

The Rosemont Ridgewriter

Newsletter for October, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

October

- 4th-15th - Girls Volleyball
- 10th - Scrip Orders Due
- 14th -No School, State In Service
- 17th-21st Book Fair
- 20th-21st - Parent / Teacher Conferences afternoon & evening
- 21st - No School, AM conferences
- 22nd- Crest Festival 10am-2pm
- 25th — Photo Retake Day
- 26th — Early Release 1:45pm - Professional Development
- 28th -Monster Mash 5:30pm-7pm
- 31st Online Registration begins for Missoula Children's Theater—Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

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

Letter from the Principal

Dear Families,

At Rosemont Ridge our mission statement is: *Building students of character committed to community and rigorous academic learning.* This is an important mission statement and one that requires a partnership between teacher and student, teacher and parent, and student and parent. With strong partnerships and clear commitment to the goals, our students can leave Rosemont being strong in character, committed to community, and highly successful academic learners.

Students strong in character are students who exhibit positive efforts in both moral and performance character. Moral character includes traits such as honesty, respect, responsibility, and kindness. For some middle school students demonstrating these traits is fairly easy—and for others it is a challenge. Our goal, as parents and teachers, is to support the middle school student as they struggle with taking responsibility for their behavior and/or choices and to hold them accountable for improvements needed in these areas. Performance character is often very challenging for many middle school students. Perseverance, craftsmanship, best effort—these traits are not usually fully developed in adolescent teens. Middle school students often want to “get the assignment done” and do not pay much attention to “doing it well” or demonstrating their best effort or craftsmanship. These same students often give up easily saying, “It is too hard” or “the teacher didn't explain it to me” or “I don't get it.” Persevering through something difficult or advocating for extra help or time are not qualities most middle school students have firmed up yet. They need our help—parents and teachers—to develop the habits and skills required to execute positive performance character traits.

Another important trait to develop in middle school students is a care and concern for community. Adolescent teens often tend to focus on themselves and their peers—they're concerned about where they fit in and how they belong to the social structure of their

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particular grade. But life, as we all know, is more than just fitting into the social structure of a particular grade or age group; life is about contributing to the small and large communities one lives and functions within. For our middle school students these "communities" include their family, their teams/church groups/clubs, their school team of students and teachers, their grade level, the entire school, and the community of West Linn. As teachers and parents we can support our middle school students' positive growth in committing to community by holding them accountable for positive participation and contributions to each community they are a part of, and by providing a variety of opportunities for them to develop these skills.

And finally, positive growth in academic learning is directly related to the moral and performance skills students develop and to the relationships within the numerous communities—home, schools, classrooms, and teams. Learner behaviors—such as responsibility, organization, follow-through, perseverance, best effort, and advocacy—are all necessary for students to be successful in rigorous academic learning. Being a member of a community where partnerships between parents, teachers, and students are strong, and positive contributions to community are daily practices, creates an environment where safety and inclusion exist— necessary conditions for academic learning to occur.

Academic learning can be challenging, and yet it is always very rewarding. Our middle school students need to develop the learner behaviors and community member attitudes that will guide them to success in the rigorous academic experiences they encounter daily. With strong partnerships and commitment to the mission statement our students will leave Rosemont strong in character, committed to community, and highly successful academic learners.

See you next month,
Debi

Coyote Run Update

Our Coyote Run was a big success. The kids were out there and giving it their all. We appreciate all of their efforts to ask for pledges, run and make it a great day of fun. Way to go!



The CREW class with the most creative outfit was Mr. Davala's Crew - Runners up—Dauenhauer's , Farley & Knipe.

The CREW class which ran the most laps was Ms. Nicole Moore's Crew.— " Runners Up"— Sandell & Rydholm

To date we have over \$7,200 in pledges. Please encourage your children to go out and collect any outstanding money so that we can turn that figure into deposited dollars and add to it. Your child's laps sheet should be sent home so that this can happen. If your child does not have it, please contact your Child's CREW teacher. 100% of the proceeds from this student fundraiser go to support Rosemont. Our goal is \$10,000 and it's not too late to reach it.

We extend special thanks to our Run Coordinator - Allison Clarke, Wilsonville Fred Meyer, Portland Running Company, The CREW and Wellness Teachers as well as all of the parents who volunteered at the event, who came out to watch the kids, who pledged their support of RRMS . We are so grateful for all of the help and support.



