

# The Rosemont Ridgewriter

*Newsletter for February, 2012*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - End of Second Semester
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - No School, Teacher Work Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Early Release, 1:45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Immunization Exclusion
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Holiday No School

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Evening Conferences
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Morning Conferences, No School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jazz Festival at Athey Creek
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Jazz Band Concert (@ WLHS)
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Choir and Nuance Concert (@ WLHS)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting 6:30, in the Library
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Early Release 1:45pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Variety Show
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break



## Letter from the Principal

Dear Families,

Middle school students are amazing! They are curious, creative, talented, passionate—truly delightful young men and women. I am so fortunate to have the opportunity to see them learn and grow daily, and I am proud to be their principal.

Many of you experience the joys of working with our middle schoolers as you volunteer in our school. Being a volunteer provides you a window into their world—you see their energy at lunch, their curiosity in the classroom, and the excitement they show when they learn new material. And as parents, you have numerous opportunities to have fun with them, support them with homework, attend their extra-curricular activities, and help them learn to navigate the emotional ups-and-downs of adolescence.

So, although we all have a variety of chances to see these wonderful middle schoolers "in action", we still may not be aware of some of the unique, exceptional learning activities our students, or their friends, are engaged in at school. I would like to take this opportunity then, to highlight just a few.

We have a Rosemont Ridge Lego Robotics Team, made up of six sixth grade students and coached by one of our parents. This team of robotics engineers participated in a Regional Competition in December, earned the Ace Award, presented their project to Mayor Kovash and the city council, and then participated in the State Lego Robotics Tournament on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We are extremely proud of these young students, their commitment, and creativity.

Our eighth grade science extensions course engages students in the inquiry process with particular attention paid to developing viable experiments. This semester-long course has been a rigorous & challenging one with many of the students delving into unique areas of study. We are proud to announce that one of our students will be entering his project into the Northwest Science Expo at Portland State in March!

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## Letter from the Principal Continued

OBOB is another exciting activity some of our Rosemont students are involved in. This is the first year our school has participated in OBOB—Oregon Battle of the Books. We have a healthy crop of ten teams of four students each who are competing to show their chops as ace readers. Each team collectively read the "Sweet 16", that is, a set of sixteen books chosen by the Oregon Association of School Libraries to represent a broad range of interests and encourage students to work together to learn and have fun with literature. Our parent volunteer, Charlene Houriet-Walsh, has been working alongside our teacher librarian/IC, Shelly Buchanan, our library assistant, Karen Bonoff, and one of our language arts teachers, Gillian Stratton, to organize the competition. The winner(s) of this competition will advance to the regional competition and then possibly go on to state. The students are enthusiastic, the questioning rounds are informative and entertaining, and we look forward to participating in this OBOB activity again next year.

Another program I would like to highlight is taking place in one of our social studies extension classes. The students were investigating the Oregon Encyclopedia project—a partnership of Portland State University, the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, and the Oregon Historical Society. This partnership is creating an online-encyclopedia dedicated to Oregon's history and culture. Our seventh graders noticed there was not an entry regarding West Linn so they decided to research and write one themselves. This garnered the attention of Dr. Hardt, one of the editors from Portland State, who came to our school and worked with our students on their first-draft. The class will be submitting their final entry soon and hope it will be accepted and placed in this online encyclopedia.

And finally, as I have stated many times, our music and arts programs are stellar! Today our 7<sup>th</sup> grade band performed for our entire student body and this evening our choirs are performing for our community. Recently our arts department was informed that several of our students, and one of our classes, had earned prestigious awards for their individual pieces. An eighth grade, first semester class, was the only middle school to have a piece accepted into the Artist Statement Show in Portland. Their piece, entitled, "Never Too Thin" is now in our school on display. Five students had their work submitted to the Scholastic Art Awards and four were recognized—two students earned the Gold Key award, one student earned a Silver Key award, and one student earned an Honorable Mention. Additionally, two students had their work exhibited in a downtown gallery—The People's Art of Portland Gallery. We are so proud of our music and arts programs and the students who participate!

Middle school is a wonderful time of student growth and learning. It is also a time for discovering some of their interests, gifts, and talents. Our students, parents and staff at Rosemont Ridge are accomplishing great things together, and we look forward to seeing just what these creative young people will continue to do!

