

# 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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Dear Roseway Heights Families,


Yesterday I read in the paper that Portland experienced the highest number of rainy days in a rainy season in recorded history (147!). This makes me think about the way that we mark time, count our experiences and try to make sense of the world we live in, both moment-by-moment and over time. When I read the newspaper article, I thought, "Holy cow! That is a lot of rainy days!" but when I started to think back on the actual experience of each day, it didn't seem any better or worse than any other year. When you work in a school in Oregon, the real measure of a day is outdoor or indoor recess. Indoor recess is sad, loud and doesn't really accomplish the point of recess – and we haven't had too many days of it...even in the rainiest year on record!

All this is just to say that as we enter the final push of this year, my first as the Principal here; there are a number of ways to think about where we are and where we have come from. I feel like we have made good on our promise to focus on the students we have now, and to not let the district processes, politics and problems interrupt that. I also think we have shown that a group of folks working together with purpose can do amazing things. We still have some things left to do: for our older students we have state testing, culminating projects and work samples. For everyone here, we move into planning how we are going to celebrate the end of the year in a way that honors what we have done, who we are and doesn't exclude anyone. If you haven't already, please think about ways you can pitch in and help out at the end of the year. Your teachers will appreciate the offer, your PTA will welcome the new faces, and your students will cherish the moments you have together.

I would also invite everyone in our school to vote in the coming election for our school board. I won't endorse anyone for any specific position, but I cannot stress enough that this is an opportunity to be heard. The school board is charged with some very important decisions in the coming years – decisions that will shape the future of Madison cluster and the entire district – so go out and learn about the candidates and support the one that you think best represents what you believe in. And remember, as my daughter always reminds me – April showers bring May flowers...so bring on the flowers!

Respectfully,

Jeremy Cohen  
Principal

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAY 2017</b>				
1	2	3	4	5 K-4 Talent Show! 6:30 in the MPR
<b>Teacher Appreciation Week!</b>				
8	9 Spring Concert K-2	10 *** 2nd Grade Play ***	11	12
15	16	17	18	19 PTA Meeting 8:15 am - Gallery Family Fun and Fitness Night! 5:30 pm
22	23	24	25 Band & Choir Music Concert at Madison 7:00 pm	26
29  Memorial Day NO SCHOOL!	30	31		

## **Roseway's Got Talent – 2017!**

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

## **Important SUN School dates for Spring!**

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 19<sup>th</sup> – SUN summer camps begin



# Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5



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

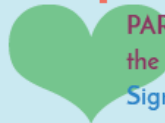
**TUESDAY:** bring in a book from your home library to donate to your classroom...sign your name on the inside cover

**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](http://SignUpGenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4a62ba31-teacher4)



## 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be performing with the Oregon Symphony on **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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 9<sup>th</sup>** and 3 – 5 on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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

# PTA NEWS!

**President Kemper Shrout**  
[iam.kemper@gmail.com](mailto:iam.kemper@gmail.com)

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

Hello Roseway Heights Community,

Our PTA's final general meeting for this school year will be at **8:15** in the morning on **May 19th** in the newly painted Gallery. So if you've yet to attend one, now's your last chance. There will be coffee and maybe some breakfast breads.

Childcare, however, will not be provided.

## 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>Dani Oates</b> <b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sam LaRoe</b> <b>Legislative Liaison</b>	



## PTA'S PANTHER PAWS OF THANKS

We would like to thank **all of the volunteers for the AUCTION**. Planning, donating, procuring, making works of art with kids, setting-up & cleaning-up, tech support, managing donations, working the event... without all of you "behind the scenes" the auction night wouldn't have been a ROCK N' ROLL success story! **Jen Endicott, Michelle Horan & Tracy Nunn** provided entertaining MC-ing and Auctioneering!

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

This month we'd like to give a **PANTHER ROAR** to **Antje Gillard**! You have taken on the Auction for the past few years and do an amazing job leading the crew. You helped our community raise over \$40K this year! **INCREIBLE WORK!**



## More School News!

### Multicultural Night Volunteers

RWH SUN and the Vietnamese Immersion program are planning a Multi-Cultural Night for **Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Shelby.Coshow@portlandoregon.gov)



**This auction ROCKED!!!** You know it's a great party when **CHER** shows up! Here's to Antje, for getting the band back together to raise **\$44,000** for our school! **178 guests** banged their heads and shook their hair, to raise money that is spent on staffing for the next school year. Word has it they even ran out of beer – now that's a hard-rocking crowd! Congratulations to all and a special shout-out from Antje to her auction crew and Richard Cross, tech guru!



