

THE NEWS

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

Principal Cohen's Corner – February 9th, 2017

This week marks the end of the second term, which is the halfway point of the year. Because we also just celebrated the Lunar New Year (Tet) with the Vietnamese community, yearly cycle events give us the opportunity to reflect on the year thus far and look forward to the second half. This year began with plans to reconfigure this school to a 6-8 traditional middle school, and our focus was on keeping the high quality programming we had, while planning for a substantial shift in our school. While the decision to reconfigure has been pushed down the calendar a year (at least), we have continued to work hard on maintaining and improving our academic focus. We recently completed our mid-year benchmarking for literacy, and grade level teams have been looking at our data to identify our successes while also identify students for whom additional supports would be helpful. We have also looked ahead at next year in order to find ways to improve the academics through the use of our schedule, staffing, and being more intentional about placing students in classes.

Within our school community, there is increasing collaboration with our Vietnamese program and having a new school secretary that speaks Vietnamese has been very helpful. The amazing Tet celebration, put on by the DLI program for our entire school, was partially funded by the PTA, which demonstrates their commitment to the entire school community. As we look forward, we are working with teachers on bringing even greater awareness of our Vietnamese community to the front as well as recognizing the contributions of African-Americans through our recognition and celebration of Black History Month. As a school we are always looking for ways to make all students and families feel welcome – if you see someone you don't know in our school, introduce yourself and you may find your next friend right in our hallways!

Finally, as we cross the halfway mark on this year, I want to look back at all the relationships I have been able to make with the amazing folks at Roseway. From the teachers to the students to the families and friends of this school, I continue to be humbled by the warmth and generosity I encounter every day here. Please let me know if you have any concerns or want to share something you saw that was great!

Jeremy Cohen
Principal
Roseway Heights

2017 FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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5	6	7	8	9	10 8:15 am Coffee w/ Mr. Cohen 6-8:00 pm Valentine's Dance!
12	13 6:00-8:00 PM OMSI TAG night!	14 TOMORROW: Immunization Exclusion Day!!! If not up-to-date, STUDENTS CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL!	15 6:00-8:00 PM KINDERGARTEN CONNECT!	16	17
19 PTA "Fun"raiser 4-10 PM Lumberyard	20 President's Day NO SCHOOL!	21	22	23	24 6:00-7:30 PM Family Dance!
26	27	28	Spring Break is coming next month! 3/27 - 3/31	SPRING BREAK	

Please join the PTA
for our next general meeting
Friday, February 10th, 8:15 am
in the gallery.

Morning Coffee with Mr. Cohen

This is a new format for some of our general meetings this year.
We are hoping families that can't make the evening meetings might
be able to come to the Morning Coffee with Mr. Cohen.

This meeting will cover basic PTA business
as well as an update from Mr. Cohen.
He will also be answering any
questions you might have.

Coffee and breakfast
snacks are provided!!

Sorry, no childcare.

PTA NEWS!

President Kemper Shrout
iam.kemper@gmail.com

Volunteer!
rwhvolunteer@gmail.com

Hello Roseway Heights Community,

My birthday is in February, and I used to hate it growing up because compared to other pictures in the calendar, February's was the ugliest, probably because the publishers knew no one wanted to see it for 30 or 31 days. I also wasn't a fan of St Valentine's Day, because there wasn't that rule about if you give a Valentine to one, you give a Valentine to all; so my red, construction paper heart pouch that hung off the front of my desk waiting to receive valentines was always lighter than my peers. It was character building. I mean, I guess.

All of you who signed up to be in the School Directory should've received an email from Fourleaf. A Panther Roar to Madelyn Tran, RWH's new secretary, who translated the instructions into Vietnamese. *Cảm ơn bạn*, Madelyn!

February's PTA meeting is this **Friday morning, February 10th**, in the Gallery at **8:15am**. Zero childcare will be provided. If you read this after that date/time, March's meeting will be **Wednesday, the 8th at 6:30pm** in the library. That's less than four weeks away.

February. It's brief. It's like spring is 2 or 3 days closer. I love it.

