



The Rosemont Ridgewriter

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE — August/September 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

August

- 23rd — 9:30am New Family Reception and Tour
- 23rd - 10:45am New Student Registration (new to District)
- 24h - 3 - 6 pm, Athletic Clearance Day, Main Gym

September

- 6th - First day of School for 6th Graders Only; Welcome Coffee for Parents from 9:00-10:00am near the Commons
- 7th - First day of School for 7th and 8th Graders; Welcome Coffee for Parents 9:00-10am near the Commons
- 8th - Picture Day; Have your child bring their best smile!
- 9th - Back to School Barbeque from 5:30 - 7:30
- 13th PTO Meeting 6:30pm in the Library. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 21st - Curriculum Night 6:30pm. Main Gym
- 28th - Coyote Run
- 28th Early Release End of School Day is 1:45pm

Letter from the Principals

Dear Parents and Students,

To those of you new to Rosemont Ridge, Welcome! And to those of you returning, Welcome Back! We hope this letter finds you well, and that you've had time for friends and family this summer.

We can't tell you how good it will be to have students back in the building. It's been great to have a break, but it's been too quiet for too long now. Middle school is such an exciting time in the life of a student and their family and we feel so lucky to be a part of it and are looking forward to beginning our journey together.

At Rosemont Ridge our mission is to **Build Learners** and help students become **Good Thinkers and Thoughtful People**. Those goals drive our work and our decisions. These three years are a time when students begin to think more for themselves and demonstrate a desire for independence. It is an important time to build learner habits and skills and to encourage them to take risks and grow. We have an incredible staff committed to working with students as they make this transition and we are excited for September 6th and 7th to come.

We're pleased to announce that we have the majority of our talented staff returning to Rosemont this fall. Last spring we did announce some staffing changes due to moving on and/or retiring and we wish them all well. The new staff members who are joining our community will be wonderful new additions. Our new band director is Ronnie LaGrone. Some of you may recognize his name. Ronnie was the band director at Rosemont until 2003 and he is delighted to be returning! Sai Poulivaati will be joined by Allison McKern as our new wellness teacher. Allison comes to us from

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Arizona and we look forward to the work she and Sai will do together. Ying Knipe is another new member of our teaching staff. Ying comes to us from Gresham and will be teaching 6th grade language arts and social studies. We also made some staffing moves within the building and so we have included a sheet that outlines the specific teacher teams. Our teachers are excited to be working together and with your student(s)!

And now here is some information specific to students and the first days of school. All students have been placed on Core teams based on teacher input and parent information. We've worked very hard to create balanced teams, which will hopefully result in positive experiences for all students in all classes. Also, we've placed students in Related Arts and extension classes based on the priorities they listed on their forecast sheets. In most cases we were able to place students in two of their top four choices.

All 6th graders should report to the Commons/Cafeteria between 9:00 and 9:15 on **Tuesday, September 6th**, where they will be given their team placement, receive their schedules and some instruction on how to read them and where to go next. All 7th and 8th graders will begin on **Wednesday, September 7th**. Seventh graders should report to the Commons/Cafeteria and 8th graders to the Main Gym, at which point they'll receive their schedules and team placements as well. Parents are welcome to accompany their student(s) to school on those first two mornings. The PTO provides coffee and the opportunity for parents to connect with other parents during these first two mornings as well.

Just a few quick bits of information/reminders: 1) Lunch this year will be \$3.25; Money in the account from primary and/or last year does roll over into the account for this coming school year; 2) A copy of the school's Master Schedule is posted online—on our school website— so you and your student can get a sense of what each day looks like; 3) Your student must have turned in missing books or paid for them, turned in gym lockers and addressed any other fines in order to receive a locker on the first day back; and 4) Students who wish to participate in a school sport or enrichment sport must have a valid *Physical Athletic Participation Form*, *Emergency Information Form* and *fees paid* in full before they can participate. These items are available on our website. Physicals are good for every two years if your child had a physical last year, the paperwork will be good for this year as well. Our Athletic Clearance day is August 24th from 3:00-6:00 pm. We encourage you to come on that day to turn in athletic paperwork. This helps your child be all set and ready to go for the start of the year and helps our office staff manage the tremendous number of forms that are turned in building wide at the start of each school year.