## *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](mailto: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.





## Laurie Vandenburg School Counselor

A big thank you to our SOAR leaders (Mia Bella Capovilla, Miles Anderson, Cat Johnston, Eli Rose-White, Jeremy Hansen, Evan Sonne, Sahrya Green), for putting together the events for the National Day of Silence. The leaders did a wonderful job of organizing and getting the information to our middle school students. Our monthly SOAR meeting was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a speaker from the Cascade AIDS Project Speaker's Bureau. (See photo)

Congratulations to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Maya Brunner who was selected as an honorary page for our Oregon legislature. She spent the day working in the session on April 25<sup>th</sup> and then presented to her fellow students about her experience.

Our K-4 students are continuing their lessons on Safe Touch. You can view these lessons on our webpage. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are now working on middle school readiness.

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are having their presentations on internet safety with our school resource officer.



"We have become a nation of the 'attentionally challenged' children (and grownups) who just can't focus. I'm not talking about attention deficit disorder. I'm talking about kids and adults with an ordinary attention span who are having difficulty focusing on everyday tasks. The last month or so of school can be especially difficult, so I am including a short list of tips to help your child focus:

It is important to look at what we do with and to our children that can impede their ability to focus. For example: Am I moving too fast? When your child seems to be losing focus, here are some more questions to ask:

- Am I complicating the task? Am I giving too many directions at once or not breaking a task into manageable pieces?
- I allowing too much stimulation, especially when there's homework to do (TV, computer, video games, phone time)?
- Do I interrupt my child's focus? Am I reminding my child of something else to do while she or he is putting toys away?
- Am I clear about what's most important? In the morning does my child need to get dressed first, before feeding the dog?
- Are my instructions too vague: "Be good at Grandma's" instead of "Say hello to everyone when we first get there"?
- Am I trying to do too many things at once that are diverting attention from my child?"

*From Dr. Ron Taffel*

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

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



# MAY IS BIKE MONTH.

## Walk and Bike Challenge begins this Monday!

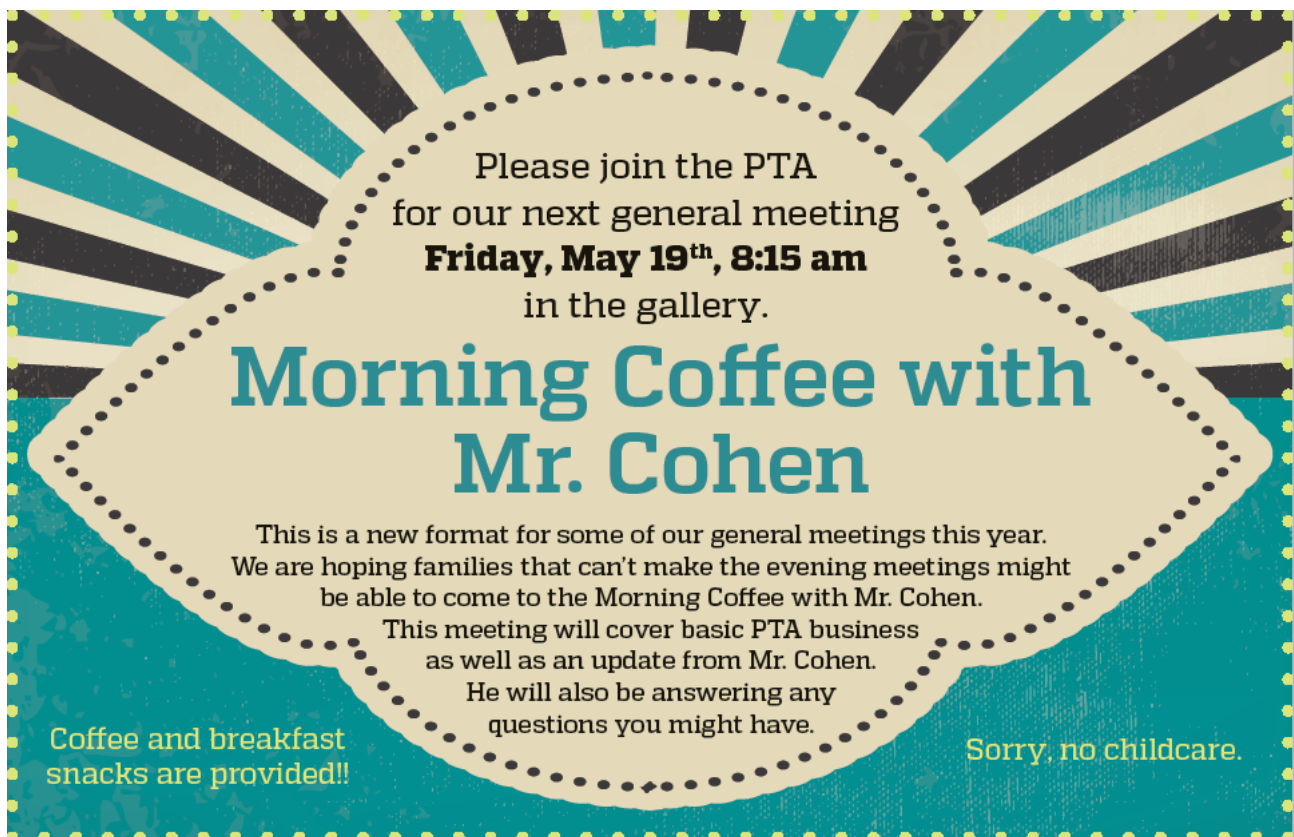
There are so many reasons to walk and bike to school. It's a good form of exercise, improves school performance and reduces our footprint on the planet just to name a few. But there's another reason to walk and bike to school this month. For all of May Roseway Heights is part of a month long walk and bike challenge. We are one of the leaders in the state for participation in the May Walk and Bike challenge. Let's continue to set an example!

