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School News

September 2016

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Welcome 2016-17

Greetings,

My first few weeks as Principal at Rocky Mountain have been remarkable. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children. I have had the privilege of meeting many of you and your families; I look forward to meeting everyone in the close future.

I will work diligently to ensure that you are informed of all events and activities happening at and around Rocky Mountain. I will publish a newsletter at the beginning of each month on our school website: rmes.svvsd.org. We will also send home *Shout Outs* every Sunday evening. The purpose of *Shout Outs* is to inform you of any event or activities happening that week at school. *Shout Outs* will be delivered via phone and/or email. If you have not been receiving our *Shout Outs*, it is probably because we don't have current phone numbers for you. Please stop by our Main Office to update your contact information.

We will also send home information to parents on Thursdays. Each student has received a Thursday folder.

My door is always open to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or celebrations.

Jill Fuller, Principal

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School Hours:
8:55 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Office Hours:
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Principal:
Jill Fuller

100 Mile Club

Rocky Mountain's 100 Mile Club has started! If you would like to register your child/ren, please call our Main Office at 303.772.6750 to request the necessary paperwork.

The current schedule for 100 Mile Club is every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 8:15-8:50.

Please note: on September 7, 100 Mile Club will meet from 10:45-11:20 due to the Late Start schedule.

Elementary Literacy

In Spring 2016, St. Vrain Valley Schools completed the two-year process of selecting a new keystone curricular resource for elementary literacy instruction. Through selection and pilot processes driven by classroom teachers - including input from community members as well as the biliteracy, special education, and professional development offices - the district selected *ReadyGen* to aid teachers in building effective holistic practices. This adoption represents a key shift and renewed dedication within the district to help our youngest learners understand the connections between reading and writing, while building the complex habits of thinking key to lifelong success.

A publication titled *Elementary Literacy; Important Aspects of ReadyGen* was sent home in Thursday folders. This publication includes rich information about how *ReadyGen* will be utilized in classrooms to support literacy growth and achievement.

The District is also publishing a year-long series on family/community literacy. Each Wednesday, a different post will be published to support families on how you can help your children with literacy in the home. You can find the posts [here](#).

Fall All-School Fundraiser

Our Fall Fundraiser, sponsored by PTO, is officially underway. For this fundraiser, we partnered with *Fun Services* to participate in a Catalog Sale. Our students enjoyed a kick-off assembly on September 1st, and all of the information students need to be able to support fundraising efforts was sent home.

We only want students selling to friends and family. This means, students should not be selling door-to-door or to people they do not know. The prizes students can earn by selling several items are meant to motivate students and families; however, our first priority is student safety.

All funds earned from the Fundraiser will be utilized by PTO to support transportation costs for field trips, special events, incentives for students, and instructional supplies and materials.

Events Calendar

09/01/2016: Fall Fundraiser Kicks Off

09/05/16: No School
Labor Day Holiday

09/07/16: Late Start
School Starts at 11:25 am

09/14/16-9/16/16: 5th Grade
Overnight Trip to Cal-Wood

09/15/16: Fall Fundraiser Ends
Begin turning in money
envelopes on 9/16/16

09/21/16: Hearing & Vision
Screenings

9/22/16: PTO Meeting, 6:30

09/27/16: 2nd Grade
Environmental Education Field
Day (Field Trip)

09/28/16: School Pictures

10/5/16: Regular School Day

10/14/16: No School
Non-Student Contact Day

10/17/16: No School
Non-Student Contact Day

PTO

Calling all Parents...Please consider participating in PTO this year!

Our first PTO Meeting of the 2016-17 school year will be Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 pm.

Our second PTO Meeting will be Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 pm.

Find more news and events at <http://rmes.svvsd.org>

Statewide October Count Date

The Colorado Department of Education has identified Wednesday, October 5 as the official statewide October Count Day for the 2016-2017 school year. To comply with this state mandate and ensure maximum attendance, **St. Vrain Valley Schools will have a full day of school with a normal start time on Wednesday, October 5 in place of the previously scheduled late start day.**

Your assistance with this important state requirement is greatly appreciated as funding for St. Vrain schools and the important resources for our students are directly impacted by the October 5 attendance numbers. For more information, please contact your school's front office.

Thank you again for your ongoing support for our students and schools.

Department of Communications

Materials Fee

If you have not already done so, please stop by the Main Office to pay your \$10.00 Materials Fee. The money that is collected goes directly to supplies and materials needed this school year.

School Pictures

Van Gogh Photography will be at Rocky Mountain to take students' school pictures on Wednesday, September 28.

If you wish to purchase pictures, order forms will be sent out in Thursday folders by September 22.

Gifted & Talented:

Parent Nomination Process

Each year, schools in St. Vrain Valley School District complete a process to identify students who demonstrate exceptional ability or performance in one or more academic areas and may, therefore, qualify for Gifted/Talented educational services. These students usually perform at least two years above grade level in their strength area(s) and require additional academic challenges in order to support their continued educational growth and progress. In addition, they usually demonstrated characteristics of unique creativity and high motivation in their strength areas.

The search for gifted/talented students begins with an opportunity for parents and/or teachers to refer students for review. Once referrals are received, a team of educators evaluate student state testing data, standardized test scores, rating scales and other school data to determine which assessments are needed in order to build the body of evidence and meet Board of Education approved criteria for identification.

If you believe that your child is demonstrating cognitive skills or academic/performance achievement above grade level peers, please pick up a nomination form from Rocky's Main office, or contact Lesja Crall at 303.772.6750 or crall_lesja@svvsd.org. Nominations will be taken through

Please visit the Rocky Mountain Website again after October 1st to read October's Newsletter.

Headlines in our October Newsletter:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- PTO Update
- Rocky Mountain's Scholastic Book Fair
- Halloween Festivities
- PBIS Initiative (Positive Behavior Intervention Support)
- "Student of the Month" Assemblies
- Fall Fundraiser Update

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