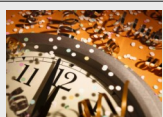


The Rosemont Ridgewriter

Newsletter for January, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

January



- 3rd—13th Apple Sale
- 12th & 13th—Apple Orders Due
- 10th— PTO meeting in Library
6:30pm—8:00pm
- 11th - Professional Development
Early Release 1:45pm
- 11th—The Village Raising Our
Daughters 7:00pm
- 16th— Non Contract Day No
School
- 18th—The Village Raising Our
Sons 7:00pm
- 26th — Winter Choir Concert
- 27th — Apple Delivery
- 31st — RRMS Orchestra Concert

February

- 2nd — End of Second Semester
- 3rd — Teacher Work Day No
School
- 8th — Professional Development
Early Release 1:45pm
- 15th — Immunization Exclusion
Date.
- 17th - Rosemont IDOL
- 20th — Holiday No School

Letter from the Principal

Dear Families,

I hope you and your family enjoyed winter break and that your children are excited and ready to return to school. I had a wonderful break, spent time with family and friends while catching up on many things at work, and I am looking forward to seeing the students and teachers again!

The second quarter of the school year is often a very challenging one. The quarter begins in November and runs through the end of January. Within that time period students have a long break for Thanksgiving and then 3 weeks later they have a long break for the holidays. Many students will return from break feeling refreshed and will engage in the learning with eagerness and commitment; while others will have had so much fun relaxing and playing that they will struggle with settling back into the routine of school, school work, homework, and responsibility.

As an adult community who supports the growth and learning of our children we need to join forces and work together to help the students make this important transition back to school. When school resumes on Tuesday teachers will spend a bit of time engaging students in activities to help them remember concepts discussed prior to break and to build confidence so students can move forward in the curriculum. Teachers will also revisit deadlines and assignment expectations so students can plan their schedules and use their time wisely. Parents can be extremely helpful during this time by monitoring after school schedules, asking their children about homework, checking online grades, and helping to hold your student(s) accountable.

Letter from the Principal Continued

The end of the quarter is only four weeks away. That means that students will only have a few weeks to finish up assignments, complete required readings, make final adjustments to projects, and study for tests. Middle school students often struggle with these school tasks and coming off of a two week vacation only adds more challenge to the situation. Student progress ultimately depends on student participation in class, work completion, and study habits. These are learner behaviors that take time to develop and require consistency during school and at home. The last minute rush that many students engage in at the very end of the quarter may improve the overall grade on the report card, but does nothing to develop the learner behaviors necessary for long-term success.

When we return to school on Tuesday I will be sitting down with teachers to remind them about emphasizing these important skills and learner behaviors with their students and I hope you will work together with us by emphasizing these skills at home with your child(ren). If all of us—students, teachers, and parents—work together during the month of January, then our students will reap the reward of positive learning experiences, strengthened learner behaviors, and successful grades at the end of the term.

See you next month,
Debi

Not sure how to navigate the Car Lines for Pick Up and Drop Off?

Please go to rosemontridgetpto.com and look under the News and Events Tab for guidelines.

Even if you are familiar with the procedure, we ask that you take a moment to review this document.

Thanks for keeping our kids and community safe.



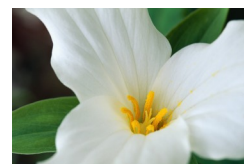
Letter From the Library



Books make wonderful holiday gifts for readers of all ages, and reading together is also a wonderful way for families to pass cold winter days. The following link provides book lists of classics as well as recent books for children in K through grade 12. Take a look and find some books that will appeal to the children in your life: <http://www.teachersfirst.com/read-sel.cfm>

Counselor's Blog

Many of you may not have discovered Christina Fowler's blog. We encourage you to access it—you will find many great resources, references and helpful pieces of information there. You can access it by going to our webpage, selecting the staff/homework links page and then selecting Christina Fowler's name. This will take you directly to her blog. She will be adding new ideas/information each month.





PTO INFORMATION



Jazz Apple = A Healthy New Year!

Does 2012 mark the start of a healthier new year for you and your family? If so, make sure Jazz apples are a part of your winning formula! Our Jazz apple fundraiser is back... Just in time to help you stick to those healthy resolutions you've just made, plus you will be helping the PTO to raise funds for essential supplies like printer ink cartridges, science supplies, art supplies and buses for field trips.