Included in this mailing are two very important forms. You'll find a copy of the registration information we have on file—**the Data Verification Form**—this is on white paper. Please look over the information listed, make corrections where necessary, and then sign your name at the bottom. *It is critical that we have up-to-date information, and we'd love to have this information back in the office during the first week of school.* The other form is the **Student Identification Number and PIN**. This information allows you and your student to access information via our website and to check grades throughout the year. This is on bright yellow paper. Please keep this in a safe place so you can refer it all year long. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Warmly,

Debi and Kurt



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 the 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

Please don't send medication 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.

After School Arrangements

After school arrangements must be made in advance. Students need permission from their teacher and their parent if they are going to be working with their teacher after school.

School Supplies 2011/2012

The list of school supplies is now posted on the Rosemont Ridge School Website. To access this and other information go to <http://www.rrms.wlwy.k12.or.us/>.



Curriculum Night

Parents, remember to mark your calendar for this important event -September 21st, 6:30pm

Activity Fees

This year our athletic program will consist of the following sports:

Fall - Cross Country

Spring - Track and Field

There will also be Girls Volleyball, Girls and Boys Basketball and Wrestling under an Enrichment program model. Please see the newsletter page 4 which outlines this program and its fees.

Our district supports a no-cut policy. All of these sports will be available to girls and boys in grades 6-8. All students participating in athletics must have a current physical on file in our office (physicals are good for two years from the date received.) In order to participate, the activity fee must be paid before your student participates.

The activity fee covers Track and Cross Country and also Jazz Band, Orchestra and Chamber Choir for the entire school year. Updated information as to the amount of the fee will be made available on the RRMS website soon.

Scholarships are available on an as needed basis. Please contact Debi Briggs-Crispin or Kurt Schultz for more information.

Coyote Run

This year's Student Fundraiser will be our 3rd Annual Coyote Run. In the past VOTS (Voices of the Students) Leadership Group has used a magazine drive to raise money for their many projects (helping sponsor dances, special field trips, clubs on campus, unique lunchtime experiences and more!) This year, VOTS is using the Coyote Run as the primary fundraiser and will kick off our school year. Students will be taking pledges and running laps around the Rosemont track with their CREWs. Unlike past fundraisers where only a portion of the proceeds came to the school, 100% of the Coyote Run proceeds support student activities through VOTS. You'll find a flyer & pledge form in the Back To School mailing. Make sure you fill it out and turn it in!



Enrichment Model Athletics

As we approach the new school year with a new enrichment athletics model in place for most middle school sports, we thought it would be helpful to address some commonly asked questions. Please read through the following document to find out more about enrichment athletics at Rosemont Ridge Middle School.

What does Enrichment Athletics Mean?

Enrichment athletics will operate much like other enrichment classes do. Interested students will sign up for a 3 week session of classes. Enrichment sports will meet 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) for an hour after school. An activity bus will run at 5pm each day to take enrichment athletes and other enrichment class participants home. During the year we will offer enrichment sports opportunities in Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Wrestling.

How is this different from the old model?

The term for each enrichment class is only 3 weeks long and three days a week. Additionally, there will be a balanced focus on skill-building and competition. However, teams will not travel to other schools to compete.

What are the costs?

The fee for enrichment classes is based on the number of times each class meets. This is also true for enrichment sports. Each 3 week session of enrichment sports will cost participants \$35. This means that students who choose to could participate in multiple enrichment sports classes for less than the previous athletic fee. The fees cover the cost of instructors for the enrichment sports program.

Why should my child participate?

