



Rolling Hills Public Charter Tiger Times

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Upcoming Events

- Oct. 1st - RHPCS PFA Yard Sale
- Oct. 5th-Oct. 16th - NO SCHOOL, Fall Break
- Oct. 17th – PFA Meeting, 8:15 p.m.
- Oct. 17th – Volleyball end-of-season party
- Oct. 18th – Girls' Basketball Practice begins, 3-5 p.m.
- Oct. 19th – The cafeteria opens
- Oct. 20th - Picture Retakes
- Oct. 31st-Nov. 3rd McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS)

October 2011

McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS)

Once again, Rolling Hills has reserved a week for our Middle School students to attend the McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS). MOSS is a residential outdoor science education program operated in partnership between the University of Idaho and the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute. At MOSS, students will experience a week-long experiential, inquiry-based curriculum on the 11-acre McCall field Campus.

This year, students will leave Rolling Hills on the morning of Monday, October 31st and return the afternoon of Friday, November 4th. For additional information on transportation, lodging, meals, and associated cost of this program, please reference the flyer sent home with your middle-schooler.

PFA News

The PFA board would like to extend a HUGE thanks to all of the parents who donated items and their time to the garage sale. The sale was a big success, bringing in \$1570 for the school cafeteria! We would also like to thank Custom Care Dry Cleaning and Alterations in Eagle for lending us the hangers for the garage sale.

In addition to garage sale proceeds, RHPCS has received \$630 in cash donations, for a grand total of \$2200!



Girls' Basketball

Any and all RHPCS middle school girls interested in playing Tigers basketball are invited to attend basketball practice starting on Tuesday, October 18th, from 3-5 pm.

*Practice will continue every day after school with games starting in November (after we return from MOSS) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*No experience required - come to practice dressed in gym clothes/sneakers and be ready to play.

*For more information, please email May Slaughter at mayslaughter@msn.com



RHPCS is still collecting monetary donations for the cafeteria, if you would still like to donate, every little bit helps! Remember that your donation is tax deductible, if you need a donation receipt, please see Teri Friend in the front office. Thanks for your continued support!

Wahooz Fit for Fun Program

This year, RHPCS is participating in the Wahooz Fit for Fun Program. All students are invited and encouraged to participate! Student who complete the program will earn a FREE ticket good for Wahooz attractions.

This is a great program to encourage and reward exercising and staying active. Participating is fun and easy! All your child has to do is exercise for 30 minutes per day (outside of school time), track their time on the exercise log to total 20 hours of exercise in October and/or November, and turn in the completed log, signed by parent/guardian, to his/her teacher by Wednesday, December 7, 2011. A copy of the informational flyer and fitness log was sent home with students and hard copies are available at the school office.

What activities count? Pretty much any fitness activity outside of school time: walking, biking, team sports, swimming, skateboarding, jump roping, and more.

All students that complete the program and submit the completed, signed fitness log by December 7th will earn a "Wahooz Fit for Fun" ticket good for 1 Laser Tag game, 1 Max Flight ride, Kiddie Cove, and 10 arcade tokens (that's a \$13.99 value!). The Fit for Fun ticket expires on March 15, 2012. After March 15th, the ticket is good for Buy 1 Get 1 Half Price Unlimited Fun Pass through 5/31/12. The ticket may only be used by the child who earned it, and tickets cannot be used for group events or school outings.

RHPCS is happy to make this program available to elementary school age and/or younger siblings of RHPCS students. Track sibling time on a separate chart and submit with your student's form. Teri Friend will take care of it from there!



A Word from the School Board

September, 2011

Last week, a group of educators and members of the Charter Commission visited our school. For two days, they spoke with teachers, parents, students, Dr. Montgomery, and members of the Board of Directors.

You will be happy to know that they had some very nice things to say about the symbiotic relationship between parents, teachers, and students. They complimented us on the warm, nurturing environment of the school and the Harbor decorum in the hallway, classrooms, and café.

