyone to share comments. Check it out at [rosewayheightsmusic.co](http://rosewayheightsmusic.co).

## 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, beginning on Wed., Sept. 16, at 7:45 a.m. in the Large Gym. \$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](mailto:antjegillard@gmail.com).

## FROM OUR KITCHEN STAFF

Welcome back! We look forward to serving your students good and healthy meals.

Please remember to check your students' lunch accounts weekly so they have money for lunch or breakfast. Negative Balance letters go home every Tuesday. Check their backpacks or ask them if they have one. Visit [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) to pay online, or see a staff member in the kitchen.

All Free and Reduced Lunch Forms for the 2015-2016 school year need to be filled out online or turned into the kitchen as soon as possible. You can access the form online [here](#). The cut-off date is Oct. 9. Full payment for lunches will be Oct. 12.

## FOLLOW MADISON SPORTS!

Did you know that some of your teachers are coaches at Madison High School? Check out what teams Mr. Krohn, Ms. Mac, Mr. Stohl, and Mr. Bennett coach at the Madison High School Athletics website [madisonathletics.net](http://madisonathletics.net) (note: our website name has changed!). Keep watch for schedules, photos, events and more from our fall sports teams. Look for former Roseway students!

# Roseway welcomes a new Assistant Principal



*Rachel Smith-Mosel,  
Assistant Principal*

Roseway Heights is thrilled to welcome its new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rachel Smith-Mosel, also known as "Mo" (a name her students bestowed on her years ago).

Mo most recently served as an administrator at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way Public Schools. She spent the majority of her teaching and instructional coaching career in the middle schools of Tacoma, Washington. She served as AVID District Director, a 5 Dimensions of Teaching and Learning Trainer and Lead Instructional Coach, among other roles and titles at the district office.

Mo's first teaching job was sixth grade self-contained at an elementary school. Her teaching partner was her very own sixth grade teacher. She is also the daughter of an elementary school principal dad and first grade teacher mom, who met and married while teaching at the school she later attended.

Mo is a proud birth, foster and adoptive mom. Her son attends Portland State University, which drew her to Portland.

Mo is very outgoing and loves interacting with students, staff and parents. You can see her every morning directing traffic and applauding our Safety Patrol in the parking lot. Her Panther Pride and care for our RWH students is reflected in the videos she's created celebrating their first days of school.

Welcome Mrs. Mosel (as the kids call her). "The adults, they can call me Mo," she says with a smile.

## Welcome to the start of a brand new school year!

The big news from the counseling center is that we now have two full-time counselors in our building. Jenny Goslin has joined us from Klamath Falls where she was a counselor for the past three years. Her office is in Room 191 and her focus will be grades K-4.

I am here in Room 193 Monday through Thursday, and Tara Vargas will be here on Fridays. Our focus this year is grades 5-8.

We are all here to support you and your students. If there have been any significant changes during the summer that may have an impact on your child, please let us know. Having information about your child helps us to be sure they are getting the support they need to be successful at school.

As we begin the school year, please partner with us to be sure your student is here, and here on time. Regular school attendance and being on time to class have a large impact on student success. Try to schedule appointments outside of school hours, if possible. Be sure your child is getting enough sleep and adjusting their routines to ensure a regular bedtime. If you have concerns or need more information, let one of us know.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year!

## Counselor's Corner

LAURIE VANDENBURGH,  
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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## 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](mailto: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

to the head cashiers  
at the **South Beaverton  
Home Depot, Stephanie Sholtz**  
and **Anna Gordon**, for the  
donation to our parking lot and  
student drop-off safety efforts. They  
donated flags to put on our new traffic signs.



Also, a paw of thanks goes out to the following  
parents and staff who have helped keep students  
safe around the traffic before and after school:  
Tracy Blackwell-Nunn, Ginger Huizar, Kris Farrell,  
Chantiel Attmore, Michelle Horan, Assistant  
Principal Mosel and teacher Eric Bennett).

## JOIN THE ECO-TEAM!

Volunteer to join the  
Panther Eco-team, a  
group of parents and staff  
working together to reduce  
waste at the school and in  
our homes. Encourage  
sustainable habits, good  
health and nature appreciation.



The Eco-team has no in-person meetings and  
welcomes anyone to its committee!

If you're interested, please email Janna Holm at  
[jannaholm@hotmail.com](mailto:jannaholm@hotmail.com), or call 503-764-5862.

**President Ginger Huizar**  
[gh2@pdx.edu](mailto:gh2@pdx.edu)

## PTA NEWS

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

### **Hello parents, teachers, staff and students,**

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! The PTA is enthusiastic about all the events we have planned, new and old this school year. Our first PTA meeting is Wed., Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Free childcare will be provided by SUN.

We have a packed meeting agenda as we update about our big fall events — the new Apple Fundraiser, Run, Walk and Roll for the Heights, the Carnival and everyone's favorite, the Haunted House!

At the meeting we'll also have volunteer sign-ups available for our committees, updates from board members and class coordinators, and we'll learn about upcoming school events. We hope you can join us!

