

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.*

March 9, 2016

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16 –
Kindergarten Music Programs – 6:00 pm - Gymnasium
Thursday, March 17 – GT Ted Talks – 5:00 pm - Gymnasium
Monday, March 21 – Friday, April 1 – Spring Break
Monday, April 4 – Wednesday, April 27 – State Testing***
Thursday, April 7 – PTO Meeting 4:00 – Library
Friday, April 15 – Art Heritage Training – 2:30 pm

Focus on Learning:



Sharing our Learning

On February 23, we had an incredible opportunity. Dr. Steve Leinwand spent an entire day at Rim Rock Elementary. It was an opportunity of a lifetime for many teachers to observe, co-teach with, and learn from a national figure in the world of Mathematics. Our participation in the Math/Science Partnership Grant allowed us this unique opportunity.

First, it was validating to know that our work and learning as a team is working - the idea of meeting students where they are is continually on teacher's minds and a continual part of our learning community team conversations.

Steve sprinkled his "empowerment dust" all around our school as well as a few others in the District. Parents had an opportunity to listen to him and gain insight into ways to make sense of the math for their own children. We had three parents from our school attend his session at CMU. In addition, Mrs. Weaver, who was subbing in our building this day, was also able to observe him in action in the classroom.

Our teachers modeled and practiced taking risks. Our own learning around growth mindset is deepening our understanding of teaching and learning. Being able to show the students that even teachers struggle with feedback was a strong learning experience to share.

We have shared Steve's list of ideas for families on our website. We also want to highly encourage you and your family to take a look at the free Bedtime Math application. Here is a website where you can gain more

information: <http://bedtimemath.org/apps/>.

*****PARCC/CMAS Testing – Starts April 4th**

We will begin our PARCC Math and English Language Arts testing as well as our CMAS Science testing when we return from Spring Break. We have placed our testing calendar on our school website

(<http://rimrock.mesa.k12.co.us/documents/Copyof2016PARCCandCMASTestingSchedule21616.pdf>) for you to review with your family.

Please note when your child(ren) will be testing and avoid any appointments or family trips during those times. Due to our size, our testing window is very tight and will begin at 9:00 am on April 4th and run all the way through April to the end of the window, April 27.

If you know your child will miss a session, PLEASE notify your child's teacher immediately so we can plan ahead and arrange for all sessions of testing. For accurate reporting information, student scoring and school accreditation, it is important for all of our students to complete each portion of the exam.

If you have any questions about the calendar or the testing, please contact Mrs. Kidd, our School Assessment Coordinator.

Parents Corner

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting On Thursday, February 18 we held our third quarter SAC meeting. Here is our agenda as well as resources we discussed:

1. Foundations of our learning – We went back to this video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvDjh4l-VHo> that was shared earlier in the year
2. Growth Mindset – Founding Research and Takeaways – we watched and discussed the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0mgOOSpLU&sns=em>

3. Sharing our learning and work in our classrooms – Teachers, including, Ms. Butterbaugh, Mrs. Casto and Mrs. Pewters shared the work in their classrooms around Habits of Mind and Growth Mindset

I challenged each attendee, and now you, to engage in the parent module on the Mindset Kit website:

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>.

We will continue our discussion and share more of our work at our final meeting on April 21st at 4:15 pm – we hope you will join us!

Ideas for Creating a Growth Mindset Environment at Home Part 4:

Struggle

- ✓ Help your child become curious about errors or lack of success. Remind your child that failure is important on the way to success. Model this!
- ✓ Show your child the Michael Jordan failure commercial (available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45mioJ5szc> and only 30 seconds long). Talk to your child about what the last line of the video means.
- ✓ Provide some puzzles and games that may create a little struggle for your child. Work together and discuss why struggle shows that you are learning and that you can build resiliency.
- ✓ Model and arrange resiliency – the ability to bounce back from errors and failures.



School/Community News:

News from Mrs. Jensen

Thank you to all those who helped support the American Heart Association by donating for Jump Rope for Heart. Together we raised our highest amount yet, of \$7,066.02. Way to go!

Upcoming events for the spring will be our bike/wheel to school day on May 4th, the Physical Education Jamboree on May 5th, and our traditional end of the year field day on May 19th. More details about these events will come at a later time.

Celebrating R.O.A.R. Behavior

We want to celebrate our students who were recognized by Miss Debbie for exhibiting R.O.A.R. behavior in our cafeteria in February:

K – Ellie B.
1st – Aiden G.
2nd – Iris V.
3rd – Damien U.
4th – Lacey B.
5th – Raelyn F.

In addition, the following students had their names drawn out of the R.O.A.R. slips for January and were recognized in front of their peers in the cafeteria:

K- Adelyn H.
1st- Ashlyn F.
2nd- Brooke B.
3rd- Kaiden M.
4th- Parker W.
5th- Cooper R

Growing, growing, growing

Our wonderful little community continues to grow. With this growth, Rim Rock has seen an increase in enrollment as well. In order to accommodate this growth, we will be adding a modular in the '16-'17 school year. District architects are currently working on the drawings for the placement. Tentatively, they are looking at placement on the west side of the other two modulars. Our growth is also allowing us to add an additional teaching position (grade to be determined) for the '16-'17 school year.

In addition to adding a modular, we are having conversations with our grounds department in regards to possibly reseeding and leveling out our recess field as well as adding some additional trees for shade. We are hoping to have this project approved and completed over the summer as well.



Finally, with the addition of a modular, we are also hoping to add an outdoor water fountain! Our District has agreed to pay for the work and materials – we just need to find funding (approx. \$3500) for the actual fountain. **If you would like to support us on this project, please let Mrs. Kallus know.** We need to order the fountain by the end of April.

Have a fabulous Spring Break!!!