



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!



JANUARY

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



NOW ENROLLING!!

**KINDERGARTEN FOR
2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

Lotteries to be held on the first working days of April, May, and June 2019. Space is very limited and students will be entered into the lottery on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For more information contact RPA Registrar:

Annette Marion at 503-907-1023 or visit the "pre-enrollment" pull down on our website at:
WWW.ROCKWOODPREP.ORG

The Annual RPA SNOWBALL FIGHT Is On!



Snowball Fight fundraiser for the month of January. \$1 for a snowballs to throw at other classrooms. Classroom with the least snowballs will get to throw a pie in the face of the staff of their choice at the next assembly! Snowballs will be sold before school (7:45-8:15am).

Coffee with the Principals 8:30am Friday Jan 31st

Please come, bring your voice and join Mrs. McCollum and Mrs. Barnard to discuss all things RPA!

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

REMINDER

**In cases of severe
weather**

**RPA adheres to the school closure
decisions of the
Reynolds School District.**

Please check local TV or radio stations for updates! Additionally, RPA will send out a one-call to our families and post closure information to our social media sites.

SUPPORT YOUR KIDS PTO	PTO MEETING
	Thursday, Jan 16th 3:30PM RPA Cafeteria We hope to see you! (See related on pg. 4)

aptt Academic Parent-Teacher Teams

*The next APTT meeting is on
Wednesday, Jan 22nd from 5:30-6:45pm.*

Please go to your child's classroom! If you have more than one child, go to the one that you feel has the most need (or for whom you did not attend in October).

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

January 2020 Dates to Remember!

- Jan ALL MONTH SNOWBALL FUNDRAISER
- Jan 16 - PTO Meeting 3:30pm
- Jan 20th - NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day!
- Jan 22nd - APTT Meetings 5:50 in classrooms
- Jan 24th - NO SCHOOL - Grading Day Jan
- Jan 26- Feb 1st - School Choice Week!
- Jan 27th - Coffee with Principals (8:30am)
- Jan 27th-31st - Great Kindness Challenge

Thanks for your POSSIP Responses!

As our parents know, each week RPA sends our text and e-mail surveys gauge how your child's week went.

To this point we are receiving about 50 responses each week. This is a significant increase over last year at this time of year!

While we would LOVE to have more participation, we are very grateful to those who have been responding on a regular basis!

**KEEP IT UP!
YOUR VOICE IS HEARD &
IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Mr. Dane Dykeman!

This month we want to shout out Mr. Dykeman, one of our stellar fifth-grade teachers at RPA! Mr. D (as the kids call him) came to our school with an impressive resume, glowing references, and a true passion for shaping the lives and development of students. Mr. D hit the ground running this year, creating an environment within his classroom where students (and staff) truly WANT to be. He maintains the title of "Best Break Space" in the school, and has a warm and welcoming demeanor. If you see Mr. D, take the time to chat with him, congratulate him for his successes in the classroom, and get to know him! He is a wonderful addition to our school, and someone who is going to do great things throughout his career as an educator!



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Meet The Board of Directors!!

Rockwood Preparatory Academy is a Private Non-Profit Organization governed by the *KNOVA Learning Oregon Board of Directors*. These volunteers provide fiscal oversight, establish organizational policy, adopt the RPA annual budget, and hire/evaluate the Executive Director. We are ever grateful for their commitment and sacrifices on behalf of our community.



KNOVA Board meetings are normally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm and include a “*public to be heard*” during which time community members are able to speak directly with the Board of Directors. Here is a bit of background on each member.

Director Jerome Fladoos, DC (Board Chair)



Recently retired, Dr. Fladoos has helped thousands of patients in East County since beginning his practice in 1976. While a chiropractic physician by trade, Dr. Fladoos has been a long-time champion of school choice. As a founding board member of Mastery Learning Institute (Arthur Academy) Dr. Fladoos was instrumental in establishing the regions first highly effective charter schools. As a founding board member of our school, Jerome (“Jerry”) brings leadership, wisdom, direction, and passion in helping the school reach toward its mission.

