

# 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.*

December 17, 2014

## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, December 17 and 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade music program – 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 19 – Monday, January 5 – Winter Break (Monday is Work Day for Teachers)

## Focus on Learning:

### Looking Forward to the New Year

As 2014 comes to a close and we begin to reflect on the things we have experienced and learned, I hope your memories are as warm and happy as mine.



Here are some things that have brought a smile to my face and a chuckle to my heart as I have recalled them:

- The excitement of the first day of school – for students, teachers, staff and especially, myself!
- Popcorn Fridays
- Toys for Tots Toy Run
- Reading and sharing new books in our library and our book fair
- Music performances by students
- Our Student Council Movie, all the food we collected, and the wonderful treats provided by our families
- Working with 4<sup>th</sup> grade math groups
- Smiles and hugs from students after breaks and weekends
- Partnering and working with our fabulous PTO
- Student work decorating the halls
- Serving our families at the Thanksgiving and Winter Feast
- Our countless volunteers

I know 2015 will bring just as many fond memories!

## Focus on Safety:

### Drills

We held our December fire drill today. It was a little chilly but everyone did a great job and all of our students were quickly accounted for.



## Parents Corner

### Winter Conferences

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. 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!

## News from our PTO

Greetings from Rim Rock PTO! Just a reminder that our vehicle magnets have now arrived and are available in the office for \$5. Our quarterly school night at Spin City is on January 21 from 3-9pm. PTO will be sponsoring a Winter



Wonderland party on **January 28** at the school from 4-6:30pm. The event is open to students, parents, caregivers and siblings! Come and join us for a hot cocoa bar, popcorn, coloring, games, prizes and get a winter picture taken of your student! This is FREE entertainment and food! PTO would like to thank you for all your help in supporting us and helping make Rim Rock Elementary a wonderful school!

### Grand Junction Rotary Donates Dictionaries



We would like to thank our local Fruita Rotary for presenting each of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students with a brand new dictionary!

We truly appreciate all the support we receive from our community!

### The Counselor's Corner

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December's character word is **empathy**. We described empathy as "putting yourself in someone else's shoes."

"Empathy is the ability to understand the feelings of others, feel what they feel, and respond in helpful, compassionate ways. Children who are able to identify with and comfort others make friends more easily, generally perform better academically, and demonstrate a higher level of moral and emotional development. If we expect our children to grow into caring, empathetic adults we must model these behaviors. Let your children see your kind and thoughtful actions, hear you express your concern for the feelings of others, and demonstrate empathetic parenting. Listen carefully to your children and ask questions that help them clarify their thoughts and feelings. As their empathy grows because of your modeling, they'll be more able to relate deeply to others. They will also grow in their ability to practice good listening skills, help others, and show generosity." (<http://www.pal.ua.edu/discipline/empathy.php>)

Happy Holidays!

Stay tuned for the January character word.



### Last Call for Lost and Found



It is going to be cold over break!! We have lots of forgotten jackets and sweatshirts in our cafeteria foyer on our lost and found rack. Please come visit before our break because we box them up and donate them on Friday.

### Season of Giving

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting our community. Our can food drive and our Toys for Tots toy drive were both a huge success!! In addition, our community supported 14 Rim Rock families through our Angel tree. And, one of the greatest gifts of all is time. At this point in the year, our community has given us just under a thousand volunteer hours!! It is amazing to be a part of such a giving and caring community!!



We all hope your break is filled with happiness, laughter, fun and lots of learning (I am the principal, you know)!!!



See you in 2015!!!