



ROLES PTO

Providing Parent Support for Students and Teachers at Riveredge

November 2020

A Fantastic Fall

By Amy Pollar, President

Greetings ROLES Families!

What an incredible year it has been so far. Despite all our challenges, we have done a wonderful job coming together as a community to support our students, staff, and families. As the mercury continues to drop, please continue to work together in order to keep our community healthy. Our focus as a PTO this year is community. We need that sense of community now more than ever. Our amazing volunteers with the PTO have been working hard trying to create that sense of community in spite of the fact we need to keep within our personal bubbles. If you have any fun or creative ideas to help foster safe community building please reach out to one of the officers! There are plenty of opportunities to get involved for as little or as much time as you are willing to contribute. A sincere thank you for all the families who have helped support the PTO and ROLES so far this year! You have been such a gift to our community here at ROLES. Please continue to offer grace and support as we continue on and manage through the upcoming staff and season changes.

ROLES PTO Officers

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ROLES School Updates

Amanda Otzelberger:

We are delighted to announce that Amanda Otzelberger will be our new 3rd grade teacher. You may know Amanda as a 2nd grade para professional. Amanda bring 3rd grade experience, understanding of what outdoor education looks like and a cool Zoo background. We will be interviewing candidates in early November.

Book Club: Last Child in the Woods

Hope your reading is going well. All are welcome to join the conversation around this amazing book... Thursday Nov 12th @ 6:30pm at meet.google.com/qzy-yzod-vgr

Yurt Changing Shed:

The shed has arrived and we will need some parents to help assemble. It's all plastic so will be like putting together a kids playhouse. Let me know if you can help!

Riveredge Nature Center:

The center is reducing its hours for November. If you need anything for the ROLES office please knock on the side door or contact Emily Weiss.

Music Curriculum:

Governance Council will be looking at proposals for music lessons to offer our students

Winter Clothing.

As the weather begins changing please think about changes in clothing. In choosing gloves please make sure they are waterproof and not all cotton. I recommended having an inner liner and waterproof outer glove or mitten shell.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FUNDRAISING

1. **School Gear:** Thank you! We earned \$409.35! We are currently preparing another shirt design (you are going to LOVE it!) and stickers, car clings, and hopefully patches. We'll email when ordering/purchasing is available!
2. **Square 1 Art:** (See attachment) Art work sent on 10/29. Custom catalogs are schedule to come to school around 11/16. Deadline for orders: 11/30 (we go for online orders only). Ordered products to arrive at school: 12/17.
3. **School Rocks:** Approved by the RNC. Now we are searching for companies/people who would like to donate and would be able to place them. Please let us know if you have any connections!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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

1. **3rd Grade Classroom:** Thank you to ALL of the volunteers for helping with this! Those 3rd graders now have a beautifully painted classroom and mudroom.
2. **Morning Drop-Off Help:** Thank you to the volunteers for dragging yourselves (and kids) out of bed even earlier to help with this-your smiling faces are a great way to start the day! If anyone is interested in being on the call list in case there is a need, reach out!
3. **Volunteer Interest Survey and Profile Sheet:** This is a google form that will be used to collect information about potential volunteers' skills, interests, and availability in the future. Due to covid, volunteer opportunities will be limited this year. It will still be very important to create volunteer profiles for future use and/or if a need arises. Please fill this out when it comes next week. This community is saturated with unique talents, interests, and passions-it would be a shame not to share those with our kids!

STAFF APPRECIATION

Staff appreciation has been hard at work providing the gift of a quick meal for the staff during parent-teacher conferences. In addition, they have provided the governance council with welcomes and goodies to show our appreciation! We love our staff!

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Meeting with Tomorrow River School: Chairs to set up a virtual meeting with Chamomile Nusz to discuss ideas on community building and involvement (during Covid)

Mascot costume: Shipped & will likely arrive by Wednesday, November 4th. From there, the 5th grade leadership team will come up with 4 different names to be voted on by ROLES students. Mascot visits will be planned & scheduled with the first appearance the week of November 9th-13th.

Emergency Snack Bins: It is important that each class be able to utilize an emergency snack bin in case of need. Please consider donating healthy snacks to these bins. The 2nd grade bin needs food donations that are nut free and made in a nut-free facility. Donations can be dropped off with Emily Weiss (please indicate if it is for the 2nd grade nut-free classroom). Thank you for your generosity and big hearts!

Gear Donation: 'Tis the season to donate what doesn't spark joy (or fit your kids anymore)! Please consider donating any lightly used winter gear to the school. In need of snow pants, jackets, boots, sweatshirts, etc. Please drop off by Mrs. Weiss.



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PLANS

- 11/9: 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!

WE THANK YOU!

Shout out to our fantastic staff who have been working tirelessly to keep our families safe! Thank you to our awesome volunteers!



SQUARE 1 ART

IT STARTS WITH THE ART!

Dear ROLES Families,

We are sure you have heard about those wonderful artworks our little artists worked on at school last week and soon, you will even get to see it ...

... and what's even better: you will have the chance to purchase your child's creation on a timeless keepsake.

Every purchase will benefit the school and our children!

What will be the next steps?

1. Personalized catalogs featuring your child's artwork will be coming home in approximately 2 weeks.
(around Nov. 16th)

As soon as you receive the catalog with your individual Art Access Code, you will be able to find your child's personalized keepsakes under

www.square1art.com/shop and will be able to choose from hundreds of products - all featuring your child's work.

2. To ensure you receive your orders before the winter break, the order deadline is:

November 30th

3. Your orders will arrive around December 17th.

We hope you and your child enjoy this fundraiser and we thank you very much for supporting this amazing school!

Your PTO