It's fun! It's a great way to be involved at school after the school day! It's an opportunity to do a sport you love with friends, or to learn a new sport and make new friends. Because most classes will be taught by staff members from RRMS, it's also a great way to connect with adults in our community. It's a great way to get a taste of a sport before making the bigger financial and time commitment to club play (note: because enrichment sports happen right after school, they do not interfere with most local club sports schedules). And, it's fun!

Are physicals still required?

Yes, students still need a valid current physical form from their doctor. The form is available on our website and must be updated every two years. We will also need insurance information for each participant.

What other sports opportunities are there are RRMS?

We continue to offer Cross Country and Track as coed, competitive traveling sports teams. Information and schedules for these two teams can be found elsewhere on this page.

Other questions?

Please contact Kurt Schultz at schultzk@wlwv.k12.or.us or via telephone at (503) 673-7550.

PTO INFORMATION



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rosemont Ridge Families and Friends,

Did you know that all parents of students enrolled at RRMS as well as all faculty and staff are members of the RRMS PTO? No fees. No membership cards. No lengthy by-laws. The purpose of the PTO is simply to build community and to promote an environment that supports exceptional learning. As this new school year gets underway, we hope that you will **choose** to become an active member of the PTO. Choose to stay connected. Choose Rosemont!

- Stop by school on September 6th/September 7th at 9:00 am and join us for a cup of coffee and some catching up.
- Plan on attending the Back to School BBQ on September 9th. We have some fun activities planned for the entire family and we promise that you will not walk away hungry!
- Join us at the PTO meeting on September 13th. Seriously! We meet at 6:30pm in the Library.
- Post the enclosed PTO calendar on your refrigerator.
- Purchase a School Directory (an order form is enclosed).
- Support your child's participation in the Coyote Run on September 28th.
- Volunteer! Don't let anyone tell you that your career as a volunteer is over once your child enters middle school. **Your help is needed at Rosemont.** Please take a few moments to fill out the enclosed volunteer form or to update your contact information and volunteer preferences on the RRMS PTO website at www.rosemontridgepto.com

Looking forward to seeing you at Rosemont. Looking forward to a great year!

Jackie Wetzsteon

RRMS PTO President

Welcome Back Coffees

Please join us for our traditional Back To School Coffees on Tuesday September 6th (for 6th grade parents) and Wednesday, September 7th (all grade level parents) We will gather in the entryway of the Commons at 9 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones and sign up for school events and committees. We are selling Rosemont Ridge T-Shirts at the Coffees. Short Sleeve T's -\$10, Long Sleeve-\$12.00. This is a great way to wear your support for our school!



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September PTO Meeting

All parents and staff are welcome to attend the next PTO meeting on **Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm** in the RRMS library. Please join us.

Parents who have attended have often said that each time they attend they learn something new about the school, it's staff or it's programs.

We encourage you to attend. Come work with us as we help to continue to make Rosemont Ridge the great place that it is!



Volunteers Make a Difference - Please Sign Up!

Please have your student return your Volunteer Opportunities Form to the office on the first day of school or as soon as possible. Several activities including classroom help will begin immediately. Your help is so appreciated and needed to support the staff and students of Rosemont Ridge.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome Coffees on the first two days of school, at the Back to School BBQ, and at Curriculum Night. You can also sign up at www.rosemontridgepto.com and click on the Volunteer Tab.

Have any questions about the opportunities or volunteer needs? Please feel free to contact our PTO Volunteer Coordinator—Cathryn Viteri at volunteer@rosemontridgepto.com

Fundraising - 2011 - 2012



It's the news you've been waiting for - the announcement of our fundraiser! Candy? Magazines? Gift Wrap? Cookie Dough? Nope!

This year, we're dumping the clutter and calories. And we're selling Jazz apples! That's right... this might be the FIRST fundraiser which might leave you healthier when it's over!

Our goal is raise \$20,000, and we can do it! Each case of 24 delicious Jazz apples sells for just \$20.00 and is something your family most likely already buys... It's that easy! More details will be coming at the end of September, so stay tuned and think of all your friends and relatives who would to support this delicious, healthy fundraiser!!!!