Here's what we need to do to rock this event:

- Do your best to get your kiddos either walking, biking or busing to school each day.
- Remind them to sign in on the poster in their classroom
- Let them know about the rewards

Prize packages will be delivered to classrooms weekly to a chosen few who participate. To show classroom participation we will post tracking thermometers in the school hallways. Treats and swag will be available every Friday for students who participate. Are you ready? Are you up for it?

Awesome, let's do this thing!





# Madison News!

## Madison's One-Act Play Festival:

Come watch a series of six (possibly seven!) student-written, student-directed, and student-performed One-Act plays! Several of our Roseway Heights graduates will be participating! Performances will be held on May 11, 12, and 13 @ 7:00 pm. Additional matinee show at 2:00 pm on May 13. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

## Madison Athletics news:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys or girls interested in joining the Madison Cheer team next year are invited to attend spring tryouts on May 9-11. You must have a current sports physical turned in before May 9<sup>th</sup> to try out. Meet in the Madison gym from 4-6 on May 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, and 3:30-5:30 on May 11. You must attend all 3 days of tryouts to be considered for the team. Questions? Contact Madison Athletics at [kgraves@pps.net](mailto:kgraves@pps.net) or [sarcher1@pps.net](mailto:sarcher1@pps.net).
- Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy planning to attend Madison next year is invited to try out for Madison Men's Basketball Summer League. Tryouts are May 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>. This short program runs from June 1-19, and will include 8 games in the schedule. Cost is dependent on numbers of participants but will be no more than \$40. Questions? Contact Coach Matthews at [cmatthew@pps.net](mailto:cmatthew@pps.net)



## MEN'S BASKETBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

**TRYOUTS: MAY 30 AND  
31, 3:30 - 6:30 PM**

**SEASON: JUNE 1 –  
JUNE 19**

### Location/Cost:

The Madison Men's Summer League will hold tryouts and practices in the Madison Gymnasium. You must attend both days of tryouts to be considered for the roster. Numbers are limited, so not all who try out will be placed on the team.

Cost will depend on final number of team members, but will be no more than \$40.

## Madison Men's Basketball Summer League

Open to all Madison  
HS current students  
and incoming  
freshmen

Teams will play in  
eight games

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact head coach  
Chuck Matthews

[cmatthew@pps.net](mailto:cmatthew@pps.net)

# Madison Cheer Team Tryouts



For fall and winter  
2017-2018

May 9, 4:00 – 6:00

May 10, 4:00 – 6:00

May 11, 3:30 – 5:30

@ Madison gymnasium.

You must attend all 3 days!

All interested students must have a sports physical turned in to the Athletics Office before tryouts. Forms are available in the front office and Athletics office in B-4.

Wear comfortable clothing that allows movement.

Have Any Questions?

Contact Scott Archer ([sarcher1@pps.net](mailto:sarcher1@pps.net))

or Kerry Graves ([kgraves@pps.net](mailto:kgraves@pps.net))

at the Madison Athletics office.

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