

The Rosemont Ridgewriter

Newsletter for November, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

November

- 1st-17th Boys Basketball
- 3rd - End of Quarter
- 4th — No School, Grading Day
- 6th - Daylight Savings Ends
- 8th- PTO Meeting, Library 6:30pm
- 11th - No School, Veterans Day
- 21-25 No School, Thanksgiving
- 28th Auditions for Missoula Children's Theater Begin.
- 29th-12/15—Girls Basketball

December

- 1-15 - Girls Basketball continues
- 3rd - Missoula Children's Theater Performance
- 3rd — Skyview Jazz Festival
- 7th - Professional Development Day Students release at 1:45pm
- 8th - Winter Band Concert
- 16th - Holiday Breakfast
- 19th—1/2/12—Winter Break



Letter from the Principal

Dear Families,

Visitors to Rosemont Ridge, and new families who join our school community, frequently comment on the welcoming and inviting atmosphere. Adult comments range from "The students are so friendly" to "As I walked down the hall students said 'hello' and offered to show me to the room I was looking for." New students say, "It feels so nice here" or "I had students in my class offer to show me around and help me with my locker." As the principal of Rosemont I have the opportunity to witness this welcoming behavior first-hand on a daily basis. Rosemont is a wonderful place—a caring and welcoming community.

This welcoming community does not happen by chance—it takes intentional effort on the part of the students, staff, and parents. In last month's Ridgewriter I referred to our school's mission statement - *Building students of character committed to community and rigorous academic learning*. Our staff is dedicated to creating learning experiences that encourage the development of positive character traits, promote healthy community behaviors, and engage students in rigorous learning.

Intentionally focusing on developing healthy community behaviors is especially important during the middle school years. Adolescents struggle with social nuances at this age and need the support of parents and staff as they learn to listen to others, respect and value differences, care for the environment, and demonstrate responsibility and perseverance.

Letter from the Principal Continued

The Touchstone, which was written by staff and students 6 years ago, is a mission statement that outlines expectations for community behaviors much like our Rosemont Ridge mission statement outlines our goals for our work as a school. This document outlines the goals we have for developing and upholding a healthy, welcoming, safe community. It is a document that we routinely refer back to as we work with students around appropriate community behavior. Now that the authors of that document are all graduates of our West Linn school system, we felt it would be a good time to engage our current community of staff and students in the creation of an updated Touchstone.

Over the next couple of months our VOTS representatives will be working with their CREW classes to write this *new* Touchstone. Through a process of class meetings in CREW (with VOTS and the CREW leaders facilitating) and VOTS meetings (with Kurt and me facilitating) we will end up with a document that describes the behaviors and expectations we all desire our Rosemont students and staff to uphold. The first part of the process has already taken place. VOTS representatives gathered information from their CREW classes in response to this question: *What are some positive characteristics of Rosemont Ridge?* Some of the responses were: It feels safe; the students and teachers are really nice; CREW; the new schedule; the freedom and independence; the way lunch operates; the classes; knowing kids in different grade levels; hanging out with my friends.

It is clear that our students echo the sentiment shared by visitors and new students—Rosemont Ridge is a welcoming environment—a great place where they can learn, grow and contribute. I look forward to the conversations we will have as a school community during the rewriting of our Touchstone. And once it is completed we will proudly share it, refer to it, and uphold it. The Touchstone will articulate our collective desire for Rosemont to be a place where students develop strong character, contribute to community, experience rigorous learning, and create a warm, welcoming environment.

See you next month,

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Apple Fundraiser Started on the Sweet Road to Success!

Our thanks to the Rosemont Ridge families and staff who helped to get us off to a good start on our first apple sale of the year. Healthy coyotes, along with their families and friends, were able to order delicious Jazz apples. The first order of apples will be delivered on November 18th, and deliveries will continue throughout 2012. To date, we have sold 225 cases of apples. The proceeds of this sale will provide valuable funding resources for field trip transportation, printer cartridges as well as science and art supplies. Missed out on ordering? No worries - you will have the chance to order again in January to help keep your healthy New Year's resolutions on track! Please help us meet our fundraising needs by helping us to sell 1,000 cases of apples this school year.