We have a small school with a big heart, and we know it is a great school, but it is always nice to hear it from others.

There is still much to be done, and there are many opportunities for parents to contribute their time and talents. Please keep in mind that you are welcome to work with the PFA on its community events or participate in any number of school projects. Just leave your name and telephone number with Teri Friend in the RHPCS office, and we will get right back to you.

Thank you for being such great parents and contributing to our outstanding school.

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Apangea Math Program

This year, your 3rd-8th grader will be participating in the Apangea Math Program. This online program "provides one-student-to-one-teacher differentiated math instruction through a unique integration of proprietary tutoring technology and live, online certified teachers. As a web-based solution, Apangea Math can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection – ensuring students can learn math anytime, anywhere." Ask your student to show you this amazing new tool at www.apangealearning.com!

RHPCS Lunch Program

Pending final inspection, the cafeteria is scheduled to open for lunch service on **Wednesday, October 19th**!

Students can utilize the lunch program daily or when desired. Counts for school lunch will be taken in the classroom each morning to determine quantities prepared. If your student is interested in hot lunch, you can prepay for their lunch (preferred method) by sending a check in with your child, or by stopping in and visiting Teri in the front office. Your child(ren)'s lunch account balance will be monitored through the new computer system (LUMEN). Once the LUMEN parent portal is launched (watch for date and details to come) lunch account balance will be viewable online.

Lunch prices will be as follows:

Lunch: \$2.50

Reduced Lunch: \$.40

*It is not too late to apply for free/reduced lunch, please contact Vicky Shubert for more information at vshubert@rhpcs.org or at 939-5400.

Lunches will include milk, but for those who would like to continue ordering milk only, the milk price will remain \$.40.

Here is the lunch menu:

October 21 Ham and Cheese Bagel Veggie Fruit	October 24 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Refried Beans Fruit Wheat Thins	October 25 BBQ "Ribeque" Sandwich Veggie Corn Chips Fruit	October 26 Nachos Chili Veggie Fruit Cereal Bar	October 27 Hamburger Cantaloupe Rice Krispy Treat
October 28 Chicken Nuggets Fruit Veggie Graham Crackers	October 31 Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich Yogurt Veggie Apple	November 1 Pepperoni Pizza Salad w/Tomato Fruit Cookie	November 2 Taco Fruit Rice Granola Bar	November 3 Corndog Veggie Fruit Cookie

In addition to the choice listed, the following option will be served daily:

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich
 Yogurt
 Veggie
 Fruit

*This menu is based on a two week schedule. At the end of the 2 weeks, the menu will repeat.

After-School Activities at RHPCS

Flyers are available in the front office for the following RHPCS after-school activities:

- **Chess Club** – Available to 1st-8th graders. Thursdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- **Writers in the Schools (WITS)** – Available to 4th-8th Graders. WITS is a Program focused on improving writing and reading skills through the development of observation and creative expression. Tuesdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m.

*All activities have varying fees, please see flyers for additional details

Student Attendance

This year, as in years past, RHPCS will be recognizing students with perfect attendance each month, and then again, those with perfect attendance for the entire school year! Your students work very hard each day, and their commitment to attendance ensures that they stay on top of their school work, thereby increasing their performance in school.

The following students had perfect attendance for the month of September:

Aiden B
Camilla C
Morgan C
Liam G
Athena G
Noah G
Elijah H
Jordynn L
Nicco M
Grace P
Kiana R
Morgan R
Hannah R
Pearl W
Emma Y
Bridger A
James B
Addison B
Hailey C
Grayson C
James L
Madelyn M
Evelyn M
Samantha S
Madelyn C
Nicholas E
Gracelyn F
Mila G
Timothy L
Kaiya M
Tessa N
Tristan P
Ian S
Hailee C
Chase C
Mason C
Ayden H