Kemper Shrout, the Roseway Heights PTA


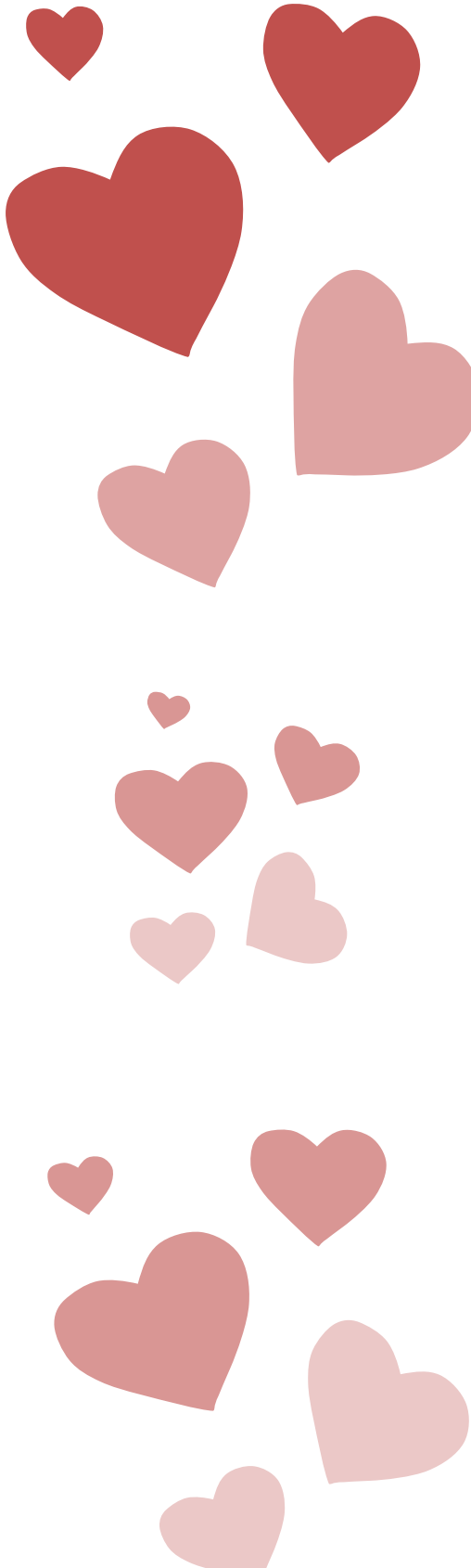
Kemper Shrout President	Valerie Klacik Secretary	Brenda Britsch Volunteer Coordinator, K-2
Sabrina Henley co-Vice President	Amy Rose Membership	Kris Farrell Volunteer Coordinator, 3-5
Tracy Nunn co-Vice President	Brian Sheehan Scrip Treasurer	Heather Johnston Volunteer Coordinator, 6-8
Dani Price Oates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

Auction Fans Unite!



Classroom projects are taking shape! A HUGE thank you to all the parent volunteers who have stepped up to make art with the kids and in turn earn money for our teachers and staff. **Art projects are due March 1st**. Please include a catchy description of your project that "sells" your masterpiece. "Thank you's" can also be included. These descriptions are printed in the auction catalog for School of Rock fans to use during the live auction.

Classroom baskets are due March 15th. There are many options for this, create a themed basket with donations your classroom has procured, or from money that has been donated by parents. Join forces with another classroom and make a joint basket, Reading buddy classroom? Something smallish is fine, too...a small family adventure or date night package. Anything! If you need suggestions or have any questions auction please email Antje Gillard at rosewayheightsauction@gmail.com



The RWH Middle School Boosters Group

Invites all 6th - 8th grade students
to the:

Valentine's Day Dance


February 10th

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
in the MPR.**

Admission: \$1 per person

You must have a signed permission
slip at the door to enter. This dance is
only open to RWH MS students.

Featuring

- Meghann Street's photo booth
 - music by DJ Bird Bennett
 - prize drawings and activities
 - pizza and concessions for sale
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Roseway Heights Middle School Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 10, 2017, 6pm – 8pm

Dance Permission Slip

1. This dance is being hosted by the RWH Middle School Boosters and the cost of admission is \$1.00 per student. The dance is open to 6th - 8th grade Roseway Heights students only, no other students will be allowed entry.
2. Parents have volunteered their time to help keep the dance running smoothly and to enforce all guidelines. All chaperones have the authority to dismiss from the dance any student who does not behave in a safe and respectful manner.
3. Fighting and/or bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. All students involved in such behavior will be expected to call for a ride and be picked up immediately.
4. Once admitted, no students may leave the building before the end of the dance without a parent or guardian escort. If a student does leave the dance there is no re-entry.
5. Refreshments, pizza, and snacks will be available for purchase.
6. STUDENTS SHOULD BE PICKED UP INSIDE THE ENTRY DOOR AT 8:00 PM.

Tear off this permission slip and return it with your \$1.00 entrance fee the night of the dance.