Raffle tickets were given for every order that came in. Congratulations to our Raffle winners:

Monster Mash Fun Pack #1 - McKenna Wright

Monster Mash Fun Pack #2 - Hannah Archuleta

Ice Cream Bar Party #1 - Emily Nielson

Ice Cream Bar Party #2 - Maya Noesen

Family Fun Apple Basket - Jana Glausi



PTO INFORMATION



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rosemont Families,

If your family is similar to mine, the last two months have been crazy with getting settled into a back to school routine and juggling fall sports. Now that Halloween is over with, we get to strap on our roller skates and get ready for the holidays. I hope you take at least one moment a day to breathe deeply and reassure yourself that it will all get done! And maybe take another deep breath just for you!

The mission of the RRMS PTO is to support and promote our school community. We do this by sponsoring programs and events for our families and kids; supporting volunteerism throughout Rosemont; feeding our teachers; fundraising to provide financial support to RRMS; and communicating Rosemont happenings to our community.

We hope that you are feeling engaged and finding your place at Rosemont. If you want to volunteer but don't know how, let us know! If you have some ideas on how to get your 8th grader to attend PTO events, let us know! If there is a program that you would like to see at Rosemont, let us know! If there is something that concerns you that you want to share, please let us know!

The PTO wishes all of you a great Thanksgiving. I know that I am very thankful to be part of such of supportive and giving community.

All the Best,
Jackie Wetzsteon
president@rosemontridgepto.com

PTO Shout Out

Amber Wagy and Kimberly Steele for organizing the amazing Monster Mash.

April Krubel for her time and dedication to running the Snack Shack.

Shawn Hughes & Ellen Dimm for their day-in-day-out (rain or shine) commitment to our Parking Lot Safety.

Ellen Dimm, Cathryn Viteri and Jill Kraemer for their coordination of the awesome Teacher Luncheons.

All of the parents who helped at the Monster Mash, in our classrooms, feeding the staff & supporting our fundraiser.

We are so grateful for all of your support. Thank you. Thank you.



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Cross Country 2011



The Coyote's Cross Country Season wrapped up last week with the League Championship Meet. Rosemont did a fantastic job this season. Here are some of the results from the Championship:

8th Boys: 1st as a Team

8th Girls: 4th

7th Boys: 4th

7th Girls 3rd

6th Boys: 1st

6th Girls: 1st

Individual Results

6th Grade Boys: 5th - Hunter Crawford, 7th - d' Angelo Wilson, 8th - Brad Wicklund, 9th - Quinn Manes

6th Grade Girls: 2nd - Lauren Griffith, 3rd - Abby Gross, 6th - Leah Briggs, 11th - Riley Murphy,
12th - Kennedy Chandler, 13th - Maya Miller

7th Grade Boys: 15th - Max Russell, 16th - Grant Sutton

7th Grade Girls: 3rd - Emmalyn Leonard, 12th - MacKenna Koppler, 14th - Justine Babbitt, 18th - Kate Whitehall

8th Grade Boys: 3rd - Grayson Ollar, 6th - Roman Ollar, 7th - Colton Hefty, 12th - Conor Egan, 13th - Nate Trank

8th Grade Girls: 18th - Anneke Hlady

Congratulations to all of our runners this season and a special thanks to Head Coach Nancy VonSeggern Bartley and Coach Davala and Coach Sandell and parent helpers Randall Jahnson and Tara Lawrence. We really appreciate all of your time and dedication in working with our kids!

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

At the November 8th meeting representatives from Girls Inc. will be giving a short presentation about their programs. Girls Inc. offers fun, empowering, proven programming with professionally trained facilitators. Programming is available to any group of 12-15 girls between the ages of 8 and 18.

Traditionally, Girls Inc. of NW Oregon offers three 8-week terms over the course of the school year.

Each term, a Girls Group can cover one of the following Girls Inc. curricula:

- Allies in Action teaches girls how to overcome relational aggression—otherwise known as bullying. It focuses on confidence, assertiveness, communication skills and self-esteem.
- Friendly PEERSuasion® offers gender-specific drug and alcohol abuse prevention.
- OperationSMART® introduces girls to science, math, and technology-related careers.
- Economic Literacy® teaches girls to manage and invest money.
- MediaLiteracy® teaches girls to interpret, critically analyze and respond to messages from the media.
- Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy® provides girls and young with the skills, insights, values, motivation, and support to postpone sexual activity and to use effective protection to avoid pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Leadership in Community Actions enables girls to join in partnership with women leaders in their community to develop and practice leadership and advocacy skills and conduct community action projects.
- Project Bold® gives girls the skills, strategies, and support for personal safety and safety in their communities and beyond.

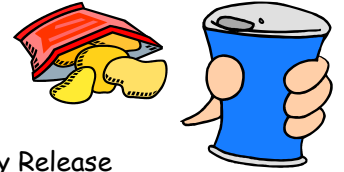
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Please join us for what is sure to be an informative presentation at the conclusion of our PTO Meeting. We will be gauging interest as to whether we will bring portions of this program to Rosemont as an enrichment activity. The PTO meeting will be held in the School Library from 6:30—8:00 on Tuesday, November 8th.



Snack Shack



Do you know about the Snack Shack/Student Store?

The Snack Shack is open on the last day of every school week and on 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 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	Short Sleeve Shirts \$10.00
Air Heads	Skittles	Pens	Long Sleeve Shirts \$12.00
Otter Pops (2 for 50¢)	Kit Kat	Spiral Notebooks	Sweatshirts \$15- \$20
Gummi Pizza	Reese's Peanut Butter Cups	Index Cards	
Lollipops – 25¢	Starburst	Pencil Sharpeners	
	Potato Chips		
	Cookies		
	Red Ropes		
	Pepperoni Sticks		
	Soda, Gatorade & Water		

<u>Upcoming Days Open DURING School</u>	<u>Upcoming Days Open AFTER School</u>
11/8/11 – 11:45am–12:15pm	11/3/11 – 3:15pm–4:15pm
11/22/11 – 11:45am–12:15pm	11/10/11 – 3:15pm–4:15pm
12/16/11 – 11:45am–12:15pm	11/18/11 – 3:15pm–4:15pm
	12/2/11 – 3:15pm–4:15pm
	12/7/11 – 1:15pm - 2:15pm (Early Release Day)
	12/9/11 – 3:15pm–4:15pm
	12/16/11 – 3:15pm–4:15pm

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 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 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@rosemontridgpto.com. Whenever possible please submit articles of interest in Word documents. The deadline for the December issue is 11/16/11.





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.

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 and 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.

Basketball Enrichment begins this month.



Boys Basketball will meet each day after school from November 1st through 17th.

Girls Basketball will begin on November 29th and go through December 15th.

It's not too late to sign up. Students can participate once the \$35 fee and required athletic forms have been turned in. Please see the Athletic section of the School Website if you need these forms and any other information.

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

Parking Lot Safety

As we approach the time change and move into fall and winter weather, please exercise extra caution while driving in and around the Rosemont parking lot. We have many cars and many kids that travel through the parking lot each day and want to make sure everyone has a safe experience getting to and from school. 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.



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Holiday Shopping with SCRIP!

You can support Rosemont Ridge Middle School by using **SCRIP** gift cards to purchase the things you buy every day!



We will be placing the next SCRIP card order on
Monday December 12th

Here's how to order:

Head to... <http://www.rosemontridgepto.com/fundraising/scrip-card-sales> to download and print your order form

- Fill out order form - Don't forget to write your child's crew teacher & your delivery preference on the top right of the form!
- Submit completed form and check made out to RRMS PTO to the front office by noon on December 12th
- Your cards will be available on Friday December 16th



Remember...

You pay face value for gift cards

RRMS gets 2% - 43% of your purchase

Questions? Contact stephaniehascall@gmail.com



What is eScrip?

Different from Scrip—eScrip has created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases made by participating families to school or youth based groups. Parents, teachers, friends and families are encouraged to register their grocery club cards, and existing credit/debit cards as supporters. A percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to Rosemont Ridge Middle School.



How Does eScrip Work?

Participating merchants contribute each time your families make a purchase using their registered cards. There are no receipts to collect, no vouchers or certificates to buy, no hassles for you and every purchase counts.

Renew your Safeway Club Card with eScrip! Check out our link on the PTO Page under the Fundraising tab. Help us take advantage of free fundraising.

Questions about Scrip or eScrip? Contact stephaniehascall@gmail.com

Box Tops For Education. Box Tops =Money for Rosemont.Keep collecting Box Tops for Rosemont!

Every Box Top counts! Collecting Box tops helps Rosemont Ridge earn cash that we can use to support our students and their programs. Our Goal this year is \$500.00 for the 2011/2012 school year!



There are other ways to earn Box Top points by registering on the web site and clicking on bonus Box Tops. Parents and teachers can shop from the Box Top web site and earn points for our school.

Collections will be done monthly. The CREW class with the most collected by December 9th, 2011 will earn an ice cream party and honorable mention! Head to www.boxtops4education.com and sign up today.