Director Ana Weakland



Ana brings a wealth of energy and community advocacy to the board. She brings an understanding of trauma-informed practices that affect individuals and communities to RPA and the greater Rockwood community. In addition to certifications as a *Community Health Specialist* and *Return to Work Specialist*, Ana holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Programming. She is fluent in English, Spanish, and Mayan. Ana is currently a Case Manager with Multnomah County.

Director Catherine Nicewood (Board Secretary)



Catherine has as big a heart for the Rockwood neighborhood! In addition to years of service on the KNOVA Learning Board, Catherine has championed our community as long-time President of the Rockwood Neighborhood Association. Her insightful and selfless leadership is an inspiration to everyone she touches. Catherine is active in her church, music, and a myriad community-based activities in service of our community.

Director Preston Salami



As of our January 2020 business meeting, Preston Salami will become our newest director!. Preston currently serves on the Leadership Counsel for Wells Fargo in the Northern Oregon Region an Assistant Vice President for Well Fargo Bank, managing the Rockwood Branch on 181st and Stark. A servant leader, Mr. Salami has volunteered locally with SMART, GREAT and DARE. Director Salami has worked in the Portland community for the past 20 years and at Wells Fargo Bank for the past eleven years. His skill sets and contacts combined with Wells Fargo’s commitment to our community will be an asset to the KNOVA board.

Director Jeff Reynolds



As a Rockwood Prep dad, President of the Rockwood Kiwanis Club, freelance writer and local activist, Director Reynolds brings energy, passion, and an understanding of local government to board deliberations. A graduate of Connecticut College and Eagle Scouts., Director Reynolds also volunteers to oversee RPA’s growing Scouting troops.

Director: Tina Long



Currently serving as Superintendent of Exalt Education in Little Rock Arkansas, director Long is one of the founders of RPA. Tina is an invaluable source of ground-level teaching experience that she has accumulated since early in her career as a successful teacher at Arthur Academies. Mrs. Long is a national expert in the application of Direct Instruction in the traditional classroom.

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FROM THE TEACHERS!



Can you believe it is January!! We are learning so much and have accomplished such amazing things. Reading groups will be beginning our Little Readers so look for stories to practice at home. Remember to have your kiddo sound out each word and then say it fast. In math we are working on counting to 70, addition, and subtraction. Keep practicing your counting games from our first APTT meeting. We will have another meeting January 22nd where we will add more advanced math games and look at reading fluency goals! After winter break it can be difficult to fall back in to routine so please make sure to practice reading and counting every day to solidify your child's learning.

- Ms. Qutub & Ms. Pescitelli



Wow! We've made it to 2020! 1st graders are working very hard at this point in the year. In reading we are learning to read words with a silent "e" and compound words. We had the pleasure of meeting a little elf in a magic pouch in our books! In Math, we are practicing skip counting by 1's, 5's, 10's, and 25's. We are applying this skill to counting money. It's very tricky so make sure you practice with your kiddo at home! We are continuing to use the Kimochis curriculum and very cool social stories on class dojo to keep thriving in our social and emotional selves. Our next APTT meeting is on January 22nd. Hope to see you there! GO FIRST GRADE!

- Ms. Shubert and Ms. Cortez



Hard to believe we are already at our holiday break! It has been a great fall and winter season. Please come to our next APTT meeting on January 22! 2nd grade continues to practice directions, geography, start and end problems, comparing problems, and learning about fun fiction and nonfiction stories. We are also continuing to learn about regulating emotions using our Kimochis curriculum. We have had a lot of kiddos out this winter sick so just a reminder to always be washing hands and getting a good night's sleep! We hope everyone has a restful vacation and we will see you next decade!

-Ms. Tate and Ms. Bond



We can't believe it is already 2020! We are zooming through all of our subjects! In reading we are continuing to read about Wendy Chan, who is taking a trip around the solar system and will soon dive into the wild antics of Waldo! In math we are continuing to work on our addition and subtraction number family word problems as well as adding and subtracting fractions. We have been working on paragraph writing in language and soon moving onto essay writing! We are continuing to use the Kimochis in the classroom and learning some fun games from our Playworks coach! Just a reminder our next APTT meeting is January 22nd, and we hope to see you there!