A box of 25 apples is \$20.00, and apples will be delivered on Friday, January 27th. An order form is included in the newsletter with orders due on Thursday, January 12th & Friday, January 13th. So what are you waiting for? Help Rosemont students get the supplies they need and keep those New Year's resolutions!

Kids are encouraged to take the order to friends, family and neighbors. Each case ordered makes your child eligible for prizes ranging from lollipops to movie tickets, and iTunes Cards. The student who sells the most will win a private party for 10 friends at the Lake Oswego Bellagio's Pizza.

PTO Meeting and Parent Education Night

Our Next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30pm in the Library. After a brief PTO meeting to recap events and the budget Debi Briggs-Crispin & Kurt Schultz will be conducting a Parent Education night for Parents of 8th Graders entitled—Is Your Child Ready for High School and Are You Ready to Parent a High Schooler? Join us for another informative evening of discussions. Parents who attend the last Education Night hosted by Debi and Kurt gave it rave reviews!

PTO Gratitude

We wish to extend extra thanks the following people for their help and support:

Special thanks to Shawnee Halligan for her help in organizing the Holiday Breakfast. Also thank you to Andrea Paul, Charlene Houriet-Walsh, Gwen Schaeffer, Jan Huffstutter, Judy Lofurno, Karen Briggs, Karin Sabbaj, Kate Jahnsen, Kimberly Steele, Lesley Bennett, Rany Seth, Rusty Gilburne, Susan Hardwick and Trisha Barnett who also volunteered to help pull this breakfast off.



Dial a kid volunteers - Thank you to all those moms that come in every week to give us a call to confirm that our children are absent from school; Alison Mann, Julie Black, Martha Swanson Kristi Craig, Jessica Moore, Andrea Paul and Kelly Taylor

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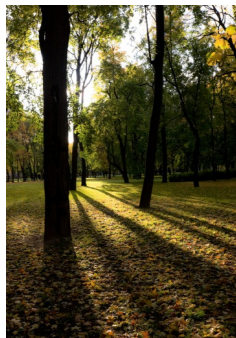
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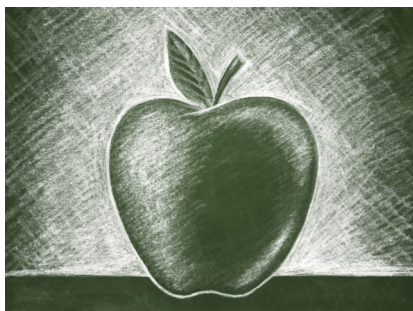
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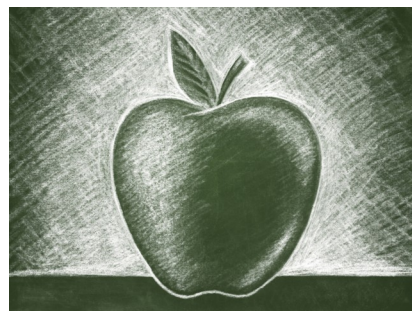




Rosemont Ridge Middle School's

2011—2012

School Fundraiser



Rosemont Ridge is proud to offer single layer boxes of Jazz™ apples for sale again - help us meet our fundraising goal!

The Jazz™ apple is a locally grown, modern variety apple that is a cross between the tart, crisp Braeburn and the sweet Royal Gala. Developed in New Zealand in the 1980's, its crisp, juicy, butter-yellow flesh makes it an excellent choice for eating as well as for baking. Each box of apples contains 25 delicious Jazz™ apples, and weighs approximately 9 lbs

Our Next order dates are January 3rd—13th You can have people order apples for delivery on January 27th and/or for:

Friday, March 16th

Friday, May 11th

Every case ordered gives you, our Rosemont Student, a chance to win a prize!

What can Students win? iTunes cards, Movie Tickets, Starbucks Cards, Candy, Private Pizza Party & more!

Bring your Orders and money in on 1/12/12 and 1/13/13 to exchange for your chance at one of these prizes.

Each case sells for \$20.00. Orders and payment are due January 12th and 13th.

Checks should be made out to RRMS PTO.