Kailey J
William M
Hailey N
Kallista O
Teagan W
Jacob A
Brandon F
Lilia L
Nicholas M
Josiah S
Elijah W
Evan B
Zachary B
Spencer B
Natalie D
Cooper G
Piper M
Gordon P
Jacob P
Nathaniel R
Riley R
Tristyn S
Aidan S
Zachary W
Peter W
Valerie A
Ellie B
Trinity B
Alisha C
Grace C
Asaua C
Grace F
Madeline G
Hanarose G
Sera H
Makenna H
Sylvia K

Andrew L
Isabella M
Natalie P
Julianne T
Alexander W
Ember A
Jack B
Mikayla C
Potlatch C
Pacen D
Taylor D
Caleb H
Emma H
Ethan P
Logan R
Megan S
Caleb S
Rachel Y
Mark B
Alberto C
Carolyn C
Stevana C
Braydin H
Lindsey H
Henry M
Michael P
Cheyenne Q
Samuel R
Christopher S
Shayna V
Jessica B
Logan C
Machaela C
Hadley P
Eli S



An Overview of the Attendance Policy; Summary from the School Handbook

If your child is going to be absent from school, a parent or guardian needs to call the school at 939-5400 or email to contact@rhpcs.org before 7:45 a.m. If we don't hear from you, we are obligated to verify the absence.

Students need to be in school to be successful. Attendance and punctuality are important elements of the educational process for all students. Students with high absence rates and/or who are frequently tardy miss critical class material and instruction time leading them to fall behind and often perform at lower levels. Reliability and promptness are key factors in employability. Attendance also plays a critical role in the level of our school funding. For these reasons, RHPCS holds students to a high standard for attendance expectations.

The minimum standard for RHPCS student attendance is 96%.

All absences, excused or unexcused, count toward the 96% attendance criteria, with the following exceptions:

- (IA) In-school Absence includes absences that occur within the school day that pull a student from class to another area within the school. Examples include extended visits to the office, or when a student is at a school approved meeting.
- (AA) Activity Absence is an absence for school sponsored programs in which classes will be missed.
- (DR) Doctor Excused absence is an absence due to medical reasons that is confirmed with documentation by professional personnel, i.e. doctors, dentists, etc..
- (BR) Bereavement is an absence taken due to a death in the family.
- (SC) School Excused absences include absences for extenuating circumstances approved by the administration.
- (CA) Court Appearance absences used for students having legal obligations.

RHPCS recognizes that attendance decisions ultimately rest with the parent or guardian. Absences due to illness, accident, and death in the family are the only absences that Rolling Hills Public Charter School will consider excused absences. In order for these absences to be excused, oral or written communication from the student's parent or guardian must be received within 48 hours of the last day of the absence (please contact the school as promptly as possible). All other absences will be considered unexcused unless there are extraordinary circumstances. **Family trips or vacations are NOT considered extraordinary.**

A physician's letter documenting the need for absence from school is required for absences due to illness that will cause the student to not meet the 96% attendance requirement.

Please provide the following information:

- Parent or guardian's name
- Student's name and grade
- Reason for absence
- Estimated date of return

Middle School Students

If your student is in 6th-8th grade, their grades will be affected by absences. Three (3) unexcused absences in a quarter will result in the dropping of one letter grade in each subject area during that same quarter.

Make-up Homework

- Students are not allowed to make-up homework and missed exams for unexcused absences.
- When a student has an excused absence, such as illness, they are given two (2) days for every day absent to make up missing homework. In the upper grades, it is the student's responsibility to make sure they receive and complete all of the missing assignments.
- Additionally, while the student is home ill, they may be able to do some of the regular assigned homework. Rather than calling the school for "homework packets", please check the RHPCS website for assignments. Most students know their math assignments from week to week as the classes work through the math book in lesson order.

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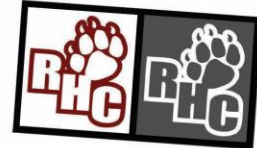
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Student Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____



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