

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 25, 2016

Upcoming Dates

Fall Conferences – Tues, Wed Oct 25 and 26 4:00 – 8:00 and Thursday, Oct 27 8:00 – 4:00

No School – Thursday, October 27 (Conferences) and Friday, October 28 – Comp Day for Teachers

PTO Meeting – November 3 – 4:00 – 5:00

3rd Grade Music Program – Nov 1 (Roberts, Duprey and part of Moncy) and Nov 3 (Williams, Reynolds and part of Moncy) – 6:00 pm

Pie Pick up – Cafeteria - Saturday, Nov 5 – 9:00 – 11:00 am

No School – Friday, November 11 – Teacher Planning Day

SAC Meeting – November 17 – 4:15 – 5:15

Focus on Learning:

Conferences

Starting today at 4:00 PM we will be holding Fall Conferences. This is an opportunity for you to hear about your child's progress toward their learning targets for this school year. It is an important meeting for all families. As a school, we strive to meet with 100% of our parents in the next three days.

Our staff has worked hard to accommodate all families in our allotted schedule. In addition, they have been preparing information to share about your children. This is an important part of our partnership – I look forward to seeing all of you over the next few evenings and on Thursday.

Book Fair

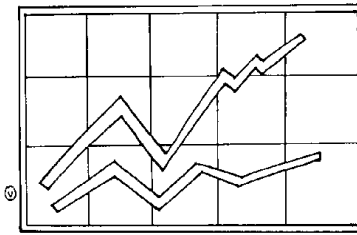


Mrs. Bowes is hosting our annual book fair. It will be this evening till 8:00 pm, tomorrow (Wed.) from 9:00 -12:00 and 1:15 to 8:00 pm and Thursday from 8:00

to 4:00. Swing by and check out all the great books!!!

Classrooms will also be posting wish lists you can support as you visit the Fair.

School Accountability Committee



Each year Rim Rock Elementary is required to develop goals related to improving student achievement. Our Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) is traditionally developed using state assessment

data collected from the previous year. With the changes in state assessments over the past few years and our low participation rate, this data is no longer our primary source for developing plans for improvement. For this reason, we will be analyzing additional data to develop our plan. Our School Accountability Committee, in conjunction with our teachers and administration, reviews and makes recommendations regarding the plan for improvement.

More information about our school performance can be found on the Colorado Department of Education web page. <http://www.cde.state.co.us/>

The District Accountability Committee will review the UIP at the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 17 at 4:15. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Costumes on Halloween – Please read carefully

As a staff we have voted to have 1st through 5th grade students have the option to wear costumes to school on Halloween this year. This will be a first and a trial year for our school. We ask that when you are picking out costumes, please remember that students come to school wearing their costumes and must be able to participate in their learning all day in



costume without adult assistance – there will not be a parade. With this in mind, please ensure the younger ones do not need assistance with costumes when using the restroom. Costumes must follow our school dress code and should not include masks. Costumes cannot be inappropriate for school. We ask that the costumes not be too scary, gory, or include weapons or blood of any kind. Teachers can ask students to

remove hats or other items if they are distracting or disrupting the learning of any child. Again, this is our first year and a trial year – if guidelines are followed and we have a smooth day, this could become a Rim Rock tradition.

Heavenly Hat Day from Mrs. Jensen



I wanted to update you on a fun event coming up called “Heavenly Hat Day” on Wednesday, October 26th. This is a tradition we started at our school about 9 years

ago. If your child/children bring in \$1.00 or more they can wear their favorite hat/wig to school on that day. This is a special treat considering they cannot wear hats in school. All the money that we raise will go to the Heavenly Hat Foundation, which provides hats to cancer patients. This has been quite a special and successful event here at Rim Rock and I love seeing the pride in the kids’ faces when they donate their money to this fund. Our goal is \$700.00. Together, we can do it!!!

Focus on Safety:

Drills

We held our first shelter in place drill for the 2016-2017 school year on October 13. Quick reminders: a shelter in place allows classrooms to continue learning and students continued access to areas within the building; all exterior doors are locked are monitored during this type of safety concern; and once incident command is established, phones will be answered for incoming calls.



Remember, our district website shows safety alerts in the upper right hand corner. Our number one goal is the safety of your children – remaining calm and exhibiting patience in these situations supports everyone during these incidents.

We have added a pamphlet to support your understanding of our procedures under the “More...” tab in our on-line family handbook.

Have you checked out our family handbook on-line?

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

The Counselor’s Corner

October is National Bully Prevention Month

The counselor lessons this month with focus on bully prevention (accepting differences/celebrating diversity) and review of 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.

Why use STOP-WALK-TALK?-

- To teach students how to stand up to behavior that they feel is offensive or not wanted.
- To empower students.
- To promote self-advocacy and self-determination.
- To decrease bullying and bullying related issues in school.
- To promote a more self-reliant, responsible, and safe climate and atmosphere.
- To remove barriers that interfere with positive peer interactions and academics.
- To create a positive school climate.

[\(http://www.pbisworld.com/tier-1/stop-walk-talk-strategy/\)](http://www.pbisworld.com/tier-1/stop-walk-talk-strategy/)

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



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