

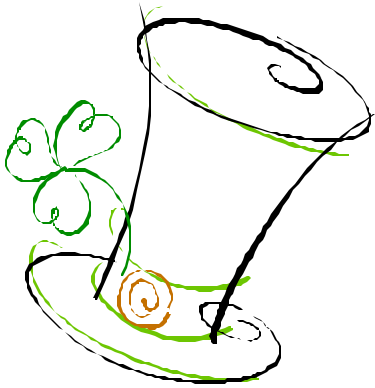


Rolling Hills News

March 13, 2009



Don't forget to wear GREEN
next Tuesday
It's St. Patrick's Day



Citizen of Month for March is...

- 1st Piper Moad
- 1st Reese Pieroni
- 2nd Estelle Robbins
- 3rd Kristen Varie
- 4th Marin Biberston
- 5th Kilani Akers
- 6th Rebecca Rodeghiero
- 7th Vicki Wilson

Let's give a B I G Rolling Hills "Wahoo" for
these great kids!



We received quite a few
"Returning to RHPCS" forms
back this week.

Thank you so much.
Just another reminder that
they are due March 20,
2009, which is next Friday.
Stop by the office if you
have misplaced your form



In last weeks newsletter we announced the
next afterschool activity would be "FIT
CLUB", but the date was wrong...

"FIT CLUB" will begin on March 31,
2009

Dear Rolling Hills Public Charter School Families,

As you are aware we are busy planning and preparing for the upcoming school year. I just wanted to share with you a couple of exciting things and opportunities that are happening.

As I shared a couple of weeks ago, we are ready to begin our first focus group session. Our first focus group will be on Thursday, April 9, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 and will focus on the topic of Middle School. If you have a student currently enrolled in Middle School or will have a student entering Middle School then this work session/focus group is for you. Please pencil it in on your calendars and watch for further information.

Rolling Hills Public Charter School has certified teacher openings for the 2009-2010 school year. Just so that you are aware of the process, all teachers interested in making application to our great school has to first come in and visit with me. This is not a formal interview but gives me the opportunity to get to know them and gain an understanding of their background and intent. After that visit, they then must spend some time in the school observing and interacting with staff members. If they are still interested and they get good recommendations from the staff they interacted with, they are invited back for a formal interview with me. During this interview they must provide a resume, copy of teaching certificate and credentials and at least three letters of reference or contacts. Based upon that formal interview I then decide whether or not to recommend them for an interview with our Board of Directors. This Board of Directors interview is very unique to our school and I am thrilled that we have a board that is involved in the hiring process. It is important that as we work together as a team that we have multiple opportunities for input about our teacher candidates. Hiring decisions are then made after that time. We are pleased to announce that we have offered a contract for the upcoming school year and they have accepted the offer. When the formal contract is signed we will announce and share our new teacher information with you! I can share with you that this candidate comes to us with 8 years of teaching experience and four of those years were in another Harbor School! We are thrilled!! Watch for additional information about our Teacher Team!

This has been a busy month here at RHPCS. I thought you might be interested in some of behind the scenes items that happen to keep our school running! This month we have state attendance reports and ISAT preparation that are required by the State Department and State Board. We have completed all Charter School reports that were due this month as well. We have completed our cycle of teacher evaluations and as I mentioned earlier, interviewing teacher candidates. Our Teacher Team for next year has also begun planning for the next year. We had our first meeting with all returning staff, certified and classified, and with board members to begin building the foundation for next year. Our next meeting will occur in April and we will focus on the Harbor Teacher Handbook.

This week I also wanted to take an opportunity to share with you one of our grade level school poems. As you know, each class is required to memorize a school and a class poem. Ask your child to share their class poem with you! One of the things that I love about the poems is that they are applicable to all! Enjoy!

If You Were

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.
If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.
If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.
If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your neighbor long
Because he's busy being wrong.