FAMILY NEWSLETTER

EMERGENCY! ATTENTION! EMERGENCY!
WILL YOU HELP SAVE RPA?

Once every several years RPA must renew its charter with Reynold School District. Failure to do so means the immediate closure of the school! RPA recently applied for a 10-year renewal of our charter AND an increase in much needed school funding.

The Reynolds School Board has scheduled a public hearing to discuss our school’s continuation. WE NEED ALL PARENTS TO ATTEND THIS HEARING and tell the Reynolds Board why RPA students deserve equitable funding and why YOU love RPA and your child’s story.

PUBLIC HEARING on The Future of Rockwood Preparatory Academy
FEB 26th at 7:30
Location: Reynolds High School Multi-purpose room - 1698 SW Cherry Park Rd, Troutdale, OR 97060)

PLEASE support our students, teachers, and families who want a quality public school option in Rockwood!

NEW FACES AT RPA!
Help us welcome these new faces to our RPA family members

Natalie Ly
3rd Grade Teacher

Preston Salami
Board of Directors

Billee Von Tersch
4th Grade Teacher

NOW ENROLLING!
Kindergarten FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR!
Lotteries to be held on the first working day of April, May, and June 2020. 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

DATES TO REMEMBER
- Feb 17th - No School (President’s Day)
- Feb 19th - PTO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast: presented by 3rd grade parents
- Feb 24th Coffee with Principals 8:30am
- Feb 26th, CHARTER RENEWAL HEARING!!
- March 10th KNOVA Board Mtg. 4:30
- March 18th Multi-Cultural Night
- March 23-27th - SPRING BREAK

What’s Going On?

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FROM THE TEACHERS

The kiddos are finally starting to get back into the school groove. Please make sure they are getting their homework done each night along with reading a story to you. Try to make sure they get a healthy meal and a good night’s rest each night! This will prep them for success in the classroom. We are cruising along in reading and everyone should be in the little red reader by mid-February! Congratulations your child on their reading! It’s pretty amazing! We will begin a unit on force & motion in February and we will also have a trip to the park at some point soon to have some much needed playground time! This weather can be quiet draining, but keep your heads up! Spring is just around the corner 😊

- Ms. Qutub & Ms. Pescitelli

In first grade we are still working super hard. We have done our first math cumulative test and are learning to skip count by 5’s and 25’s now. We are also learning how to count coins and paper money. Keep practicing those APTT games that were sent out to firm up these math skills. We are doing so great in rocket math and most of us are already on the plus 20 sets. We are becoming expert rocket mathers! We are also doing great in reading and working on longer stories. Please practice reading nightly to help us become the best readers we can be. Keep up the great work! I cannot believe we are halfway through the year already. We still have lots to learn before we are big 2nd graders! Happy February!

- Ms. Schubert and Ms. Cortez-

We have been busy bees working on lots of different skills. Hard to believe we’re already to February. In math we’ve been continuing to tackle start and end problems, adding, subtracting, measuring, and learning 3-dimensional shapes. In reading we’re learning about the Trojan horse and the war between Troy and Greece. In spelling we’ve been practicing when to use “ow” and when to use “ou”. We’ve also been practicing lots of writing in language and practicing our pronouns. Every Thursday we discuss our social emotional curriculum, Kimochis which helps us navigate friendships and emotions. Lastly, thank you to all the parents who came to our APTT meeting last month!

- Ms. Bond and Ms. Tate

3rd grade continues to amaze me, and I can’t wait to see what the rest of the year brings our way! The students have been working on word problems using addition and subtraction, and now they have started learning word problems using multiplication and division! In language we are working on writing essays, and their writing is just beautiful! In reading, we are continuing to read about Waldo becoming an animal trainer! Please make sure to check the Classdojo feed as there are lots of current events and happenings in the classroom and around the school!

- Ms. Lybarger - Ms. Ly

Fourth graders are ringing in the new year strong! They are hard at work in math learning about double and triple digit multiplication, division, and place values. In language we’re enjoying non-fiction texts about endangered species, and in science, they’ll be focusing on physical science, such as properties of matter. Looking ahead, please note that May’s jet boat field trip has been moved to Friday, May 15th. Don’t forget to check Class Dojo for classroom check-ins and updates, and thank you all again for the continued support from home. Go team fourth grade!

- Mr. Morgan and Ms. Von Tersch

Hello fifth grade parents. We are in the heart of winter and The material we are learning in class is keeping us nice and warm. Story problems and prime numbers are trying to get the best of us in math but we have continued to calculate the best way to chip away at these challenges. We are learning how to form our own opinions through a range of topics: why is Snow White falling So naive, why is our identity important and what is a change we want to see in the world like Greta Thunberg wants to change global warming. Reading has brought so many new and interesting words into our vocabulary that students are now using them outside of class time. Please talk to your students about class norms and expected behavior, the more we work together as a team on expectations, the more they can learn at school. Cheers 😊

- Ms. DeRemer and Mr. Dykeman

We closed out January with a lovely APTT meeting here in the classroom. I think all who were there will agree that much was gained. Our third and final APTT meeting will be in April. It’s February now which is, of course, Black History Month! We will be discussing a wide variety of topics within the subject and I will periodically be recommending some reading. Look for more information on Dojo! Algebra is grinding along and we are well into resolving multi-variable equations and graphing co-ordinates derived from functions. If none of this makes any sense to you, consider attending the next APTT! We will be mixing in a bit more test prep into the daily routine as well to ensure that we are confident about the OAKS tests. We will also continue to discuss the US Constitution. Feel free to contact me on Dojo with any questions or concerns.

-Danny Walker"

ELD, English Language Development We are into the English Language Proficiency Assessment time. Your students, who are fortunate enough to have a second or even third language besides English, will be able to demonstrate their proficiency in English Language Development during the month of February. We have the English Language support here at RPA. . . . we always ask you to encourage them to read and write in their first language any chance they get. Multiple language proficiency is a gift your students possess.

-Mrs Peoples & Mrs Garcia
Staff Spotlight: Ms. Nabilah Gaines

This month we would like to shout out Ms. Gaines, RPA’s wonderful PE teacher! This is Ms. Gaines’ 2nd year as a teacher at RPA. Ms. Gaines is an extremely passionate and motivated teacher, and consistently comes up with new ways to get our students excited about their health and wellness. She came to us as a 4th grade teacher last year, and graciously agreed to move to PE after seeing a need for a strong, standards-based, physical education program. Many of you may also recognize Ms. Gaines as our car line Superhero! Not only has she learned the names and cars of every student, she has taken the time to get to know our families and communicates regularly with parents. If you see Ms. Gaines, be sure to say “hello”, and let her know how much she is truly appreciated!

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!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SUPER DUPER IMPORTANT!
PLEASE BE SURE TO RETURN YOUR PARENT SURVEY & INTENT TO RETURN FORMS!

We know you make a choice in coming to RPA! We need to make staffing decisions and set our annual budget by April 1st. Please let us know your families intent so we can plan accordingly. Thanks! Mr. Nelsen