

Rocklin Academy Wednesday Weekly

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	DATE	TURNSTONE WAY CAMPUS	MEYERS STREET CAMPUS
Thursday	20	No School - Core Knowledge Conference	No School - Core Knowledge Conference
Friday	21	No School - Core Knowledge Conference	No School - Core Knowledge Conference
Sat/Sun	22/23	Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday	Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday	24	NO SCHOOL (11/24-11/28) See you on 12/1	NO SCHOOL (11/24-11/28) See you on 12/1

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Core Knowledge Conference

From November 19-22, Rocklin Academy teachers, administration, and PAC President Megan West will attend the Core Knowledge National Conference in Anaheim, a valuable opportunity since this event is rarely held on the West Coast. The conference boasts top experts in the fields of history, science, math, art, and literature. The faculty and administration will return with numerous strategies and resources for the effective implementation of Core Knowledge, contacts from Core Knowledge schools across the nation, and the memories of this very beneficial experience as a team. In addition to the professional development opportunity provided to us through attendance at this conference, Rocklin Academy will have the honor of showcasing the extraordinary work of our teachers and students and how Core Knowledge works on our campus and in our classrooms. We are also delighted to have a parent representative attend the conference with us this year. PAC President Megan West and Dr. Patterson will be part of a panel of parents and principals from Core Knowledge schools who will share their ideas about building and strengthening parental support. We look forward to bringing back to Rocklin Academy a wealth of ideas and new learning to implement and share. If you would like to view details of the conference, please visit the Core Knowledge website at www.coreknowledge.org/CK/conf/.

Release/Prep Time for Intermediate Grades

In the past, Rocklin Academy's intermediate teachers received additional curriculum preparation (prep) time built into their work day through science and Spanish release. Due to the elimination of a science specialty teacher this year, intermediate teachers no longer have a built-in prep time. As with many districts, this time is given to intermediate teachers due to their additional students, lengthier essays and assessments, and higher-level content. In various districts, prep time is typically given during PE, library, technology, music and VAPA. Because Rocklin Academy teachers teach their own art and music or use parent docents, and because teachers are required to be present during technology and library, intermediate teachers cannot use this time for prep. To ensure this essential time for

intermediate teachers, Rocklin Academy administration has provided 2 hours of release time every three weeks for the teachers of grades four, five, and six. Ideally, teachers utilize their prep time in their classrooms, but because the release time is during the school day while the class is instructed by a qualified substitute teacher, teachers need to work in another location. If space is available on campus, teachers will work on campus. However, teachers may need to work off campus if space is not available. Student learning is our focus at Rocklin Academy, and prep time for our intermediate teachers is provided with this in mind. If you have further questions about prep time for intermediate teachers, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Teilh, Mrs. Stout, or Mrs. Decker.

Pat Teilh, Principal
Mary Decker, Vice Principal
Robin Stout, Vice Principal

PLEDGE DRIVE - CORRECTION

Last month when we announced and thanked the families that had given a pledge, we inadvertently omitted several families. We would like to extend our most sincere apologies to those families for the oversight. Please rest assured that even though we omitted your names from the thank you list, we nevertheless did enter your names into the monthly drawings for the gift basket.

Here is a complete list (we hope!) of all families who have pledged as of October 31, 2008. If we somehow still managed to forget a name, please let us know right away.

Turnstone Families: Schwartz, Boyd, Jensen, Higashi, Lin, Young, Garrido, Jenkins, Aragon, McCollam, Asemi-Ahyaee, Tajiri, Suthahar, Haeuptle, Rathinam, Blezien, Nijmeh, Cho, Thomas, Ziebert, Bilyeu, Zehnder, Lachemann, Schneider, Hughes, Dorris, Van der Linden, Agbayani, Bauer, Pique, Spahn, Marquardt, Cendana, Hill, Souto, Peters, Koerner, Shaw, Budd, Chua, Hirsch, Budd, Uyeki, Low, Salie, Arneson, Shah, Chang, Mirkazemi, Okamoto, Peters, Warren, Wheeler, Mahaffey, Kuehn, Morrill and Semanski

Meyers Families: Andersen, Keller, Beckhorn, Vydra, Crouch, Baird, Weaver, Loureiro, Doerr, Vanderjack, Maxfield, Rich, Boyd, Long, Schwartz, Schreiner, Walsh, Pawloski, Sims, Patterson, Bodie, Chadalapaka, Whitehead, Accacian, West, Miller, Chan, Lally and Connors/Gonzales

Josephine Suryono, Turnstone Campus Fundraising
Julee Accacian, Meyers Campus Fundraising

NOVEMBER IS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH!

November is Adoption Awareness Month and Mrs. Barrett's class, at the Meyers campus, had a parent talk to the students about the topic. They learned that in the U.S. there are 129,000 children in foster care waiting for an adoptive home. They asked very thoughtful questions and also learned some facts such as:

--All children are born to birthparents but then some, through adoption, join their forever family --Even though siblings don't always look alike because they have different birthparents, they are real siblings in a real family grown through adoption.

--Adoption is forever.

NOTICIAS DE CLASES EN ESPANOL

Hola:

Many students were asking how to say **Happy Thanksgiving** in Español and here it is:

Feliz dia de dar gracias!

Starting the first week of December, we will practice our songs in Español for those classes that are having a Holiday Performance. I know some of mis amigos will have a birthday during the break and we will not be able to sing Happy Birthday in Español, so here are the words for the song in Español.

" Feliz cumpleaños a ti. En tu dia Feliz. Feliz cumpleaños a _____. Feliz cumpleaños a ti."

What a great opportunity to learn something new during the school break! And last but not least, our **Spanish club** is back in session on Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

Gracias, Gracias, Gracias.

~Maestra Pineiro



PLEASE USE THE CROSSWALKS

For everyone's safety, please make sure to use the crosswalks when entering or leaving the school grounds. We appreciate your assistance with this.

~Safety Committee

Kudos Corner!

Thank you to all the parents who attended your child's parent/teacher conference. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation. We will see you on December 1, 2008.

THANKS,
FRIENDS!

FOUNTAINS AT ROSEVILLE

SHOPPING FOR STUDENTS

NOVEMBER REMINDERS

Please Log your receipts at the Fountains Guest Services or turn them into The PAC Fundraising officer's boxes at each campus office and we'll log them for you. Leave an envelope with your name and child's class and a note if you need the receipts returned to you.

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PROPS AVAILABLE

If you need some set decorations for classroom plays, please remember PAC has several items in storage you may find useful. Remember the trees used on the stage at Cinco de Mayo for the Spanish performances last year? We still have those, and several other items. Email PAC if you need further information.

PAC STORAGE SPACE NEEDS SOME SPRUCING UP

Storing all of the supplies PAC accumulates from purchasing for special events or generous donations we receive to support and enhance curriculum at Rocklin Academy takes a lot of space. Our off-site mini storage unit is packed full. We would really like to get it organized to facilitate ease of use for all our parents when they need something. We need some shelving units to go in it. Before purchasing them, PAC would like to know if anyone has shelves they would be interested in donating. Please email PAC if you can help.

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Are you ready for some Holiday Cheer? Join us for a great time of singing and hangin' out with families from our school at the Holiday Sing-A-Long. We'll have good cheer, hot chocolate and everyone brings a goodie to share.

Turnstone Way - Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Meyers Street - Friday, December 5, 2008 from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM