

R.O.A.R Report

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Mission Statement: *Is to be a school community where all learners (students, staff and parents) are valued and continuously strive to achieve our personal best.* **Si usted necesita una traducción en español favor de llamar al 254-5339. Estamos para servirles.**

January 21, 2015

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, January 28 - PTO Winter Wonderland - 4:00 – 6:30 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday February 3, 4 – Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Monday and Tuesday, February 9, 10 – 2nd grade Music Program – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 11 – Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 12 – SAC Meeting – 4:30 – 5:30

Listed below are the dates and times we will be holding our conferences. Please note, they are all evening times based on the majority of parent requests and that the dates and times do not change any calendar dates for students.

February 3, 4 and 11 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm

May 6 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Kindergarten will have a slightly different schedule that will be shared by the kindergarten teachers.

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress!

Focus on Learning:

As a staff we continue to work and learn together on a weekly basis during our common planning time and our early release time on Wednesdays. Recently, we have been focused on analyzing our students' winter scores on I-ready and making decisions around next steps for instruction and possible additional support.



With the support of our Instructional Coach, Felicia Casto, and our Instructional Focus Team our Wednesday learning has been about reading, writing and math instruction through the lens of purposeful student talk and higher-level questioning. We had team discussions around several articles as well as engaged in mathematics problems involving fractions.

We are always focused on our learners and how we can best support their social and academic growth.

Parents Corner

Winter Conferences – Repeat Article

As a staff we have decided to hold winter conferences instead of spring conferences this year. We believe touching base with families in February about students' progress will allow us to build educational plans for the remainder of the year. We will share current progress and develop plans toward proficiency for our students. In May, we will have one evening of conferences to update reading plans for those students who qualified.



Emergency Phone Number

With the recent outages, we wanted to let you know you can use our fax machine for emergencies: **970-858-7654**. It is our only landline and we can answer it during internet and cable outages. We do not answer it on any other occasions.



Upcoming Testing



Starting in late February/early March, our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will begin taking the CMAS and PARCC State assessments. This year all testing will be on computers – this is a change from previous formats. If you would like to review the testing format at home with your child, you can follow this link to a practice Math and English Language Arts test by grade level: <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>. At our next School Advisory Council meeting on February 12, we will also be reviewing these assessments.

In the next few weeks we will be sending a letter home to each child involved in testing with his/her schedule so that we can avoid not making our required 95% participation rate. With all of the new testing, students will be involved in testing almost every week from late February to the end of school in May.

It is Time for Girls On the Run

Attention all girls in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade! It is time to get geared up for another season of Girls on the Run. Registration cards went home Wednesday, January 14. Our program will begin On February 10 with a short parent meeting following our first practice. All practices will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00- 5:15 PM. Sign up soon before our space fills up!



See Patrice Clark if you have questions, or are willing to volunteer to help make this the best season yet!

News from our PTO

Our upcoming Winter Wonderland party will be on January 28 at the school from 4-6:30pm. Come and enjoy games, prizes and snacks with your friends! This is a free event hosted by the PTO. We will have t-shirts, sweatshirts and magnets for sale also. Hope to see you there!

Community Support and Service Learning



The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) students recently recognized a need for additional bike racks at Rim Rock Elementary. The bike racks were overflowing leaving many bicycles unable

to be locked up during the day. The students researched how much a bike rack would cost and then wrote letters to local businesses asking for donations. The NEHS students would like to thank Family Health West, Camilla's Café, Rim Rock PTO, and Kokopelli Animal Hospital for their generous donations! A huge thank you also goes to Dr. Stegelmeyer for donating a complete custom bike rack. With an additional bike rack being donated from the school district, the students were able to get a total of three new bike racks! One has already been installed at the back of the building next to the cafeteria and the other two will be placed in front of the school upon delivery. Thanks to our community for partnering with our youth in this endeavor.

Art Heritage Training Dates

Here is the Art Heritage Training schedule for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. January 15th, February 26th and April 16th. These trainings will be held at Rim Rock Elementary in the Conference Room at 3:00pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 254-6770.



News from the District



On January 26, 2015, District 51 is launching a new electronic flyer distribution service called "Peachjar." District-approved e-flyers are emailed to parents and posted on school websites under the Peachjar icon. This replaces paper flyer distribution.

No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email that includes a username and password. This gives you the opportunity to manage your flyer delivery preferences or to opt-out. You do not need to login to receive or view school e-flyers.

To ensure receipt of these flyers, we suggest you add "school@peachjar.com" to your email contacts. Note: add "school@peachjar.com" to your contact list just as written; do not change it to the name of your school @peachjar.com. When you receive your first e-flyer, be sure to click "always display images."

This system is used exclusively for distribution of district-approved flyers. Your email address is not shared or used for any other purpose.

The Counselor's Corner

January's character word is **responsibility**. We focused on responsibility because it is part of our ROAR behavior expectations here at Rim Rock. (**R**- Respect **O**- Ownership **A**- Attitude **R**- Responsible) Being responsible means being accountable for what you do, and doing the right thing at the right time, so others can trust and depend on you. We talked about how to show responsibility at home and at school. We also played a game to practice showing responsible behaviors. We defined being responsible at school as being a good listener, finishing your work on time, being in control of your own behavior, and following the rules.



Here are some tips on how to promote responsibility at home:

- Model the behavior you want to see in your children
- Share your own experiences about school and responsibility, in moderation.
- Create a structure and schedules for homework, chores, morning and evening routines that take into account your child's temperament, learning style and biological clock. A successful morning begins the night before.
- Teach and show your child how to be organized and how to manage time.
- Use conversation starters at mealtimes, car rides, or while doing chores together to connect to your children. And then LISTEN! without judgment or criticism
 - On a scale of 1 – 10, how was your day? What made it that way?
 - What was the best (high point)/worst part (low point) of your day?
 - What did you do today to help someone else?
 - What is the favorite thing you learned today?
 - What's a thought or feeling you had today?
 - What happened today that you did not expect?
 - What's something you've done recently that you are proud of?
 - What's on your mind these days?
 - What are you looking forward to these days?
- Encourage your children to find a place where they can and want to give their all – classes, sports, clubs, music, arts, volunteer activities etc. so they can experience that success is more about persistence and less about talent, and they can experience the satisfaction that comes from taking responsibility
- Try not to worry too much – if we do the worrying, it leaves less responsibility and ownership for the child.
- REMEMBER – learning to be responsible takes time, and just like learning how to walk or ride a bike, a child may need your help.

Picture your child as being responsible and capable of changing and growing – your children will live up or down to your expectations of them.(Excerpt taken from: <http://centerforparentingeducation.org/library-of-articles/responsibility-and-chores/developing-responsibility-in-your-children-part-2/>)

Stay tuned for February's character word.