

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 254-5484. Estamos para servirles.*

February 18, 2015

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 4:30 – 6:30 – Preschool Open House

Friday, March 6, 2015 – 8:00 – 12:00 – Kindergarten Round-Up AND No school – teacher work day

Focus on Learning:

A Note from Mrs. Casto



It was great to see so many families making time to learn about our math instruction during conferences! I was thrilled to be able to talk to almost 92 families during the open house math game nights. Your interest made it possible for me to answer questions, offer resources such as math games to play with your kids at home and share several math websites/apps for your electronic devices.

Many of you asked, "What exactly does a Math Coach do?" Well, many things actually! My job is to "increase the academic achievement of students in math and/or science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers" so what I actually do is very dependent on the needs of teachers and students. Over the past couple years at Rim Rock I have modeled math lessons in classrooms, assisted teachers in gathering math data, planning for math instruction and creating professional learning around math for all teachers.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Update

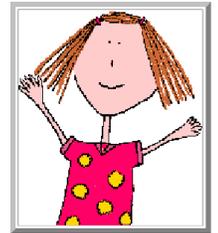
On Thursday, February 12, we had our third quarter SAC meeting. We shared the sample PARCC tests online as well as the testing dates.

Our next and final meeting of the 14-15 school year is April 16 at 4:30 in our conference room.

Parents Corner

PreSchool Open House

Will your child be 3 or 4 years old by July 15, 2015? Interested in a preschool program through School District 51 for 2015-2016? Your child must meet eligibility requirements to attend our program. Mark your calendar to attend the Early Childhood Preschool Open House on March 3. Come visit with teachers, pick-up an application and have your questions answered about our eligibility process for School District 51's preschool programs on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 4:30 – 6:30. Classroom size is limited come early and find out if your child will qualify. For schools other than Rim Rock, call Early Childhood Education: 254-5429.



Kindergarten Round-Up

If you know a child in our area who will be 5 years old on or before July 15, 2015 please share the following information:

On Friday, March 6th from 8:00 – 12:00 we will be hosting our annual kindergarten roundup.

- You will need to bring:
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Address

Those requesting am/pm are more likely to receive their preference by coming early, but there are no guarantees.



News from our PTO

Thank you to all the volunteers and families who joined us for our first ever Winter Wonderland. Parents and children enjoyed an evening of games, visiting and yummy treats!

Thank you from our staff for the wonderful dinner on Wednesday during conferences. It is always nice to have special treats!

On Friday, March 20, our PTO will be hosting their first ever walk-a-thon! Watch for more information soon. Contact the school to see how you can get involved and support this great event and organization!

News from the Cafeteria

BREAKFAST, THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY?

Studies show that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, especially for children. Eating school breakfast improves children's educational performance, behavior, and health.

WHY INCREASE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PARTICIPATION

- Children who eat a complete breakfast make fewer mistakes and work faster on math tests than children who eat a partial breakfast.
- Children who eat breakfast at school, closer to class and test-taking time, perform better on standardized tests than those who skip breakfast or eat breakfast at home.

BREAKFAST IMPROVES CHILDRENS' OVERALL HEALTH

- Children who eat breakfast tend to have more adequate nutrient intake than children who do not.
- Children and adolescents who eat breakfast are more likely to maintain a healthy body weight.



Attention All Dog and Cat Owners

Our district **prohibits** any dogs or cats on school grounds (except service animals). Many of you have been taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather and bringing your furry friends along with you to school. Our policy also includes pets walking to and from school. As most of you know, I am an animal lover and enjoy seeing all of your pets; however, we need to follow the required State Health Departments guidelines ('Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado', Regulation 3-402) and Board Policy IMC-R (Animals on School Premises).



The Counselor's Corner

February's character word is **kindness**. Being kind refers to caring words and considerate actions you use to show thoughtfulness and concern for others. We talked about how to show kindness at home and at school. We focused on kindness because February 9-15 is International Random Acts of Kindness Week. Take this week to step out of your normal routine or comfort zone and attempt a new random act of kindness each day of the celebratory week.



Start a ripple... Create a wave.
It begins with YOU!

For additional info about RAK go to:

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-week>.

Kindness is important for many reasons:

1. It makes someone else feel better.
2. It helps us to feel good about ourselves.
3. We learn compassion for others and to look beyond our own needs.
4. It may inspire others to be caring too.
5. Kindness makes the world a better place.

Stay tuned for March's character word.