

ROLLING HILLS CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD NOTES MARCH 2009

Staff Changes

The Board and Administration are committed to hiring only the most exceptional, enthusiastic and professional teachers to be part of Rolling Hills. We are in the process of interviewing several highly qualified educators and have already hired for one of the positions. Please welcome Amy Pfaff, our newest teacher for the 2009/2010 school year. Amy comes to us with 4 years of Harbor teaching experience. She is excited about the upcoming school year, and looks forward to being a member of the Rolling Hills teaching team. We hope to have the rest of our teaching team together by the end of April.

Many parents in our school community have been asking about which teachers will not be returning for the 2009/2010 school year. The Board is now in a position to communicate this information. The following teachers will not be returning: Casey Hawkins, Eileen Beatty, Tisha Berg and Donna Scott. Unbeknownst to the Board and Administration, these teachers had signed contracts with another school for the 2009/2010 school year in June of 2008. This information has been confirmed through a records request.

However, many of our current teachers have already signed contracts for the 2009/2010 school year. Teachers, EA's and staff had their first group staff development and planning meeting for the upcoming school year. They discussed ways to develop and promote the Harbor Method.

Principal's Report

The school has received its Certificate of Provisional Certification. Fourth grade participated in NAEP testing. We have 12 students participating in choir. Many students have joined the culinary and Young Rembrandts art classes. You can still join these activities. At the end of March a Fit Club will begin.

Students will be taking the ISATS from April 13th thru May 8th.

First and second year teachers are required to have 3 teacher evaluations. To date two evaluation cycles have been completed. An aggressive marketing campaign has begun with spots on the radio, mailers, flyers in local newspapers, and ads in magazines. Enrollment is currently at 247. Wait list numbers and the number of families confirming attendance next year are comparable to those from the prior year.

Boy's Basketball

The 6th grade boys played an intramural game with Compass on the 17th of March and had a great time.

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.

Our first open house was March 19th. Additional open houses are scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st and Tuesday, March 7th from 7:00-8:00 pm. We also have school tours Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00am.

2009/2010 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2009/2010 school year has been adopted. The first day of school will be August 31st, 2009. Please see the school newsletter for the calendar.

School Survey

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

PFA

Thank you to Anitra Townsend for organizing the school read-in during National Reading Week. The Cookie Dough fundraiser has ended. Thank you for everyone that participated. A school garage sale is planned for April 4th and donations of items to sell are being accepted by Cherissa Schwendiman. The Chuck E Cheese night raised around \$75 and Script sales continue through the end of the school year.

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. The 6th grade has their Fantasy Landscapes being displayed currently.

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.