



ROLES PTO

Providing Parent Support for Students and Teachers at Riveredge

March 2022

Gratefulness and Growth!

By: Principal Mike Mullen

Parent Volunteer Program

Vanessa Goll has rejuvenated the parent volunteer program for teachers using information she gained through a parent survey. Vanessa created a survey and shared with the teachers the data which included; parent contact information, time they are available, areas they can lend support and any skills they could provide. A shout out to Vanessa for this work. We hope to continue to build this program to support the teachers and also help provide additional resources as we build our curriculum.

Promotional Videos

Evan Burke, Darren Baalke and I are working on some short promotional videos to post on the website. We hope to create and update these videos over time and include special events such as maple sugaring, earth week, classroom events and Earth week to name a few.

Enrollment

We are off to a strong start in terms of enrollment for next year. We have just a few families that we haven't heard from and hope to have everything wrapped up by the end of April so that we can have our final counts for the lottery in May.

Earth Week

We are currently working with Riveredge Staff to develop some restoration projects involving the Riveredge property such as tree planting and invasive species removal.

Additional ROLES offerings

We began discussions with RNC concerning some Friday offerings to help support our families during Virtual Fridays. We are meeting this month to create a plan and will reach out to parents to determine who may be interested. We put a plan together last year but didn't have enough need at the time.

All my best, Mike

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*** PTO OFFICER NOMINATION SLATE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 ***

- VOTE AT APRIL 11TH GENERAL PTO MEETING -

◇ **President: Greta Malek**

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Updates



STAFF APPRECIATION

"Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade." - Charles Dickens

Now that it is officially spring, bring on the chirping birds, rain showers, and the blooms within nature and our students! The ROLES staff have done an outstanding job supporting the growth of our children and school. It takes an incredible amount of time, work, and patience to create such a unique learning environment. Thank you for all your dedication.

To show just how lucky we are to have you all at ROLES, the staff received a shamrock-shaped cookie and scratch-off lottery ticket on March 17th.

We will continue to deliver a little token of appreciation to all staff each month throughout the school year.

FUNDRAISING



- ◇ THANK YOU to all who have bought! Our total is **\$1,075** so far! **The sale will stay open until 4/18...** let us encourage the spring to come!

SEROOGY'S CHOCOLATES

- ◇ THANK YOU too all who bought some yummy chocolate bars! Our total profit is **\$1,109!** Pick up will be on this **Tuesday, April 5th** at student pick up (starting at 3:25pm). A special thanks to our top sellers and prize winners:
 - ◇ 1st Place: Koepsell Family
 - ◇ 2nd Place: Goll Family
 - ◇ 3rd Place: Fisk Family
 - ◇ (* RNC also tied for 3rd place!)

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

I wanted to take a moment to offer further clarification regarding the changes to public comment and upcoming in-person meetings and explain that by no means are the changes being made in an attempt to stifle voices or make it difficult for voices to be heard. Being a smaller school community, we can sometimes become too loose in our meeting flow. I have been researching how most districts guide public comment and all the ones I have found limit the time to 3 minutes and only allow the public to speak once (being virtual and a small school has made it easy to request to speak multiple times).

In regards to moving to in person meetings. In-person meetings are truly the best way for conversations to be had and while we have gotten better at holding virtual meetings, it has never been the intent to stay virtual. We have been waiting for the right time to get back to being in person. I understand prior to Covid when our meetings were in person we didn't have any public community members attend and I believe that having an engaged community makes ROLES stronger. By no means are we trying to keep the public away. We do have a few roadblocks with having a virtual link.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

The first Rock Climbing Club meetup will be April 8th from 1-3pm. For those signed up please remember to show up 30min early for waivers and equipment rentals so climbing can start promptly at 1:00.

We are seeking parent volunteers to organize a Golf Club for this Spring! If interested please reach out to Christina Knoske.

The last day of school will be celebrated with field day activities and a graduation ceremony for our 5th graders. If you would like to be part of the planning process or volunteer the day of please reach out to Jessica Koepsell.

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL CONTINUED

We are exploring options to see how we can make this work for those who cannot be present. If someone wants to provide a public comment though, depending on our technology, those individuals will most likely need to be present in-person for the meeting. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we improve our Governance Council meetings.

PLANS

Next PTO Meeting: **April 11th** 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>

A million and one thanks to all of the support during our spring fundraisers! We so appreciate it!

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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