

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.**

November 16, 2016

Upcoming Dates

SAC Meeting – November 17 – 4:15 – 5:15
No School – November 21 – 25 – Thanksgiving Break
PTO Meeting – December 1 – 4:00 pm
1st Grade Music Program – Dec 5th (Arevian and Clark), Dec 6th (Bingham and Pewters) – 6:00 pm

Focus on Our Community:

Developing a Shared Vision for Rim Rock



Part of our journey to becoming a Performance Based Learning School is to create a shared

vision – something to help guide us on our journey. Rim Rock is a community of learners of all ages. In order for our vision to be shared, we want to include everyone's voice in our community. We are asking teachers, students, parents and support personnel to participate. We will compile all of our thinking to create a shared vision to guide us in our journey.

You will be, or already have received an email or a note home to collect your input. There will also be an opportunity in our foyer to respond in person if you join us for lunch on the 17th. Please return your responses by Friday, November 18th.

We are excited to collect and compile everyone's voice to create a true shared vision for our community!

Math Fun at Home

Did you know if you have internet access at home, your child can continue/reinforce/practice their mathematical skills and thinking by using Dream Box (follow this link <http://rimrock.mesa.k12.co.us/students/index.htm> and click on the words Dream Box). Every child (K-5) has an account and is able to access the program at home. If you haven't used it, your child's teacher can help you with getting hooked up. If you have used it, you know how much the students enjoy it.



Follow Up on Costumes on Halloween

Our staff reflected on our first year to wear costumes on Halloween and made the decision to **continue** our "new" tradition next year. Next year our kindergarten classrooms will also participate!

We all appreciated the adherence to our expectations as well as students ability to maintain the learning environment.

As each year is a new group of students as well as staff, we decided to reflect each year to determine the protocol for the following year.

We will remind families next year of our expectations for costumes. Again, thank you for a GREAT first experience!

News from Mrs. Jensen in PE



Our grand total for Heavenly Hat Day was \$595.73. Thanks for supporting this organization and joining in our fun!

The Annual Toy Run started on Nov.9th and will run through Dec. 2nd. Bring an unwrapped **new** toy for ages newborn-18 years old and place them in the big decorated box across from the office. Dec.2nd at 3:00 the H.O.G. will come and pick up the toys and make some noise. All students who bring a toy to donate will receive a present charm.

Salvation Army/Burton Orthodontics Food Drive

Student Council is kicking off the food drive on Monday, November 14th. Your students may start sending in all non-perishable food items at this time. The end time for this food drive will be Thursday, December 15th. All food will be donated to the Salvation Army. As usual,

Food Drive



Burton Orthodontics will donate \$1000.00 to the top school and \$500.00 to the 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The Counselor’s Corner – Kristen Walke

November’s character word is gratitude. Recognizing and focusing on what we are thankful for increases our health, happiness, promotes growth mindset, and learning. “Developing an “attitude of gratitude” is one of the simplest ways to improve your satisfaction with life.”

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/amymorin/2014/11/23/7-scientificallly-proven-benefits-of-gratitude-that-will-motivate-you-to-give-thanks-year-round/#10e0a50c6800>

The counselor lessons this month will also focus on being a problem solver and managing impulsivity. We will continue to talk about using STOP-WALK-TALK to solve problems. We will also discuss tattling vs. telling or reporting. In these lessons we decide what is a “tattle” and when it is appropriate to “tell” an adult right away.

This lesson goes along with managing impulsivity which is one of the Habits of Mind. Take your time! Think before acting; remain calm, thoughtful and deliberative. To help your student keep tattling under control, have them ask themselves, “Is this a big problem or a small problem?” Some students may need help deciding what a big or small problem is. Talk to your student about what you consider big or small problems. The following chart also gives some ways to help your student differentiate between tattling and telling/reporting.



Tattling vs. Reporting		
Getting someone IN trouble	vs.	Getting someone OUT of trouble
Unimportant	vs.	Important
Harmless	vs.	Harmful, or Dangerous
Accident	vs.	Being mean on purpose

Opportunity for Support



Once again Rim Rock Elementary will be offering an Angel Tree for our families who are in need of Christmas assistance. In years past, we have been able to help with clothing and toys. If your family is in need of assistance this holiday season, you can stop by the office and fill out a form. The forms need to be turned into the office by the 18th of November. This will assure that our staff can get the angels on the tree in time for holiday shopping.

If you are in need of additional resources for the holiday season, please contact Kristen Walke in the office.

Focus on Safety:

Lock- Down Drill



We held our first official lock down drill on Monday, November 14. We had a Shelter in Place drill in October, but this was the first drill we actually went into a complete lock-down. Having conversations with your child(ren) about the importance of drills, both fire and lock down, prepares them and makes them a little less “scary.” All of our staff constantly reinforces making Rim Rock a safe place where all children can learn – these drills are just one step in that process. During second semester we will have one more lock down drill as well as four to five fire drills.

We are all **THANKFUL** to be partners with you in your child’s learning! We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!



Have you checked out our family handbook on-line?

<http://www.rimrockfamilyhandbook.com/>