Save the Date—for Missoula Children's Theater— *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*

Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to Rosemont Ridge the week of November 28 through December 2. Performances will be on Saturday, December 3, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm.

Online registration will begin October 31, and be due in the office by November 7. Auditions will be held on Monday, November 28.

All 6th - 8th graders are encouraged to participate. The cost to participate is \$30 per student.

Questions? Please contact either Cindy Greger at cgreger@aol.com or Jan Bosson at boltonmom@msn.com

PTO INFORMATION



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Choose to Be Informed. Choose to Be Involved. Choose Rosemont!

Hi Everyone,

We hope that your school year is off to a great start and that your family is getting in a groove. As the craziness starts to settle down (a little anyway), the RRMS PTO wants to make sure that you know what is happening at Rosemont. We are trying to send out information about school events and volunteer opportunities through many modes of communication. We hope that at least one of these approaches will work for you:

- Check the Rosemont Ridge school website (<http://www.rrms.wlvv.k12.or.us>)
- Check the Rosemont Ridge PTO website (<http://www.rosemontridgepto.com>)
- Check the Rosemont Ridge PTO Facebook page (“Like” us on Facebook at Rosemont Ridge PTO)
- Read the e-blast (now know as “News From The Ridge” from Eve Freeman every Thursday (registration through list serve)
- Read the monthly PTO newsletter (delivered to you via list serve, posted on the school website and also posted on the PTO website)
- Read your PTO emails advising you of events and needs
- Come to a PTO meeting (the next one is November 8th at 6:30 pm)
- Search the bottom of your child’s backpack . . . We send a majority of our items electronically but sometimes we have to send forms home as well.

If you have any suggestions about improving communication, please send an e-mail to me (president@rosemontridgepto.com) or Holly Miller at communication@rosemontridgepto.com. We hope that you will **choose** to become an active member of the PTO. Choose Rosemont!

Jackie Wetzsteon
RRMS PTO President

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Put your money to work for RRMS!

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

We will be placing our first SCRIP card order of the year on Monday, October 10th



Here's how: 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 October 10th. Your cards will be available on Friday October 14th

Remember—You pay face value for gift cards but RRMS gets 2% - 43% of your purchase.

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



Newsletter Due Dates

Rosemont's monthly newsletter, *The Rosemont Ridge writer*, 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 November issue is 10/19/11.



Find us on Facebook - We post 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. Already a member of Facebook? "Like us" at Rosemont Ridge PTO and all future updates will be sent to your page.

An Apple A Day...will help ensure that funding will stay!

First Orders will be accepted October 10 - October 31

This year, our only PTO Fundraiser will be Jazz™ apple sales - that's right, no more magazines, cookie dough or wrapping paper! We love these apples, and know you will too, as they are delicious, consumable and something EVERY household can use!



Jazz™ apples are grown right here in the northwest - up in the Yakima Valley, to be exact, and we are thrilled to know we are bringing you a healthy, nutritious product to support the financial goals of the Rosemont Ridge PTO.

Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 - quite a target, but our PTO provides so much essential funding for supplies and we need to make sure our kids have the equipment they need to ensure their learning successes! Each year, the PTO helps to fund the purchase of student planners, printer cartridges, buses for field trip transportation, materials for the science and art classes and even scholarships to ensure every student at Rosemont enjoys every educational opportunity and every field trip!

Families will have the opportunity to order the Jazz™ apples four times during the school year, with the first delivery of apples arriving in November (just in time for Thanksgiving!). You can also order again in January, March and May. Why four sales? Well, once you taste these apples, you'll be hooked!

Each case of Jazz™ apples (25 apples per case) is \$20.00. In addition, if you purchase cases in multiples of four you will pay just \$75.00 for the four cases - such a deal! You can choose to purchase four cases now and request that they be delivered all at once or have them delivered over the four delivery dates. The first orders will be taken from October 10th - October 31st! You will have the chance to order again for future delivery dates if you decide that you want more...And we know that you will!

We will notify you when your apples arrive and you can come to school to pick them up.



Did you know the average person eats 65 apples per year? Make sure you are eating the freshest, most delicious apple around while supporting your RRMS student! Order your Jazz™ apples October 10 - October 31st!



