



# ROLES PTO

Providing Parent Support for Students and Teachers at Riveredge

March 2021

## Spring is in the Air!

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### Spring has sprung (for now) at Riveredge

The sap is flowing, the snow is melting and the trails are somewhat muddy. Please provide an extra set of clothes especially socks with your children so they can remain comfortable and learning. Rubber boots work well at this time of the year as we are often in snoggy snow and mud. If the whole boot isn't waterproof feet will get wet. Rubber boots with warm socks work well in spring. I've witnessed some students with plastic bags in their boots to keep feet dry.

### Forward Exam

The state Forward Exam will begin after spring break for 3-5th graders. This year the state has reduced the length of most of the tests to accommodate Covid protocols for schools. These tests will be used to determine how students in various subjects are doing compared to their peers and provides the data for school report cards.

### Enrollment Applications

Enrollment applications for all returning students are due to Mrs Weiss in the office by March 19th. This information is important for us in terms of planning for our budgets and staffing for the 2021-22 school year. We may have seats available in the upper grades for next year so please promote these opportunities to your friends, neighbors and social networks.

### PTO Board

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## ROLES School Updates Continued...

### Calendar

The Governance Council executive committee and ROLES staff are creating and analyzing the options for our 2021-22 calendar including Virtual Friday's. The data and feedback have been collected from the staff, parents and several meetings have taken place with our authorizer Northern Ozaukee School district. We are also working with the Department of Public instruction to insure that the academic calendar and school minutes align with all state guidelines. The next steps will include work by the Governance Council to make a decision for the fall.

### Department of Public Instruction monitoring

We recently received feedback from the state in terms of the DPI monitoring that took place in January. The report was extremely positive and they were impressed by the level of student, teacher and family engagement in the school. The report noted the sound fiscal policies and management in addition to the support provided by NOSD, Riveredge Nature Center and CESA 6 for management of the school.

### Pickup

We appreciate everyone's patience when we had to shift our pickup process to accommodate our 4k friends who suddenly found themselves without a classroom due to the snow load causing damage to the roof of the Sugarhouse.

## FUNDRAISING

1. Stickers/Clings/New Shirts/Tote Bags
  - a. Signed up for Cheddar up, so Sarah N and Sarah F will be meeting to set up online store for stickers and clings.
  - b. Sale will start mid to late March
2. Restaurant Fundraiser Idea
  - a. Firehouse Subs in Grafton and West Bend on same date and time (probably 4-7pm). Will receive 15% of sales if mention our school. Thinking of having this fundraiser in the summer to save for a fall welcome picnic or event.

## GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

The ROLES Governance Council would like to shout out to the ROLES teachers and staff for all the hard work they are doing for their students on a daily basis! Teaching is hard work and we have great, passionate and dedicated teachers! We would like to especially shout out Ms. Otzelberger who is pouring into her students and teaching during a pandemic as a new teacher! Our teachers are doing hard things and we want to recognize them!

Thank you families for all your support this year. We want to thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey with your feedback. Currently, it is being incorporated into the administrator's annual evaluation. In addition, we will be meeting with the ROLES staff to gather additional feedback as we move into the 2021-2022 school year. Also, we are working with the ROLES teachers to look at and weigh potential options for next year's schedule. We are making it a priority to make a decision as soon as possible for teachers and families.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any Governance Council member at any time with any questions or feedback. We appreciate all of you!

## STAFF APPRECIATION

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff! We have a secret operation underway! You should have received Bloomz notification (but not the staff so shhhhhh, it's a surprise); however if there's any questions email Chrissy Knoske at [alaskaborn@icloud.com](mailto:alaskaborn@icloud.com). Due Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

**Mascot costume:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team is brainstorming names for the school to vote on next.

**Free Meals through NOSD:** The Northern Ozaukee School District is participating in a nationwide USDA program that provides meals at no cost. Please contact Jackie Evraets at 262-692-2489 ext. 410 for more information.

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

1. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TWO FUTURE PROJECTS:
  - A. CHALKBOARD KIOSKS FOR TEACHERS: THESE WILL OFFER EVEN MORE TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE GROUNDS AND MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE DAY TO DAY LIFE OF TEACHING OUTDOORS.
  - B. HELP BUILDING A KILN TO BE USED AS ART ENRICHMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND NATURE CENTER.
2. VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NEED TO BE SKILLED CARPENTERS. THERE ARE NO DATES SET YET, BUT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE REACH OUT TO LAURA W.
3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MOVE FURNITURE OUT OF THE YURTS AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE CLASSROOM BEFORE SUMMER BREAK. DATE TBD.



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## PLANS

- 4/12: PTO Virtual Meeting 6:00-7:00pm

We will be electing new officers! There are 6 positions. Official voting will take place at our April meeting and any new officers will be guided by our current officers throughout the summer so they're ready to hit the ground running come fall Feel free to email if you are interested! We would love to have you! Email: [roles.pto@gmail.com](mailto:roles.pto@gmail.com).

## 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!