

THE NEWS

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

Dear Roseway Heights Community,



As many of you know, I sent out a long and detailed letter about the staffing and budget forecast for next year. I won't restate all of that, but I do want to encourage you all to take the time to think hard about what you believe really matters in the education of your children, AND the children of those throughout our city. For some of you, no doubt you are focused primarily on academic skills that will best prepare the students for high school and college, and for others the focus is on ensuring that school is a safe and welcoming place. For some of you, school is the best chance for your kids to create a life even better than the one you currently have, and for some, school represents the start of a long journey in curiosity and exploration. For the teachers and staff at Roseway, our answer is all of the above – we strive to create a rigorous education that is full of warm and caring people. We work to make sure our classrooms and hallways are safe spaces for our bodies and our minds, but also provide opportunities to experience struggle and discomfort. By spending time thinking about what really matters to our students, we are more likely to recognize what we have and what we need in order to get to our goal of a great education for all students.

I think about this because in times of budget cuts and staffing reductions, I think it is important to focus on what really matters and advocate for that. I have been asked repeatedly "What can I do?" by parents and teachers alike. I don't have the answer to that, but I do know that if you think hard about what matters in your child's education and can evaluate what you would need in order to see that through, whatever you do will be more impactful. The district is hosting a number of listening sessions to get feedback on the budget proposal and priorities – if you have a clear vision, go and speak. At the state level, much of the cutting is happening because of a projected budget that doesn't cover the costs of our schools as they are now. If you have a clear vision about what matters, share that with your state legislator. There are still some mechanisms that function at the school level as well. We have a foundation that contributes funds to add back staffing to our school and contributes to the shared equity fund that is given to district schools. We also are always looking for folks to help the school with time and energy.

We always would like more (money, staff, paper, etc.), but I am also good at making do with what I have. One way to make do with what we have is to mobilize ourselves to make the education experience better for our kids. Please join me in taking action to ensure the future Roseway is an even better school than it has been – I won't rest until this is the best school in the city – with whatever resources we get. We are the right people for the task.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Cohen
Principal

APRIL 2017					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 Spring SUN classes begin! PTA meeting – 6:30 pm	11	12 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, in the library – childcare provided!	13	14 Madison spring music concert – 7:00 pm	15 
17  SUN summer camp registration begins!	18	19	20	21 Spring SUN payments due! Middle School Boosters Happy Hour 4-6 pm, The Lumberyard	
24 K-4 Talent Show Tryouts!	25	26 K-4 Talent Show Tryouts!	27	28 Multi-Cultural Night! 6:00- 7:00	
1 May	2	3	4	5 K-4 Talent Show! 6:30 in the MPR	
Teacher Appreciation Week!					

Roseway's Got Talents – 2017!

The K-4th Grade Talent Show is Friday, May 5th, 6:30 pm in the MPR

Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 21st in the front office.

Try-outs are April 24th (Mon) and 26th (Weds) so be prepared to show off your stuff!

Any questions or comments please contact Jamie Pollock – jme@royalwise.com – 503-504-6392

Important SUN School dates for Spring!

April 17 – SUN summer camp registration begins

April 21 – Spring SUN payments are due

April 28 – Multi-Cultural Night at 6:00 pm

May 19 – Family Fun and Fitness Night at 5:30 pm

June 2 – Spring SUN classes end

June 19th – SUN summer camps begin



School of Rock Blows the Doors Off This Weekend!!!

-Vault your credit card information to self-check-in/out on your smart phone

-Buy a Golden Ticket at pre-event prices; chance to win a choice of ANY live item before the live auction or one of 2 \$600 Maid Brigade gift certificates good for 12 hours of cleaning.

-Buy a ticket for a teacher to treat them to a Rockin' evening, 2 have been purchased already!

-We are reserving complete tables of ten! When buying a ticket put the name of your table in "name of table of ten" field

https://roseway.schoolauction.net/schoolofrock/tickets/ticket_sales

New this year: Family style dinner! No lines for food, extra bar during live auction, and karaoke after-party at the venue!!!!



Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5

we ♥ our teachers

For those that are able and want to participate in this RWH tradition, here are some ideas for each day to show your gratitude to our fantastic teachers:

MONDAY: cut a fresh flower from your garden for a desk bouquet for the week

TUESDAY: bring in a book from your home library to donate to your classroom...sign your name on the inside cover

WEDNESDAY: decadent chocolate, cookie, sweets OR a healthy piece of fruit

THURSDAY: go crazy—crazy socks, movie tickets, re-gift a gift card, volunteer time in the class, etc

FRIDAY: write your teacher a sweet note, poem, story, drawing

PARENTS: You can sign-up to bring in sweet or savory treats for the staff any morning that week. Please sign-up on this website: SignUpGenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4a62ba31-teacher4

PTA NEWS!