Looking for a healthy choice? Jazz™ apples are fat-free, sodium-free and cholesterol-free, and are just 80 calories!



Ever wonder what makes those apples float when you are bobbing for apples? Well, 25% of an apple's volume is air! Don't let that fun fact scare you away from ordering your Jazz™ apples, though...they are 100% delicious!



Rosemont Ridge is proud to offer single layer boxes of **Jazz™** apples for your enjoyment – help us meet our \$20,000 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

This year, we will have four delivery dates:

Friday, November 18th, 2011 (just in time for Thanksgiving!)

Friday, January 27th

Friday, March 16th

Friday, May 11th

Each case sells for \$20.00, or you can purchase four cases at the discounted rate of \$75.00!

Initial Orders and payment are due October 31st Checks should be made out to RRMS PTO.

Student Name: _____ Crew Class: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Name	Delivery Date				Total # Cases	Total Amount
	Nov 18	Jan 27	March 16	May 11		

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

ROSEMONT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

Thank you for supporting COYOTE Education.



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.

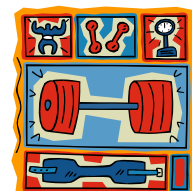


Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on the evening of October 20th and during the day of October 21st. Further information will be forthcoming about how to schedule your child's conference.

Enrichment Activities

A list of all Fall Enrichment Classes has been posted under "Activities" on the school website. Please see the site for a list of classes, dates descriptions and fees as well as to download a form if your child it interested in participating. Some classes begin as early as next week. So act fast and sign up today!



Girl's Volleyball Enrichment begins this month.

The team will meet each day after school from October 4th—15th.

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.

School Directory

Orders for the 2011-2012 School Directory are due. Please turn in your order form by Friday, October 7, 2011. The cost is just \$5 per directory. Order forms may be found on the PTO website under the News and Events section.



Fall Fun Blast 2011

Friday, October 28th 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

All RRMS Students Invited

Wear your coolest costume (in good taste) - **NO MASKS!**
 \$10 Fun Pack = Wicked Fun

- Black Light & Glow In the Dark
- Mummify Your Friends
- Dancing
- Cake Walks
- Gift Card Raffles
- "Text To Win" Games
- Robbing for Gummy Worms
- Photo Booth
- Pizza, "Spider Dogs", Drinks, Candy and Treats



CREST Farm Open House and Fall Festival

October 22, 2011
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

CREST Farm - 7151 SW Beckman Rd, Wilsonville



Come to the CREST Farm for a Fall Harvest Festival. Activities will include making fresh apple cider, touring the farm, meeting the farm manager, and seed saving. We'll have fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden for you to sample and each family will be able to take a pumpkin home for free.

Volunteers Make a Difference - Please Sign Up!

Haven't had the opportunity to sign up to Volunteer at Rosemont yet? Please go to the PTO webpage 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



The farms produce stand will be open and middle school farm interns will be there selling fresh vegetables.

This event coincides with Oregon Food Day events all around Oregon. If you are interested in volunteering at the farm or if you have any questions about the event, please contact

Join The Village!

As a parent, do you...

- Worry that you are not doing enough?
- Struggle with embarrassing issues?
- Seek ways to reduce power struggles?
- Want to do everything you can to be an effective and competent parent?
- Find yourself exhausted and overwhelmed?
- Long to be understood?

Are you worried your child will...

- Disconnect and engage in power struggles with you?
- Feel insecure about himself or herself?
- Not take school seriously and ruin his or her future?
- Make poor choices with friendships?
- Take risks with drugs, alcohol or sexual activity?

Two parent support groups, sponsored by Christina Fowler and the RRMS PTO and established by April Krubel, and Lynn Jacobs will meet in the evening over the next two years covering 10 sessions of "Raising Our Daughters" and "Raising Our Sons" written by Dr. Kathy Masarie, Dr. Jody Bellant Scheer, and Kathy Keller Jones, M.A. with a focus on 6-8th graders. Each group will meet on separate nights over the next two years for parents of 6-8th graders.

Meetings are open to adults only in order to allow open and honest communication. Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend! Please contact April Krubel with questions about the Girls Group at aprilkrubel@gmail.com or Lynn Jacobs with any questions about the Boy's Group at Jacobs.5@comcast.net