Regards,  
The Roseway Heights PTA Board

*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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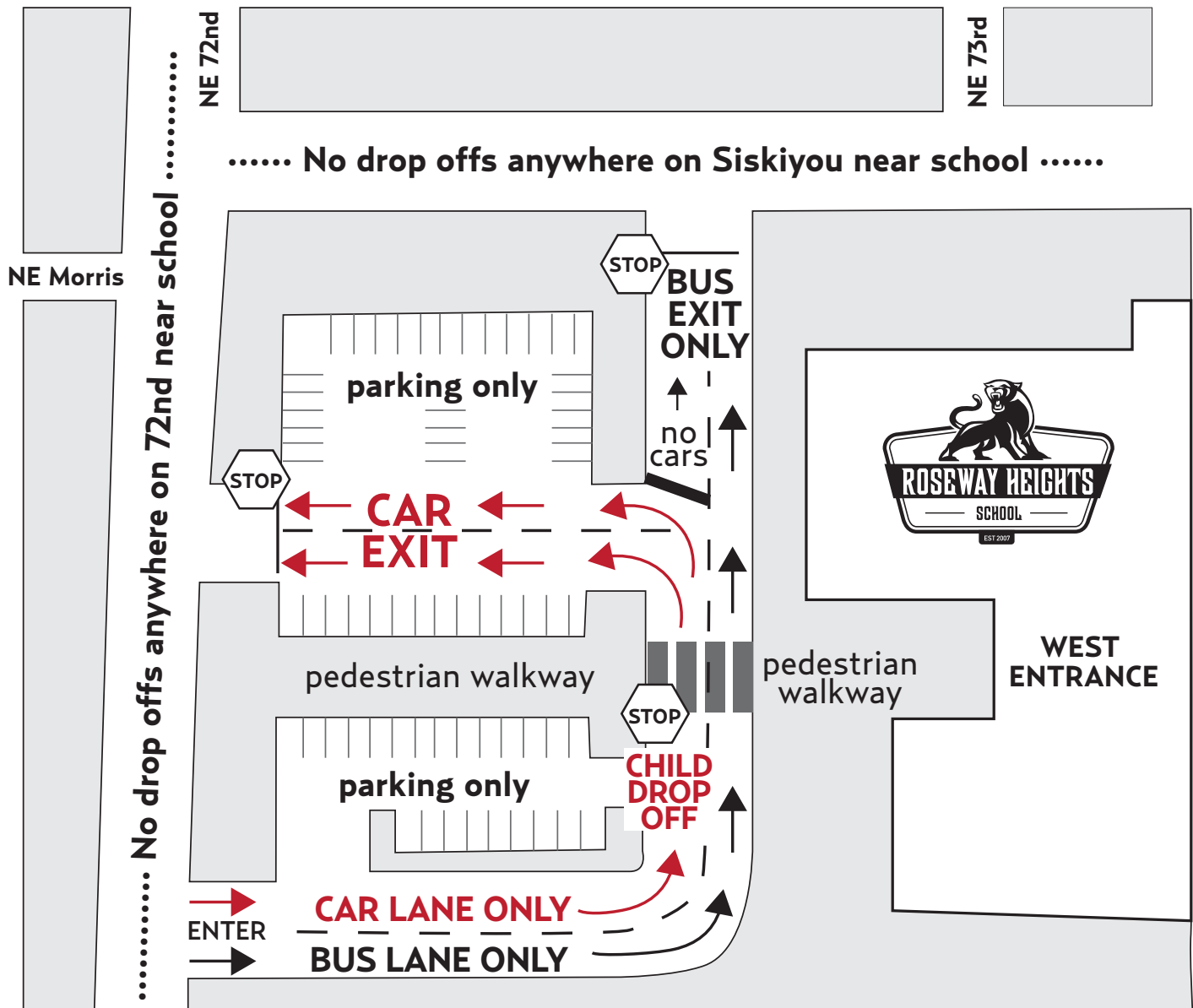
### **Stay in the loop with the Rose email**

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](mailto:rwh@palmerhansen.com).

# NEW DROP-OFF RULES & MAP



The only **SAFE** way to drop off our children is to follow this map and the rules to keep everyone safe. Please feel free to park and pick-up as an alternative--street parking or in the lot is fine.

If you can't drop off in the designated area in the parking lot, we prefer students to be dropped off one block away from the school to avoid congestion.

Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe.



# PIL YOUTH SPORTS

For 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

## MADISON CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

Practice has begun!

Contact: Tammy West, [twest@pps.net](mailto:twest@pps.net)

Website: [madisonclusteryouthathletics.weebly.com](http://madisonclusteryouthathletics.weebly.com)

- ❖ Season runs from Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> to Oct, 30<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Practice 2x a week (TU/TH)
- ❖ 1 meet every Wed or Thurs
- ❖ Season ending District Meet

- ❖ Each player will receive a uniform to turn in at the end of the season and PIL apparel to keep!

### Registration forms and cost:

Please bring all forms and money to tryouts. Students may not practice until their forms and money are turned in. What you need to turn in:

1. PPS MS Sports Parent Information and Consent Form
2. Emergency Contact Form
3. School Sports Pre-Participation Examination (parts one and two)\*
4. Permission to Run Off-Campus Form
5. \$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. Madison High School's Health Clinic information is on the other side of this paper.

For more information on our PIL Youth Sports Program, please visit our website at [www.pilathletics.com](http://www.pilathletics.com)