President Kemper Shrout
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Volunteer!
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Hello Roseway Heights Community,

Seems like I was just here three weeks ago. Well, the meetings I would encourage you to attend to learn more about how the budget will be affecting PPS and our school specifically will have passed by the time you read this ::saddest trombone::

So here are some things the PTA has sponsored, promoted, have done or will do this school year. It all started with an all-school picnic where pizza and pops were enjoyed by many. Then there was the Carnival which was a hit even though the Haunted House was exorcised into a middle school kick-it party. There was a hot cocoa social and the purchase of a new panther mascot! We painted the Gallery so it's no longer prison blue and put some art boards in there! We sponsored the dance troupe used to help celebrate Tet. The cool student directory! Chrome books and iPads are being procured. Families gathered for a dance. We peopled PPS's clothing closet a couple of times. We fed the families at Literacy Night. We'll be sponsoring 8th grade promotion. Money was allocated for teachers to purchase classroom needs. Other money was allocated for field trips. Oh, and new speakers and mics!!!

See you in three weeks? Maybe. I don't meow.

Kemper Shrout, the Roseway Heights PTA

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



PTA'S PANTHER PAWS OF THANKS

We would like to thank **Kemper Shrout, Katie Van Winkle, Janna Holm and Antje Guillard** for sorting, washing and donating the clothing to the PPS Clothing Closet.

A big shout out to **ALL HELPERS** during the school plays. It would be chaos back stage without you!

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

This month we'd like to give a **PANTHER ROAR** to **Science Fair Volunteers!**
It's an important night for science and the kids who take part. It takes many volunteers to organize, set-up, judge and clean-up. Thanks for putting on an interesting evening.



PTA Board Job Listings For 2017-18 School Year (possibly for a 2-year job)

There are many outgoing PTA board members this year. The jobs available are as follows:

- 1. President*
- 2. Vice-President*
- 3. Secretary*
- 4. Volunteer Coordinator for Grades K-2*
- 5. Volunteer Coordinator for Grades 3-5*
- 6. Middle School Liaison*
- 7. Legislative Liaison*
- 8. Communications Specialist*

If you'd like more information or are interested in any of the open positions, please reach out to anyone on the current PTA board, or email sabrina@sanedesign.biz

★★★ We need members who can advocate for the middle school program, as PPS is still planning on converting RWH back to a MS in the coming years.

Music News!

For the first time in over a decade our middle school is performing in PIL music festivals. We're back!!!! Congratulations to the Roseway Heights band. They performed beautifully at the PIL Band Festival on Friday, April 7th. They received great scores and a great review from the adjudicators. The students from Jackson middle school gave our band a standing ovation. Coming this Friday our Roseway Heights choir will perform in the first PIL Middle School Choir Festival. They have put together a challenging set with a wide variety of music.

Our 5th grade will be performing with the Oregon Symphony on **May 4th**. We are looking for parent chaperones. Please contact Mr. Baird with an E-mail so he can coordinate. The students are performing as part of the Carnegie Hall Linked in Project. It is a challenging repertoire including selections from The Rite of Spring, The Anvil Chorus, and a variety of folk music. Our Spring concert for K-2 is scheduled for **May 9th** and 3 - 5 on **May 23rd**.

The Band and Choir will be performing at Madison High School on **May 25th**. – **Mr. Baird**



Laurie Vandenburg School Counselor

We have now started the last quarter of the school year. We have a lot going on in this last quarter and it is always helpful if you can help encourage your student to continue working hard right up to the last day!

The kindergarten and first grade students will start their lessons on SAFETOUCH the first of May. Please see our website at <http://www.rwh.counseling.weebly.com> for more information on the lessons.

The high school lottery is complete. If your 8th grader has been selected to attend Benson, we will be forecasting them for classes very soon. Any questions that you might have about high school can be directed to Laurie Vandenburg.

The National Day of Silence is on Friday, April 21. GLSEN's Day of Silence is a student-led national event organized in thousands of schools, bringing awareness to the silencing effects of anti-LGBTQ name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools. Students from middle school to college take a vow of silence in an effort to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem of anti-LGBTQ behavior by illustrating the silencing effect of bullying and harassment on LGBTQ students and those perceived to be LGBTQ. The middle school students will be have the opportunity to participate in this day.

In April, our fifth graders will start weekly lessons on middle school readiness. Also, our school resource officer, Jessica Brainard, and Ms. Van will be presenting to middle school students on the dangers and legalities of social media.