I have read and discussed the dance regulations with my child and give permission to attend the dance on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Parent's name and phone number		Parent's signature
Student's name	Grade	Student's signature
Name and phone number of the person picking child up (may be another parent for carpooling)		



Laurie Vandenburg School Counselor

This is a very busy month with a lot happening! Our 8th graders have had visits from representatives of Benson High School and Madison High School. They are in the process of forecasting for their classes at Madison. All of the 8th graders will be touring Madison on February 9th in the morning. The enrollment window is now open for all focus option high schools. Please be sure to fill out the necessary forms/applications before the window closes at 5:00 pm on Feb. 22nd. The K-8 transfer petition window is from Feb. 8th – Mar. 3rd.

This Friday is *No One Eats Alone Day* for our middle school students. This is a national event that happens at lunch time. The goal is to reduce social isolation. Our Beyond Differences leadership team of Anja Kennedy, Enriq Fernandez, Stacey Nguyen, Maya Bruner and Viviana Segura-Leon, have done a wonderful job of planning this event.

The kindergartners' are learning about Kelso's Choices, a problem solving curriculum and the Zones of Regulation, a curriculum about emotional regulation and control. The sixth graders are also learning about the Zones of Regulation.

Our next monthly SOAR (Students Organizing for Awareness and Respect) will be on Tuesday, February 28th at 8:15 in the library. This meeting is open to all 7th and 8th graders and all students are welcome. This group is our Gay- Straight Alliance and the monthly meetings are held to educate students on GSA issues.

As always, if you have any questions or if we can help, please feel free to contact us.

- **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 (Fri) vargast@pps.net or ext. 70120

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District 504 Contact: Suzy Harris, Integrated Student Support (503-916-2000 x72124)
American Disabilities Act Contact: Jeff Fish, HR Legal Counsel (503-916-3246)



CONNECT TO KINDERGARTEN

@ Roseway Heights K-8 School



Wednesday, February 15th

6–8 pm, in the library (upstairs)

7334 NE Siskiyou Street

- Meet our Principal Mr. Cohen, teachers, the PTA, and our SUN school coordinator
- Learn about our kindergarten program
- Tour the school
- Get your questions answered

ROSEWAY HEIGHTS SCHOOL is proud of its strong tradition of excellence – a tradition that creates high expectations for student achievement within a warm and nurturing community of learners.

On **Friday, May 12th** at 4:30 pm, we will hold a special event called **Welcome to Roseway Heights Kindergarten** where you and your child can participate in kindergarten readiness activities. Your family is also invited to the annual **Family Fun and Fitness Night** at our school right after (5:30–7:30 pm).

There are lots of games to play and you can meet other parents and children in the Roseway Heights community.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL PTA 'FUN'RAISER @ LUMBERYARD BIKE PARK

Have fun with friends & family and raise money for
ROSEWAY HEIGHTS' PTA. Money raised will go
toward buying chrome books and a cart (\$8,000+).

🔥 FACE PAINTING & BALLOON ANIMALS

- » 50% of full price admission goes toward buying chrome books/cart
- » Pulehu Pizza is donating 15% of all food/drink purchases from 4-8pm



You don't
have to
ride to
enjoy the
festivities!

\$25
day pass
\$16 *bike
rental

🔥 RAFFLE DRAWINGS

Raffle tickets only \$2 each
(need not be present to win!)

Raffle ticket PRE-SALE»
after school at west entrance
February 13-17

SOME PRIZES INCLUDE:

- » \$100 Target gift card
- » Nike sports apparel
- » \$50 Pulehu Pizza gift card
- » 10 passes to Hollywood Theater
- » Two \$20 arcade gift cards plus one large pizza from Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center in Wilsonville
- » Backpack
- » \$50 gift certificate to BTU Chinese restaurant
- » PLUS much MORE!

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19TH
4-10PM**

No school
Monday,
so stay late!

* Wear your RWH t-shirt and receive
discounted bike rental (or BYOBike)

** Helmets are required
(\$2 rental includes helmet & pads)



LUMBERYARD
www.lumberyardpark.com

2700 NE 82nd Avenue
(across from Madison High School)

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

New Moon Productions: 2017 Spring Break Theater Camps! Play Production Camp – “Alice in Wonderland!”

At Roseway Heights School!

