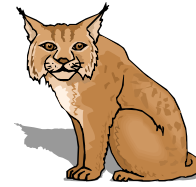


# R.O.A.R Report

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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.**

October 21, 2015

## Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Picture Retake Day

Thursday, October 29, 2015 - Heavenly Hats Day

**Tuesday, November 2, 2015 – 6 pm – Roberts and Williams Music Program**

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 – 6 pm – Duprey and Reynolds Music Program

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 – Kick off for the Annual Salvation Army Food Drive

**Friday, November 6, 2015 – No School – Teacher Plan Day**

## Focus on Learning:

### Volunteers Matter



Our community and our families are amazing. Last year, we had a total of 2,033 volunteer hours and currently we have clocked 446 hours. On any given day, we have three to four volunteers on campus supporting our teachers and

learners. In addition, we have many volunteers who “take work home” to support our classrooms. Volunteers are involved in all kinds of ways: from cutting out things, to reading with kids, to teaching Art Heritage, to laminating, to practicing math games, and much, much more!

Our school is a better place because of your support – keep it coming!

### School Advisory Council (SAC)

We held our first SAC meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 4:30 in our conference room. Our agenda items and a few notes on each are listed below:

1. Introductions and Planning – we had a full table! We had 7 parents attend as well as two staff members and a guest from Clifton Elementary.
2. Review Safety Plan – see article around safety for more details
3. Share and Review School Budget – we reviewed our operational budget and thinking behind allocations
4. Transforming to a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning system. We watched this video and discussed the implications for our work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvDjh4I-VHo>

In addition, we began to talk about Habits of Mind and Growth Mindset (these will be on our agenda in February). A piece we were asked to share so that families can reinforce the language and ideas at home was this piece:

#### **Promoting a Growth Mindset**

- We value passion, dedication, growth and learning, not genius.
- We don't expect that you've arrived here fully formed. We care more that you're ready to learn.
- We expect that you'll stretch beyond your comfort zone and take reasonable risks.
- We value process and we reward process - taking on big but reasonable challenges.
- We reward tenacity and grit.
- We reward teamwork.

Taken from Carol Dweck

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 19. We will have members from our District Advisory Council in attendance to discuss our Unified Improvement Plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. A detailed copy of our minutes is housed in the office.

### PE News:

Just a reminder that your students can earn their Families in Training charm by completing the calendar of physical activities that is located on your email via School Connect. Parents, please sign the calendar and send it in with your student at the end of the month. Thanks!

### Sharing Your Voice – Outcomes from SAC



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During our SAC meeting a parent voiced a concern about safety for our families as they walk/ride to and from school. Specifically, the following items were shared (I passed along the concerns to our City and their replies/suggestions/solutions are in

- 18 ½ Rd, by the new Fremont trail at K Rd. – children crossing 18 ½ to get to the sidewalk on the east side of the street.

**The city will put crosswalk striping across 18 1/2 Rd. and a sign.**

- No crosswalk at *Arches/Hawthorne and E. Ottley*; many children crossing here.

**There is a 4 way stop/intersection AND crosswalk at *Ottley and Pine*, approximately 2 blocks to the west. This is a well-designed, clearly marked intersection and the preferred location for pedestrians. In addition, there is a pedestrian crosswalk at *Vista Valley/Holly Park Dr. and Ottley* approximately 2 blocks to the east. The city is hoping families will use these two crossing areas instead. I will be sharing in the ROAR report as well, hopefully, this helps.**

**Walk to School Day**



Our first ever celebration of walk to school day was a HUGE success!!! We had over 350 students participate. It was great to see all the families joining in our walk as well!

A special thank you to Mrs. Jensen for organizing and helping orchestrate the entire event. It was a great way to get moving, bring the community together and to show our Rim Rock Pride!!

**Salvation Army/Burton Orthodontics Food Drive**

We are kicking off this food drive on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please start sending in all non perishable food items at this time. The end time for this food drive will be Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. All food will be donated to the Salvation Army. As usual, Burton Orthodontics will donate \$1000.00 to the top school and \$300.00 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

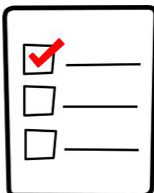
**Hats off to our PTO**

This is Rim Rock's 10<sup>th</sup> year!!! Our super supportive PTO purchased shirts for all staff members to celebrate! In addition, staff members who have been here all 10 years received jerseys!



Hopefully you noticed us all wearing them on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our PTO for recognizing our staff and marking this event in a special way.

**News from our Attendance Office**



**New this year** – if children are taken out of school early, it will show on the report card as a **tardy**. This change was implemented to document children's time away from instruction.

So, if the student arrives to school between 8:50-10:30, it will be a tardy/late arrival. If the student leaves school between 2:30-3:45, it will be a tardy/early release.

Instead of adding another box on the report card, it was decided to combine late arrival and early release in the same box.

Thanks,  
Sharla Skillicorn

**The Counselor's Corner**

October is National Bully Prevention Month

The counselor lessons this month will focus on bully prevention (accepting differences/celebrating diversity) and review the STOP-WALK-TALK model.

Students are taught that when they encounter a bullying situation, the first thing they should do is tell that person to **STOP** in a firm voice.

If that doesn't work, students are taught to **WALK** away from the situation and to go to a safe place where that person cannot bother them.

If that doesn't work, students are taught to **TALK** to a trusted adult to get help. We talk about how **STOP-WALK-TALK** can be used in an isolated situation where someone is being mean as well as a bully situation.

For more information on bully prevention and reporting, please visit the Stand up and Speak Up D51 Bully Prevention and Reporting Site at <https://connect.d51schools.org/sites/shared/Pages/bullyprevention.aspx>