It seems that, as spring is in bloom, so is the increase in the use of our student's social media. Here are some recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- First and foremost focus on connection with each other, with nature, with creativity, and with movement. Nicholas Kardaras, author of a profound new book titled GLOW KIDS: HOW SCREEN ADDICTION IS HIJACKING OUR KIDS says that "the engaged child tethered to creative activities and connected to his or her family is less likely to escape into the digital fantasy world."
- Delay, delay, delay, the next screen device as long as you can. You can always change your mind about a boundary you wish you had not crossed.
- Be vigilant about age-related screen-restriction recommendations: No screens at all for little ones under two years old; no Internet access until 10 years; no smartphone before 12 years; 1 hour maximum/day of quality screen-time for the 2-5-year-old set, 1-2 hours maximum/day for kids 5-10 years old; from 12-18 years, use contracts and monitoring, gradually allowing tweens and teens to practice managing screens themselves. You might consider talking with other parents who have already added more privilege before you allow your child to cross into the next "privilege". Talk to those parents about what they wish they had done differently.
- Participate in the annual "Screen-Free Week," which is coming up the first week of May this year.

As always, we are here to support you and your child!

- **Laurie Vandenburg**, grade 5-8 focus (M-Thurs) lvandenb2@pps.net or ext. 70193
- **Jennifer Goslin**, grade K-4 focus (Mon-Fri) jgoslin@pps.net or ext. 70191
- **Tara Vargas**, grade 5-8 focus (Fridays) vargast@pps.net or ext. 70120



Box Tops Are Blooming!!!

RWH is still collecting Box Tops for Education, and we want to make it to our goal of raising \$1,000! Springtime in Box Top Land means a Popsicle party for the winning class! **Clip the little rectangles** from your favorite food and household product packages, put them in a little bag or envelope with your child's teacher's name on it, and stick it in the box outside the office door! Every pink Box Top is money for our school! **Questions?** Contact **Amy Bazley** at: abazley@hotmail.com

More School News!

Multicultural Night Volunteers

RWH SUN and the Vietnamese Immersion program are planning a Multi-Cultural Night for **Friday, April 28th from 6:00-7:30pm**. We are looking for community members to host booths based on different countries and traditions. If you have a skill, hobby, or interest that we could showcase at this event please contact Shelby Coshow: **503 916 5865** or Shelby.Coshow@portlandoregon.gov

RWH MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOSTERS HAPPY HOUR!



The Middle School Boosters are having a happy hour (mingling) meeting and brainstorming session on **Friday, April 21st 4-6pm** at Pulehu Pizza, inside [The Lumberyard!](#) We'd like to personally invite middle school parents and especially incoming 6th grade parents! A round of **FREE APPETIZERS** will be provided and what we need is YOU! We are hoping to have a couple of middle school teachers stopping by as well, so it's a great opportunity to get involved and support our middle school program. This is an **ADULT-ONLY EVENT**, so please plan accordingly. If you can RSVP so we can order enough food, we'd appreciate it! Contact Tracy Nunn at tracynomadnunn@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you **Friday, April 21st** for happy hour at the Lumberyard's Pulehu Pizza. – Your RWH Boosters.



Madison Youth Sports has something for everyone!

Learn more at:

<http://madisonyouthsports.weebly.com/track-and-field.html>

Madison Cluster Middle School Track and Field 2017 Access -
Beaumont - Creative Science DaVinci - Faubion - Harrison Park -
Jason Lee Roseway Heights – Scott - Vestal - Vernon



Madison Cluster Middle School Track and Field 2017

Access - Beaumont - Creative Science – DaVinci
Faubion - Harrison Park - Lee – Roseway
Heights – Scott - Vestal - Vernon

Track and Field Season: March 13th - May 16th

- Open for students in grades 6-8 in the Madison cluster.
- Students must commit to three days each week. (Mondays, Wednesday and meet days).
- First practice is Monday, March 13th.
- Practices will be held Mondays at Roseway, 4:00-5:30, Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 at Madison (except when there is a high school meet).
- Transportation is only provided to meets, not practices.

Upcoming Parent Meetings:

- Monday, March 6th at 6:00 pm in Madison High School library.

Registration forms and cost:

- Registration forms are available at the following link:
<http://www.pilathletics.com/page/show/2356505-participation-forms>
- Bring the following forms to the parent meeting or the first practice.
 - Physical Clearance (Parts 1 & 2)
 - Track and Field Parent Consent (Front and Back)
- Payment is due at first practice, March 13th.
 - Athletes may not compete until payment is received.
 - Pay to Play is \$150 (check, cash, or money order, payable to PIL Athletics), **\$60 for students who receive free or reduced lunch**
 - Included in this cost is a Madison Track hoodie and running shoes (which they can keep) and a borrowed uniform (which they will return).

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