



ROLES PTO

Providing Parent Support for Students and Teachers at Riveredge

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See the Beauty in Winter!

By: *Principal Mike Mullen*

Map testing

- Our classes will schedule Winter Map testing this week. NWEA MAP is a norm referenced, standardized test that compares our students to others across the country. It is just one tool that we use to determine student strengths, areas of growth, and curriculum planning for the school year.

Shout out

- A big shout out to the PTO for their generous offer to buy some laptops to help support the growth of our technology and especially teacher use.

Attendance and Health

- We are fortunate to have students returning this week and our attendance is up compared to last week. We will post our health report each Thursday and continue to monitor Health Department policy changes. Working with our families we hope this is a positive trend in the right direction.

Middle School Grant

- After 3.5 months of weekends, holidays and Tuesday nights we are starting to put the finishing touches on the Middle School Grant application with a projected completion date of February 10 (about 6 days before it's due.) Thanks to the work of Allison Liegler who is a local middle school science teacher and Erin Housiaux who is a curriculum director for USM for spending their weekends working with me creating this application. Also a shout out to Brynn Hocking, Brielle Pauli and Bridget Pankonin for helping when available. We will submit the grant on February 15th with a trip to Madison. The DPI grant committee will announce successful applications in late June and a planning year would follow. We are fortunate to be able to build on the foundation that is being put in place at the elementary school and share in the resources, buildings and expertise that is available to us each day through Riveredge.

Community involvement

- Do you or someone you know, have a skill or expertise in areas such as literacy, music, art, wellbeing, mindfulness, yoga, science etc., that you could share with our students. We were lucky to have "Art in the Barn with Kass" the last couple of weeks and would love to continue building on these community and curriculum supporting activities.

Winter activities

- With a new dusting of snow and cold temps we can now get the kids out for snowshoeing, skiing and maybe some ice fishing.

Riveredge Updates

- Riveredge has hired a new director of education who has experience in both elementary and middle school outdoor education. We look forward to working closely with Jeff now and in the future. Riveredge continues to move forward in their work around the development of a new education that could potentially house the elementary school. They continue in the fund raising and planning phase and will share more when goals are met. We also continue to have discussions around the location for a middle school and have a couple of amazing options if the grant is successful.

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JOIN US!

The PTO Executive Board has openings for Fall 2021:

Treasurer: Manage finances for PTO with the help of our officer team.

Please join us! We would love to have you!

Email Sarah Neumann:
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Updates

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

The Governance Council is hoping everyone is staying warm and having fun this winter! We want to thank everyone for your diligence and help in keeping ROLES healthy and safe, especially with ongoing updates. Please watch on Bloomz for a weekly Covid Dashboard. Also, look for an updated review of Covid Policy. We thank you for reaching out to us with any questions or concerns. We appreciate all of us working together for the students!



STAFF APPRECIATION

"Anything you teach in an indoor classroom can be taught outdoors, often in ways that are more enjoyable for children." - Cathy James

The Staff Appreciation Committee would like to thank each and every education professional at ROLES for all that you do for our children and school. Your encouragement, compassion and support is never forgotten and always cherished. Our goal as a committee is to show great amounts of gratitude for all those in and around our school. We anticipate continuing a monthly token for each staff member at ROLES. We highly encourage new members to join our committee at any time. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Staff Appreciation Committee, please contact Ami Rosengren at ami_marie@msn.com and/or Brittne Dohl at brittne.mahnke@gmail.com out to Ami Rosengren (ami_marie@msn.com) or Brittne Dohl (brittne.mahnke@gmail.com)

Ski/Snowboard Club

The slopes are awesome and the kids are having an amazing time at ski/snowboard club! A huge thanks to Ami Rosengren for making this possible! Please send any pictures you may have taken on the slopes to: sarahln1221@gmail.com. Thanks!

FUNDRAISING

1. Pretzel Sale:

- ◇ Orders have been submitted to Milwaukee Pretzel Company. Thank you for all of your hardwork! You all earned \$2,042.50 for our PTO to put towards the student special projects money for teachers. **Pretzels must be picked up on 1/31 starting at 3:30pm.**

2. Spring Fundraiser:

- ◇ Our spring fundraisers will be combining two beautiful things: Flowers and Chocolate! Flower Power of Milwaukee and Seroogy Chocolate of Green Bay. Both companies will give us 50% of sales. With this money we hope to fund the end of year celebration, volunteer recognition, and a fall fest for this upcoming school year.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

ROLES families know how to have fun all year long in all kinds of weather! So make sure to gear up and join us for Winter Fest date to be determined. There will be many awesome activities including but not limited to... ice fishing, sledding, and hiking. *Signup will be posted when date has been confirmed and participation is required for attendance*. There will be many options to RSVP through volunteering or contributing with supplies. We looking forward to growing our Riveredge Community with you and having some fun in the snow!

PLANS

Next PTO Meeting: **February 21st** at 6:00pm virtually. Please join!

Link 1 for first hour:

<https://meet.google.com/bdk-iuwx-wqz>

Link 2 if we need more than an hour:

<http://meet.google.com/rfs-kwxv-tpu>

Thank your drop off volunteers for standing out in the cold to help keep our ROLES family safe!!! We greatly appreciate you all! Thank you also to our fabulous governance council! You are all amazing and we are so grateful for you volunteering and helping making the school what it is!



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