See you next month,  
Debi

### Volunteers Needs

#### Traffic Control

RRMS is always in need of parents to help out with traffic control at the beginning of the school day from 8:45 am to 9:15 am. If you look good in orange and the early time slot works for you, please contact Mr. Schultz at [SchultzK@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:SchultzK@wlwv.k12.or.us).



**West Linn Wilsonville Education Foundation** - RRMS is looking for a representative to serve as a liaison for the West Linn Wilsonville Education Foundation. The responsibilities include working with the Principal, PTO President, and parents to coordinate with and around other school fundraising activities; attending 1 Board meeting per month; raising awareness about Foundation activities and fundraisers by distributing posters, lawn signs, and other outreach materials; submitting information to school and PTO newsletters as needed, and ensuring information is available at Back to School night, etc. More information is available to review at <http://www.wlwfoundation.org/>. Please contact Debi Biggs-Crispin if you have an interest in this role at [Briggs-D@wlwv.k12.or.us](mailto:Briggs-D@wlwv.k12.or.us).

# PTO INFORMATION



## Upcoming 8th Grade Career Day

In order to make this event a success  
 We need community and parent volunteers to help "showcase" their  
 career/trade in a trade booth type setting  
 (display not enquired - we provide a table, you provide your expertise)

**Date:** April 20th, 2012  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Email:** [treasurer@rosemontridgepto.com](mailto:treasurer@rosemontridgepto.com)

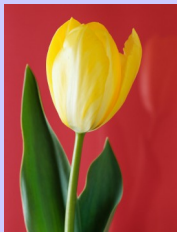


## Planning for the Spring Blast is Underway

The PTO will be marking the end of the third quarter on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> with a **Music Video Dance Party** for our middle schoolers. The party will take place right after school from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.



## Gratitude



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Kathy Brandeberry for once again leading the way with our Apple Sale Fundraiser. This fundraiser has been a major undertaking and we'd be lost without her guidance, support and great sense of humor. We are grateful for her help. Thanks Kathy!

Thank you also to Kristi and Joe Craig for their fabulous donation of the Bellagios Pizza Party for our Apple Sale Winner. We really appreciate your support!



## PTO E-Mailing List?

Want to get on the PTO e-mail list but don't know how? Just send an e-mail to [president@rosemontridgepto.com](mailto:president@rosemontridgepto.com) and we will be sure to add your address into the system.

## 2011-2012 PTO Executive Board



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## Attention Parents of Seventh Graders!

### Urgent Immunization Reminder



Oregon Law has added an immunization requirement for all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

## CREST



### SPRING BREAK

March 26 - March 30, 2012

**Orcas Island Marine Biology Adventure Camp**      Grades 4-7      Registration fee \$350.00

Spend a fun-filled week in the beautiful San Juan Islands! We'll travel by bus to YMCA Camp Orkila whose trained environmental education staff will lead you on an outdoor school adventure you will never forget! The trip will kick off with a stop in Seattle to visit the aquarium for a hands-on tide pool lab and tour. Then we'll travel by ferry to camp where you will spend the week learning about marine mammals, invertebrates, and Puget Sound ecology. You will explore the island during beach hikes, recreational activities, and evening campfires. Challenge your limits on a ropes course with both high and low elements led by certified instructors.

Lodging will be in a heated cabin, and CREST staff members will serve as chaperones and cabin counselors. Students will be broken into age groups for lessons and lodging.

An informational meeting will be held on January 30, 6:00 pm at CREST - 11265 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville

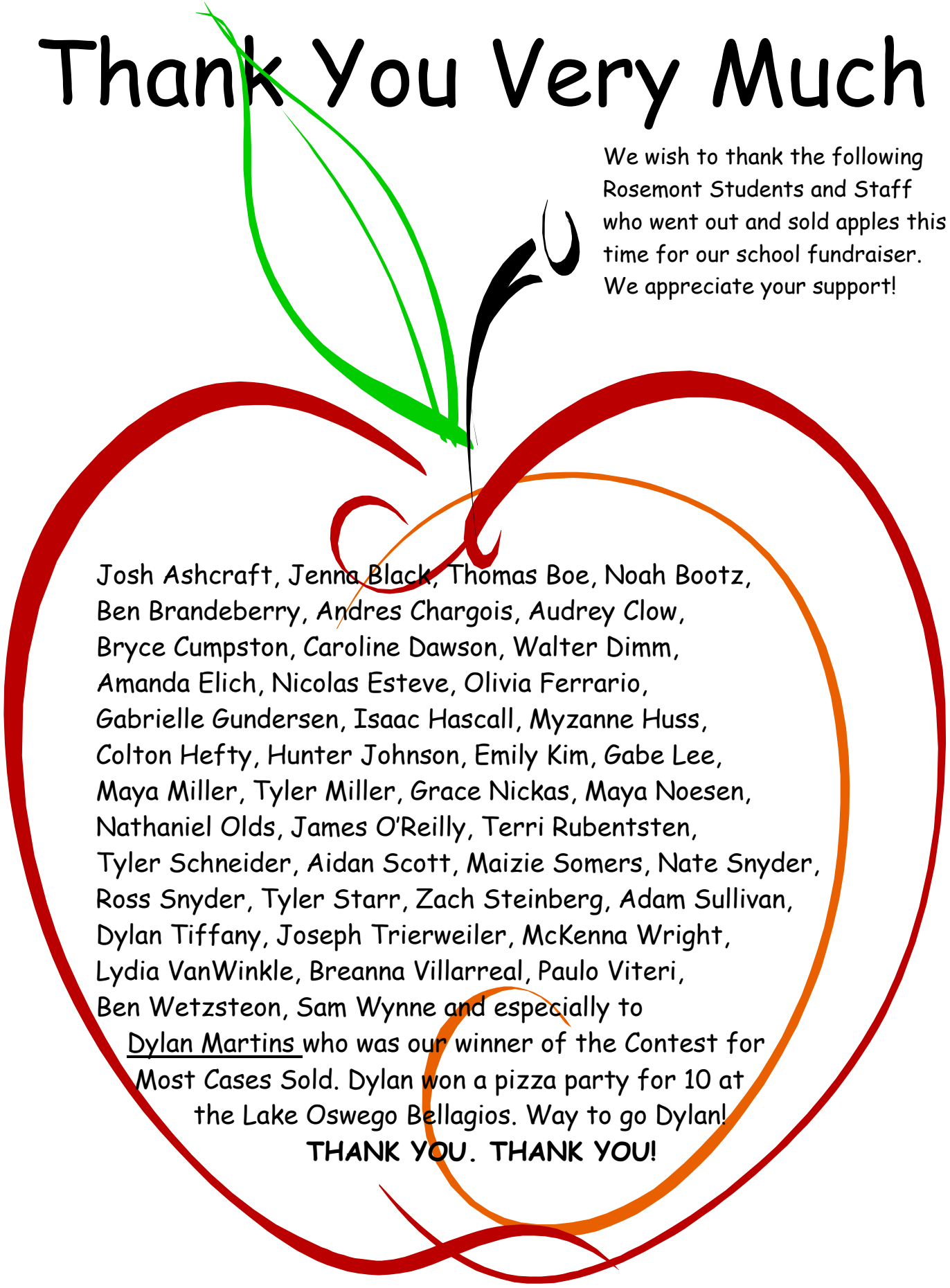
Questions, please call Vickie Lee at (503) 673-7010.



### **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](mailto:Communication@rosemontridgept.com). Whenever possible please submit articles of interest in Word documents. The deadline for the March Issue is 2/22/12.

# Thank You Very Much



We wish to thank the following Rosemont Students and Staff who went out and sold apples this time for our school fundraiser. We appreciate your support!

Josh Ashcraft, Jenna Black, Thomas Boe, Noah Bootz, Ben Brandeberry, Andres Chargois, Audrey Clow, Bryce Cumpston, Caroline Dawson, Walter Dimm, Amanda Elich, Nicolas Esteve, Olivia Ferrario, Gabrielle Gundersen, Isaac Hascall, Myzanne Huss, Colton Hefty, Hunter Johnson, Emily Kim, Gabe Lee, Maya Miller, Tyler Miller, Grace Nickas, Maya Noesen, Nathaniel Olds, James O'Reilly, Terri Rubentsten, Tyler Schneider, Aidan Scott, Maizie Somers, Nate Snyder, Ross Snyder, Tyler Starr, Zach Steinberg, Adam Sullivan, Dylan Tiffany, Joseph Trierweiler, McKenna Wright, Lydia VanWinkle, Breanna Villarreal, Paulo Viteri, Ben Wetzsteon, Sam Wynne and especially to

Dylan Martins who was our winner of the Contest for Most Cases Sold. Dylan won a pizza party for 10 at the Lake Oswego Bellagios. Way to go Dylan!

**THANK YOU. THANK YOU!**