Young actors will *feel the thrill of performing a play* at the Theater Auditoriums of D. A. Grout School and Roseway Heights School! **The all-youth casts will be in full costumes and props and will perform for an audience at the end of the camp!**

Here's the link to register:

<http://newmoonproductions.org/outreach-theatre-programs/camps/>

Brought to you by SUN Community Schools, Portland Parks & Recreation, and New Moon Productions, these extensive theater camps feature instruction by a highly qualified theater professional. **Students will build their acting skills** in several areas, including: audition technique, acting, improvisation, character building, stage movement, voice production, and other areas of performing. Every day, students will work with the instructors on improving their artistic skills as well as rehearsing the show. **The play is Lewis Carroll's classic story “Alice In Wonderland!”**

- The camps are open for students ages 8–18.
- **Prior experience in theater classes or shows is highly recommended.**
- Camps take place in the Auditorium at Roseway Heights School (7334 NE Siskiyou Street), both in Portland, Oregon.
- **Camps run (1) One Week – March 27-31, 2017 – (5) total classes**
- **Monday-Friday – 9:00am-4:00pm**
- *Performances will take place in the late afternoon after the last day of camp (March 31st). Times T.B.A.*



Catch Box Tops Fever!

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



Everyday Encounters with Science

TAG Family Night at OMSI:

**Are you passionate about how science
impacts our world?**

**OMSI is open for an evening of fun and exploration for
PPS TAG students and their families. No agenda- just
come and explore.**

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:00-8:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION FOR TAG STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

FREE PARKING IN THE OMSI LOT

Sponsored by the Department of Talented and Gifted Education/PPS

33rd Oregon Writing Festival!

Saturday, May 6th, 2017 – Portland State University

To register or for additional information, contact: Cliff Vogl cvogl@pps.net



Student Writing Sample Guidelines:

The general guideline for students' work is that it be a quality, finished product of their finest writing. They should bring writing that has been revised (based on some response from teachers, or parents, or other students), proofread, and put together in a polished final form. The Festival is a celebration of the best work of our participants, and we expect them to bring work of the highest standards.

Students may write in any form or genre they choose, because the Festival is a celebration of all forms of quality writing--e.g., poetry, short stories, personal narratives, science reports. Writing should be school-appropriate to grade level--no gratuitous violence, language, or explicit sexual content.

Final drafts may be handwritten, typewritten, drawn, calligraphed, or word processed by their authors. The writing may be illustrated. Again, the main standard is quality.

Length: Up to 5 pages, but the reading aloud of it cannot exceed 4 minutes; longer pieces should summarize the rest.

Students should practice reading their pieces aloud with feedback from teachers or parents--so they will be prepared to give a stimulated, clear reading in their sharing groups.

Writing samples (bring 12 copies) should include the author's name, school and address, and grade.

Panther P.E. with Ms. West and Mrs. Mac

We are already half way through our school year! Our students have learned and practiced a handful of sport and fitness skills. Each unit has a skill progression and focus that is practiced in individual and small group games. Fitness aspects are incorporated into this time and followed with an emphasis of cooperation, sportsmanship, and respect.



5 Tips for Family Fitness Fun by National Association for Sports and Physical Activity (NASPE)

- Create scavenger hunt on a snowy day and have a race to see who can find everything.
- Have a tasting party to introduce your family to new fruits and vegetables
- Devote a portion of your lunch break to physical activity (i.e. walking).
- Encourage everyone to “act out” a story as you read it.
- Ice skating and skiing are great winter family workouts.

“Children learn
as they play. Most
importantly,
in play children
learn how to
learn.”

G. Fred Donaldson

What have we learned so far?

Recess Games
Ultimate Frisbee
Tennis
Ping Pong
Lacrosse
Basketball

What is coming up?

Flashball
Hockey
Circus Arts
Track and Field
Fitness Testing

Did you know? Studies show that physical activity helps increase brain activity and capacity on 3 different levels:

1. It helps improve alertness, attention, and motivation.
2. It encourages nerve cells to bind together which is essentially how we are able to log new information.
3. It encourages the development of new cells.

P.E. Reminders

- If your child is sick or injured on a physical education day, please send a note explaining what the child can or cannot do. All doctors' notes regarding activity restrictions need to also be sent to the P.E. teachers.
- K-5 students are to wear t-shirts, shorts or jeans and tennis shoes to P.E. class. No jewelry, gum, or items that hang off the body. Grades 6-8 are encouraged to dress down into athletic attire.



FRIDAY
February 24th
6:30 – 8pm
MPR

pajama jam

FAMILY DANCE

- * **Wear your favorite 'jammies & bring a stuffed animal**
- * **Dance to DJ music**
- * **Glow give-aways & free cookies**
- * **Refreshments available for purchase** (8th grade fundraiser)
- * **Everyone welcome!**



Compliments of your PTA





**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).