- Ms. Lybarger and Ms. Crickett



4th grade continues to amaze us with their stamina and dedication to their education. In math, students are learning about mixed fractions, long division and decimals. In language, students are continuing to work on opinion papers, with scaffolding to assist them in developing papers that are rich and full of content. Spelling is moving along nicely, with lists sent home to help your kiddo study. In science, students have spent quite an amount of time working on continents and tectonics. Please make sure that you are checking Class Dojo, as it shows all of the things that are happening in the classroom. It is a huge communication piece and will keep you in the loop about what is happening at school.

-Ms. Nickleby & Mr. Morgan



5th grade is busy! We are getting ready for our next APTT meeting which is January 22nd! We also have started our practice tests for the state tests we take in March/April. In our day to day activities, we are constantly on the go. In math, we are doing ratio problems with whole numbers and fractions along with learning to simplify fractions. In writing, we are just finishing up our narrative unit and after break we are starting our opinion writing unit. In reading we are reading novels with multiple chapters. We just finished reading Sara Crewe and learning a lot with it such as inferences, deductions, metaphors, and similes...in spelling, we are breaking down words and learning all the different rules for spelling. Now it's time to jump into 2020 and have a great year!

-Ms. DeRemer & Mr. D



When we return to a new decade we will look forward to continued progress in math and reading. Speaking of math, the APTT is January 22nd and should be quite helpful for anyone with a child scuffling in math. Look forward to seeing you there. Writing will lead us to the genre of opinion writing. This involves a lot of reading passages and evaluating the arguments contained therein. Is your child a decent arguer? They probably have the raw materials to succeed here. Those of you who are interested in our country's form of government will be glad to hear that we will be talking about the US Constitution and the legislative process in Social Studies. Anything you want me to cover in particular? Let me know through Dojo and we can talk it over. Interesting times. Here's to staying warm this winter, a new year, and a new decade!

- Danny Walker



English Language Development is working in the classrooms! Mrs Garcia and Mrs Peoples are working with classroom Teachers to target the Language gaps of our second language learners. Writing and Spelling have been successful with this collaborative approach. January and a bit of February will open the English Language Proficiency Assessment window. This is the time when ELL students will be practicing their Reading Writing, Listening and Speaking skills, and then demonstrating their proficiency in a statewide assessment. Welcome 2020!

- Mrs. Peoples & Mrs. Garcia

Mr. Nelsen's Silly Joke of the Month

Q: How Does a Penguin build a house?

A: Igloos it together!



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Our **DECEMBER 2019 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Have you considered Cub Scouts for your son or daughter?

Well, now is the PERFECT time to join!

RPA's Pack 214 will begin working on our Pinewood Derby Cars this month! This is our annual race where each child builds and races their own car. It's a blast! We take over the entire cafeteria for a night and race cars down a 40 foot track!

Other benefits of Scouting include character building, learning leadership skills, and learning self-confidence and self-reliance - all while having fun! It's a great extracurricular activity to participate in with your son or daughter.

Pack 214 meets every Wednesday evening in the RPA. Come by and visit or contact I Jeff Reynolds: 503.432.8959

(PTO continued from pg 1.)

PTO would like to give a sincere thank you to all of the generous kindergarten parents who kindly donated food and beverages to help make our first month of teacher appreciation come alive! We, along with the staff at RPA are incredibly grateful and honored to have you all here with us helping support our teachers and staff members.

All month long in January we will be having the snowball fight fundraiser. Throw as many snowballs as you can against your fellow classes to win the fight!

There will be a PTO meeting on a Thursday January 16th, 2020 @330pm in the cafeteria to discuss plans for the Valentine's day dance that will be on February 7th. All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you all there!!

The cookie dough sales were a huge success!!! Thank you for all who participated!!! We brought in over \$1700 for our school!!!

Lastly we want to give a huge thank you out to everyone who participated into giving for our giving tree this year!!! Without you all and your support we wouldn't have made this possible!!! So thank you so much!!! Hope you all have a good holiday season!!!

Have You Been Receiving Weekly POSSIP Text Messages?

If not, PLEASE contact the main office and provide your current information (mramos@rockwoodprep.org).

POSSIP lets you (parents/guardians) share feedback every week through text or email. You can choose to share your name – or you can share anonymously. You can also let us know if you want follow up.

We would love to hear what praise you have – or feedback!