



ROLES PTO

Providing Parent Support for Students and Teachers at Riveredge

October 2020

A Wonderful Start

By Amy Pollar, President

It's incredible to sit back and realize that we are already a month into the new school year. The PTO has been very active already despite the extra precautions that are needed during these historic times. There is still a lot that we would like to accomplish and to do so we need your help. Remember that as a ROLES family you are automatically considered a PTO member. If you have an idea for an activity, a program for the students, or ways to foster a stronger community please reach out! The more we get involved the more amazing this school and community becomes. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

ROLES PTO Officers

PLANS

- 10/12: PTO Virtual Meeting 6:00-7:00pm

There are open committee chair positions listed in the right column of this page. Feel free to email if you are interested! We would love to have you! Email: roles.pto@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in ANY capacity! Everyone's voice matters to us and we are open to all!

PTO Board

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Greta Malek

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ROLES School Updates

Enrollment: Continue to have inquiries from families. Some families who initially dropped due to lack of virtual learning are beginning to reconsider their choice. We've added 3 new students recently.

Curriculum: We adopted a math curriculum K-5 this year. The younger grades are using a curriculum established last year and the upper grades have adopted Bridges. Guided Reading libraries have been purchased to support literacy instruction. Will continue to build classroom libraries.

RNC: Staff is providing professional development for ROLES team through curriculum development & hands on learning.

Stakeholder Communication: Bloomz was purchased and has been a very successful tool for communication each day in addition to supporting student learning.

Assessment: Teachers are creating assessment tools around core subject areas in addition to running records. Over the next couple of weeks we will complete Map testing in core areas for all grade levels.

Medical: Cindy Johnson (School Nurse) has done a great job putting together our medical supplies, student files and student vaccinations. She also created a document to inform us of what needs to be done each year. Cindy will be on call for the remainder of the year and return to us at the end of the year to wrap up our student medical records.

Subbing: We created a system of internal subs that have the Wisconsin subbing certificate. We also have a para who has a teaching license. Our hope is that we don't have to bring in subs from outside our community.

COVID: We have worked closely with the Washington County Health Department and have a contact that we reach out to with any questions. We have a couple of families who have tested but so far all have been negative. Staff continues to support physical distancing, masks and frequent hand washing.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FUNDRAISING

1. **School Gear:** We wanted to thank those that purchased school gear! We have placed the order & should receive products in approximately 3-4 weeks. An announcement will be made when it is time to pick up.
2. **Square 1 Art:** Children will create a work of art at school & it will be sent to square 1 art. Shortly following, they will send an order form home with each child that will have many unique gifts using your child's art. Part of the proceeds will go to the PTO with the plans of use for extra classes in arts or music for our children.
3. **School Rocks:** Plans are for our school spirit rocks are underway. The rocks will be able to be rented out weekly as a way to show community enrichment and support.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

If interested contact Laura Wollersheim (414-426-1224):

1. **Morning drop-off:** Help needed from 8:20-8:30am. We are in need of one additional volunteer each day and volunteers that can be on-call in case of last-minute need.
2. **Painting:** Two volunteers needed for 2 hours to finish the 3rd grade classroom. Hoping to do it THIS Friday.
3. **Potential Shed Building Volunteers** needed. A shed is pending approval to be built outside the yurts for storage & possible changing area. Please reach out if you have interest in helping with this!
4. **Volunteer Survey:** Will be sent out to families in the near future. This will help us understand the interests, skills, and/or availability of each potential volunteer. Due to Covid precautions, there will be less opportunities to volunteer this year, but that does not mean no opportunities. Having volunteer profiles will help us when a need arises.

STAFF APPRECIATION

Staff appreciation has been hard at work providing breakfast treats for staff and preparing "favorites" sheets from each staff member. The "favorites" sheets will be coming shortly in your email. This will help for staff appreciation, birthdays, etc.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

1. **A ROLES school mascot** is in the making-Once the costume is purchased kids will have an opportunity to vote on names. Mascot will be spotted by students while making special visits around the grounds and will help build school spirit.
2. **Winter Gear Recommendations:** There will be a collection of winter gear recommendations posted on facebook and bloomz. Be sure to look out for this and comment if you have any gear that you think is awesome for kids during the cold winter days.
3. **Trails and Treats** is an event that Riveredge is hosting on October 23rd and free of charge for all access nature center members (which we all are). Check it out as you'll be sure to see plenty of ROLES families there.
4. **ROLES Family Book Club**-October book, "The Last Child in the Woods". A book discussion will come later in the month-watch for updates!



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are to hoping to create a pool of in-house substitutes. I'm sharing a link to a course being offered virtually from CESA 6 to any parent who is interested in possibly subbing in our school.

The substitute teacher requirements by the state of WI:

- 1) Earned an associate or bachelor degree
- 2) Successful completion of the substitute teaching course
- 3) Completed application through the Department of Education
- 4) Successful background check.

Link: <https://www.cesa6.org/services/substitute-teachers/>

WE THANK YOU!

Shout out to our fantastic staff who have been working tirelessly to keep our families safe!