Student Name: _____ Crew Class: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

	Delivery Date				
Name	Jan 27	March 16	May 11	Total # Cases	Total Amount

Questions? Please contact Kathy Brandeberry at Secretary@rosemontridgepto.com

ROSEMONT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

Thank You for Supporting COYOTE Education.

Girls Inc. of NW Oregon works to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

Girls Inc. is coming to Rosemont Ridge! Girls Inc. Girls Groups offer fun, empowering, proven programming with professionally trained facilitators. This winter, Girls Inc. will offer two groups using the Allies in Action curriculum. Allies in Action teaches girls how to overcome relational aggression—otherwise known as bullying. It focuses on confidence, assertiveness, communication skills & self-esteem. Girls will have fun doing crafts, skits and playing games, while helping them to develop confidence, solve problems & learn to advocate for themselves & others.

Group 1: For 7th & 8th grade girls - Meeting **Mondays (Date Change), January 9 - March 5, 4:00-5:10

Registration link: <https://girlsincnworegon.ejoinme.org/rosemontridgew201278>

Group 2: For 6th grade girls - Meeting Thursdays, January 12 - March 8, 4:00-5:10

Registration link: <http://girlsincnworegon.ejoinme.org/rosemontridgew20126>

Cost is \$125 for winter term. **We need to have 12 girls per group or these classes will have to be canceled.**

Please register at the above link. For questions please contact Jessica at Jessica@girlsincnworegon.org or 503.230.0054 x5.



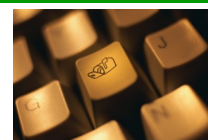
Attention Parents of Seventh Graders! Urgent Immunization Reminder

Oregon Law has added an immunization requirement for all students entering the 7th grade. Please check your child's records to be sure he/she has the following shot: Tdap Vaccine - 1 dose.

If your child does not have the Tdap shot, please contact your personal doctor or call the Clackamas County Health Department to make an appointment. Once your child has received the Tdap Vaccine please send a written notification to the office at RRMS with the date of the shot given and your signature. Please address this in a timely manner to avoid having your child excluded from school. Exclusion day is February 15th, 2012.

Get Connected

Don't know how to sign up for ListServ messages from the district, find out about those school closures or how to receive E:Mail messages about school events and opportunities or get the school Newsletters? Let us lead the way.



- **ListServ** — To receive important messages from the School and/or the School District sign up for ListServ by going to <http://www2.wlww.k12.or.us/News/LatestNews/ListservSS/> In addition to those types of messages, the School's weekly *News from the Ridge* and the monthly *Ridgewriter* (the newsletter) both rely on these address submissions. You may add as many schools and e:Mail addresses as you would like.
- **FlashAlert**—is a system that the district uses to notify patrons about inclement weather conditions that impact whether schools will be open. You can subscribe to the FlashAlert system to receive emails and/or text messages when such circumstances arise. To do so, visit the district website (www.wlww.k12.or.us) and click the link at the top of the left column labeled "Inclement Weather Closure Status". This page will show you the status of schools for the current date and also allow you to subscribe to text/email alerts or to renew your existing subscription.
- **MailChimp** — Pardon the funny name, it's a valuable resource to receive messages from PTO about School Events or volunteering please go to rosemontridgepto.com and click on the Volunteer tab (you don't have to volunteer but you *do* need to give us a little information about you and your child so we can tailor your mail and send you only what you need.)



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours: 8 am - 4:15 pm

School Hours: 9:15 am - 3:45 pm

Late or Absent

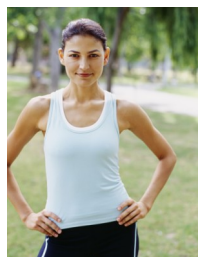
Please call the office 503-673-7575 by 9:15 am if your student will be late or out all day. Please call each day your student is out. If you need to leave home before the office is open, please leave a voice message at this number. It is checked every morning.

Early Pick-Up

If you need to pick your child up early from school please come to the office to sign him/her out. We will contact the classroom and have your child sent to meet you at the office.

Medication

We've had an unusual number of students coming to school with medication lately. Please don't send medication (over the counter or otherwise) to school with your student. Parents must bring the medication with the "Instructions for Administration of Medication" forms. Medication sent with a handwritten note will be held in the office until a parent can be reached.



Dress Code

Shirts should consistently overlap the top of the pants. Halter tops are not appropriate and tank tops should have straps at least 2 fingers wide. Skirts and shorts should be as long as the student's extended arm length. Pants & shorts should be worn high enough so that undergarments do not show. Please remind your child to make wardrobe choices that respect the Dress Code during school hours.

Parking Lot Incident

As you may be aware, we had an incident where two children were accidentally struck in the parking lot. They were not hurt but they *were* scared. Please use this unfortunate event as a call for caution. Please drive with caution, use appropriate pick up and drop off spots and refrain from picking up your child wherever you see them. Please do not cut through parking spots but instead use the designated lanes. We do recognize that these procedures are not always the most convenient but they are in place for your child's safety. This is a great time to teach your kids about the importance of following the rules even when it doesn't always seem fast or easy. Please also remind your students who walk or ride the bus to do so with safety in mind: use crosswalks, look both ways before crossing, wait away from the road at the bus stop, and don't assume cars on the road or in the parking lot see you walking. Thanks for helping us keep everyone happy and safe.



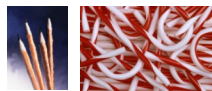
Want to help us keep the kids safe? We could still use a couple of traffic volunteers for 30 minutes in the mornings. Please contact Kurt Schultz if you can help even one morning a week.

Find Us On Facebook

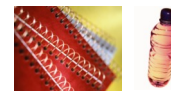
PTO posts news and upcoming events regularly. Photos of your children, or references therein, will not be included on this page. This is strictly a News Update page.

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Snack Shack



The Snack Shack is open on the last day of every school week and on the Early Release Wednesday's after school. We offer a popular assortment of candy, snacks, and drinks at reasonable prices! It's a popular location to hang out, grab a quick treat, and see your friends before heading home for the evening!

The Student Store is also open every other Tuesday during lunch with non-food items such as pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, pencil sharpeners, index cards, and coyote wear. Make sure to bring your money before lunch starts to pick up your school supply needs.

<u>25 ¢ & 50 ¢ Items</u>	<u>\$1.00 Items</u>	<u>School Supplies 25¢ - \$2</u>	<u>Coyote Wear</u>
Pop Rocks	Zots	Pencils	Shirts \$10
Air Heads	Skittles	Pens	Drawstring Bags \$2.00
Otter Pops (2 for 50¢)	Kit Kat	Spiral Notebooks	
Gummi Pizza	Reese's Peanut Butter Cups	Index Cards	
Lollipops — 25¢	Starburst	Pencil Sharpeners	
	Potato Chips		
	Cookies		
	Red Ropes		
	Pepperoni Sticks		
	Soda, Gatorade & Water		

January Open Dates and Times

1/6/12 — 3:15-4:15
 1/10/12 Lunch
 1/11/12 — 1:45—2:15
 1/13/12 — 3:15-4:15
 1/20/12 — 3:15-4:15
 1/24/12 — Lunch
 1/27/12 — 3:15- 4:15

Grab Bags for sale at just 50¢ and \$1.

Every grab bag purchased in the month of December included a raffle ticket good for a drawing on after Winter Break on January 6th.

Grab Bag Raffle Prizes Include:
 Electronic Sudoku Game!
 Coyote Gear & T-Shirts!
 Snack Shack Snacks!



All profit goes directly towards scholarships for Rosemont students.

We will happily accept any wrapped donations of the above items so that we may add to the School Scholarship Fund. There is a Donation box located in the front office. We could always use; Pepsi products (especially Wild Cherry, Regular and Dr. Pepper), Sprite, RED/BLUE Gatorade, Kit Kats, PB Cups, Starburst, Skittles, M&M's, and plain Hershey's Chocolate Bars. Please feel free to contact our fabulous Snack Shack Coordinator April Krubel at aprilkrubel@gmail.com if you have any questions Thanks!

Newsletter Due Dates

Rosemont's monthly newsletter, *The Rosemont Ridge writer*, will be published near the first of the month. All information for the following month's newsletter must be submitted by the 3rd Wednesday of the previous month. Please send items for inclusion to Holly Miller at Communication@rosemontridgept.com. Whenever possible please submit articles of interest in Word documents. The deadline for the February Issue is 1/18/12.

