

ROLLING HILLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD NOTES FEBRUARY 2009

We always welcome parents to attend the meetings, but realize that it is sometimes hard to do. Hopefully, we will see you at upcoming meetings, but if not you will get an update here. Regularly scheduled Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month. Agendas are posted on the front office window, our website (www.rhpcs.org), and the Eagle Public Library.

Principal's Report

Kindergarten through 3rd grade has completed the Winter IRI during the month of January. There is no school February 13th, but Rolling Hills is having a Professional Development Day for our staff. Several teachers will be going out to other schools to observe, several will be participating in grade level planning and other areas at school.

Starting the first part of March there will be four new after school activities. There will be a culinary class, a fit club, Young Rembrandt's art and Choir. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for more information about these great activities. Our fourth grade class will be participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 24th. Personnel from this group will be administering tests in reading, writing and science.

We continue to have new and prospective students visiting our school daily. If you see a new face please give a big Rolling Hill's welcome. Our student council is now meeting during their lunch hour, and would like to help with school fundraising. They are sponsored by Mr. Burda.

Ski School and Boy's Basketball

The second ski school at Bogus Basin is scheduled for 2/24/09. This is for our 4th-8th graders. Information will be coming home on how to sign up. Thank you to the Mosers, who have headed up this program for the past few years. We really appreciate it, as do the students!

Boy's Basketball is coming down to their last few games. Their schedule for the remainder of the season is

February 12th at home vs. North Star at 4pm

February 26th at Compass at 3:30pm

School Lottery, Open Houses and School Tours

Our lottery will be held on April 11th, with enrollment forms due in the office by 3:00pm on April 10th. Enrollment packets for current students and students with Kindergarten siblings for next year will be coming home soon.

Open Houses are scheduled for March 19th, 31st and April 7th from 7:00 to 8:00pm. We also have school tours Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00am. One of our best marketing tools is referrals from our families. Let your friends and family know what a great school we have, and that we would like to have them join the Rolling Hill's family.

2009/2010 School Calendar

The Board is now looking at our calendar for the next school year. We are considering starting when Boise and Meridian Districts start on August 31st, 2009. The

other option is following the same start as we always do. Please direct comments to Ms. Scheuffele or to schoolboard@rhpcs.org before the March board meeting with calendar in the subject line.

School Survey

A survey is being put together and more information will be coming home soon.

Board Elections

Changing the date of board elections to May from the annual meeting in July is being looked in to. A packet for people interested in becoming board members is being prepared.

PFA

Don't forget our Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser Night, February 16th from 3:00 to 9:00pm. Rolling Hills earns money for the purchase of food and tokens. Moms take the night off of cooking and let the kids burn off some energy this coming Monday.

If you missed family game night on January 23rd, you missed a great time for both the adults and kids. There were some pretty intense games of Boggle and Clue going on. Thank you PFA for sponsoring a great family activity!

There is a cookie dough fundraiser scheduled for the March/April timeframe. More information to come.

Keep collecting and turning in those boxtops and Campbell's soup labels. Our next turn in date for these is coming up and we are just a little over halfway to our yearly goal. Did you know that you can go to www.boxtops4education.com and sign up, and then designate Rolling Hills as the school you support? Then, Boxtops will email you about how to enter monthly sweepstakes to win bonus Boxtops for Rolling Hills. You can also find recipes, coupons, and the Marketplace. The Marketplace allows your online shopping at more than 70 stores to earn money for our school. You just have to start your shopping at Boxtops for Education, be signed up and designate Rolling Hills as your school. It's that easy. A percentage of the purchase is credited to RHPCS, with no cost to you.

Another great way to earn money for the school is through our scrip gift card program. If you shop at Walmart, Albertsons or Fred Meyer for your groceries, consider purchasing gift cards before you go. The school earns money and you get the full amount that you paid for the card. The above mentioned vendors along with a few others are available at the school's front desk so you don't even need to wait for a formal order. Thank you to Cherissa Schwendiman for heading up this program.

Art

Artwork from students at Rolling Hills is now being displayed at two Eagle locations. Check it out at Idaho Banking Company in Eagle by Albertsons and Washington Federal in Eagle across from Sherwin Williams. A big Thank You goes out to Melissa Brodt the owner of Galerie Belle Ame in Eagle across from McDonald's on Eagle Rd. for matting our student's artwork. The Galerie has artwork for sale by local artists like Anne Watson Sorensen and Monte Stiles who are both visiting artists to Rolling Hills that are teaching art in the 7/8th grade class.