## Welcome 5th grade families!

Roseway Heights MS 2020-21

1st day of middle school

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2020



# The day of a 6th grader!

- Core classes (Year classes):
  - English Language Arts
  - Social Studies
  - ⊃ **Math**
  - Science
- Electives (9 week Classes):
  - There are two rotating wheels each with four classes:
    - Health
    - PE
    - Intro to STEAM
    - Music Exploration
    - Intro to Theater
    - Intro to AVID
    - Intro to Technology
    - Art

#### **Physical Education (PE)**

In this course we will spend time each day participating in fitness related exercise activities. This will happen through warm up activities, circuit training, body weight activities, games and more. Expect skill and content components most days that will incorporate team & individual sports, as well as lifetime recreation activities.

#### Health

In this quarter-length class we will go over topics including: cigarettes (and e-cigarettes), marijuana, and alcohol; body image; cyber-bullying; preventing child abuse; and comprehensive sexual education with a focus on anatomy and healthy relationships.

#### Introduction to STEAM

This introduction to Science,
Technology, Engineering, Art, and
Mathematics will include beginning
units in Engineering Design, Robotics,
and Medical Detectives. Students will
engage in hands-on projects and labs
set in a real-world context.

# Introduction to Computer Technology

Students will learn about programming for the physical world by blending hardware design and software development, allowing students to discover computer science concepts and skills by creating personally relevant, tangible, and shareable projects.

#### **Music Exploration**

Music Exploration provides students with an introduction to different forms of music. Students will receive instruction on instruments, culturally relevant music, and choir.

#### Art

This beginning art class focuses on the elements of art. Students will explore these elements through drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture projects. Skill building and creative thinking will be explored through design challenges as well as art criticism, aesthetics, art history and vocabulary building.

#### Introduction to AVID

AVID is a class for motivated and determined students. Students will engage in instruction that helps them develop essential skills they will need in high school and college. The class places an emphasis on writing, critical thinking, teamwork, organization, and reading skills.

#### **Introduction to Theatre**

Theater is a class where students learn about theater and acting. They will play lots of theatre games and explore how to create a character. They will also present a short skit in front of a small audience in the classroom setting.

## **Dual-Language Immersion**

students' elective

#### Spanish Language Arts & Vietnamese Language Arts

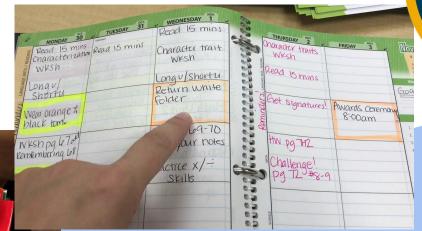
Both Spanish and Vietnamese language arts focus on the five areas of learning a language: reading, speaking, writing, listening, and comprehension through daily work and project-based learning.

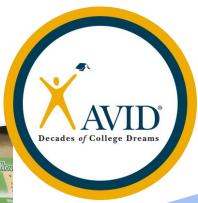
## Advisory/Brain Boost

| Monday    | Advisory Lesson |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Tuesday   | Power Up        |
| Wednesday | Dream Box       |
| Thursday  | Power Up        |
| Friday    | Dream Box       |

## Schoolwide AVID

3" Three-ring binder





# School Planner

Pencil pouch w/pencils, pens and highlighters, dividers, loose leaf paper, and spirals

## Portland Interscholastic League Sports (PIL)

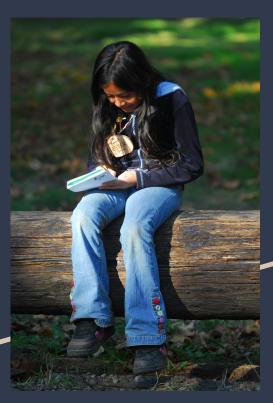
PPS middle grades (6th - 8th) youth sports program will be directed by the Portland Interscholastic League (PIL). The student/athletes will represent their neighborhood high school cluster. The cluster each athlete participates in is determined by address.

Fall Sports: Football, Volleyball,
 & Cross Country

 Winter: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, & Wrestling

• Spring: Track & Field & Baseball

### OUTDOOR SCHOOL



#### Why Outdoor School?

Oregon's economy and employment are based on its bountiful natural resources: timber, recreational opportunities, agricultural products, water, wildlife, and minerals. The extent to which Oregon's youngsters learn to understand and wisely use their natural resources today will largely determine their economic security in the future. Outdoor school teaches children about the natural sciences so they can use that information as adults to become knowledgeable citizens and voters. If a child can understand the natural process, then he or she can understand those factors that affect the natural process.

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#### A Classroom in the Outdoors

Outdoor School takes sixth-grade students from the classroom to the outdoors where they can study those things best studied outdoors... plants, animals, soil, and water. Outdoor education can take place in the school yard, vacant lot, or on a field trip, but the greatest gains are made when students can live in the outdoors for an extended period of time, at a resident Outdoor School.

The Environmental Education program offers this Outdoor School opportunity to all sixth grade students in Multnomah county. During the fall and spring of each school year local youth camps are leased to provide comfortable living facilities close to the outdoor laboratory where students can learn firsthand about natural science.



# When will my student go to outdoor school?

TBD, we will communicate as soon as the district informs us.

Completely funded, it is a FREE experience for our students!

## ROSEWAY HEIGHTS SUN COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOOLS UNITING NEIGHBORHOODS

- FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES, HOT MEAL, AND TRANSPORTATION HOME.
- EXAMPLES OF SUN CLASSES FROM 2019-20 SY: ART STUDIO, CHESS, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, YOGA, BETTIES360, DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, HOMEWORK HELP, SEWING, ZINES, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC CLUBS.
- LOW-COST SUMMER PROGRAMMING
- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, CLASSES, AND EVENTS
- CONNECTIONS TO RESOURCES

SITE MANAGER: LINDSAY RUOFF

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## Middle School Matters

The middle grades are exciting years, when students make choices on success.

Research indicates students' level of success will be greater than 75% if they maintain the following:

- A passing grade in mathematics or English language arts; or
- An attendance rate greater than 85%, or
- Receiving few, if any, discipline referrals

## **School Starts**

- Building opens at 8:50
- 1st bell is at 9:05
- 1st period begins at 9:15
- 6th grade lunch begins at 12:27
- Dismissal 3:45

- A different teacher every period (Except LA/SS)!
- Teachers mark students Absent or Late each period
- If your child will be missing school the parent/guardian needs to inform the office.
- The auto dialer call means your child was not in class.
- 10/10 policy
- Three minute passing time

## Phone Policy

Roseway Heights believes in students being 100% present in their education and connecting with their school community in a personal way. While electronics are a daily part of our lives, we understand that there's a time and a place. School is a time to learn and build authentic relationships. Furthermore, we want to keep our students focused and away from social media, as it can cause interpersonal conflicts within the student body.

#### NO cell phone/device use during school hours.

Devices are to be off and away as soon as students enter the building. This includes during morning gathering times, lunch/recess, and the hallways after school.

## In the Words of Our Students