Community Partnerships

Five simple ways for you to help Rosemont Ridge Middle School when you go back-to-school shopping and during the entire school year!

1. Visit www.Albertsons.com and follow this path: "In the Community" located near the bottom right of the page in a blue box/"Albertson's Community Partners" located on the right side half way down/"Shoppers" where you can log in with your Preferred Savings Card number found on the back of your Albertsons card and phone number/"Find a Partner" on the right hand side. Type in Rosemont Ridge, West Linn, OR.
2. Visit www.eScrip.com and enroll in the program. Once enrolled, you can link your Safeway Club Card to start supporting Rosemont Ridge with your grocery purchases. You can also support Rosemont through other selected companies.
3. Visit www.schoolpop.com to sign up for their contributions. Rosemont Ridge PTO will receive up to 18% of your online purchase with no extra cost to you. Hundreds of online merchants include Apple Computer, Dell, Eddie Bauer, Land's End, Nordstrom, Target, Sears, JC Penney's—too many to list.
4. Visit Office Depot and they will give 5% back to Rosemont year round. When checking out, notify the clerk that you would like to designate Rosemont Ridge Middle School as your school of choice.
5. Target offers 2 ways to earn money for Rosemont. Open a Target Visa Credit Card account and designate RRMS as the recipient. Or, ask for a Target Guest Card application and designate RRMS as the recipient.



Save the Date—for Missoula Children's Theater—This year MCT will be coming to RRMS for the 9th annual Cedar oak Park Primary and RRMS joint residency week 11/28—12/3/11. This year's show will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Any questions? Please contact our Parent Coordinators Cindy Greger— cgreger@aol.com, Becky Hancock—hancockjb4@q.com or Jan Bosson - boltonmom@msn.com.



Gain Access to the On-Line Newsletter -

This is the only issue of the newsletter that will be mailed out this year. Ensure that you get all future issues of the newsletter by registering to receive the E-Blast. Go to www.rrms.wlwg.k12.or.us, click on Vital Information, then on Sign up for EBlast. If you don't have computer access and would like to still have a newsletter mailed to you, please contact Holly Miller at Communication@rosemontridgepto.com.

Newsletter Due Dates

Rosemont's monthly newsletter, *The Rosemont Ridgewriter*, will be published 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@rosemontridgepto.com. Whenever possible please submit articles of interest in Word documents. The deadline for the October issue is 9/21/11.



Rosemont Ridge Calendar Of Meetings and Events

2011—2012

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location
August	23rd	9:30 am	New Family Reception and Tour	Commons
August	24th	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Athletic Clearance Day	Main Gym Outside Commons
September	6th & 7th	9:00 -10:00 a.m.	PTO Welcome Back to School Coffees for Parents	Commons
September	8th	9:00 am -12:00 pm	Picture Day	Outside School
September	9th	5:30 pm -7:30 pm	Back to School BBQ	School
September	13th	6:30 pm	General PTO Meeting	Library
September	21st	6:30 pm	Curriculum Night	Main Gym
September	28th	9:30 am -1:30 pm	Coyote Run	RRMS Track
October	21st & 22nd		Student Conferences	
October	28th		Monster Mash	Commons
November	8th	6:30 pm	General PTO Meeting/Parent Education Seminar	Library
December	16th		Holiday Breakfast	Commons
January	10th	6:30 pm	General PTO Meeting/Parent Education Seminar	Library
February	10th		Spring Dance	Commons
March	13th	6:30 pm	General PTO Meeting/Parent Education Seminar	Library
April	6th		Rosemont Idol (Tentative Date)	RRMS
April	20th	9:30 am -12:00 pm	8th Grade Career Day/Real Life Fair	Both Gyms
May	8th	6:30 pm	General PTO Meeting/PTO Elections	Library
May	17th	6:00 pm	Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting	Commons
June	14th		8th Grade Celebration	
June	15th		Last Day of School (if no snow days)	

