

Rudolph Update



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Rudolph School CARES

Rudolph Elementary School students demonstrated their spirit of caring and sharing throughout the month of December by the manner in which they participated in all of the exciting activities, and it was also demonstrated by the amount of giving for our holiday food project. Students and staff collected 500+ items for the community food shelf. This gave students and their families a chance to show and talk about being students that CARE!!!. A big THANK YOU and HOORAY go out to everyone – you have shown that our Rudolph Elementary families are truly caring! Students will be treated to a choice of movies on Friday, February 27, 2009.

Building Partnerships Between Home and School

As a school, we are constantly trying to find ways to better meet the educational and social needs of our students. Our staff has had numerous discussions to identify things we do strategically to help students succeed. The relationship that develops between home and school is very important. As many of you know, we occasionally have parent sessions after school to share with you strategies for working together to help our students be all they can be. We believe strongly in creating a school community that works together to meet the needs of each and every one of our students. What can we do to support this relationship? What kinds of topics would you like to learn more about related to your son/daughters education? Please send your thoughts to terry.whitmore@wrps.org to help us with future parent outreach planning.

After School Enrichments

To support our learners during the cold winter months, Rudolph School PTS Volunteer, Melissa Mattheis, is working to set up opportunities for students to be involved with after school enrichments. This gives students a chance to explore a variety of activities to learn more about yoga, painting, welding, cheer and stunts, babysitting, fitness, dollars and sense and manicures. Please help us continue to offer these sessions by encouraging your son/daughter to participate and please be on time to pick up your son/daughter after the sessions. If you are interested in offering one of your talents with students at Rudolph, please call Melissa Mattheis at 715-435-4296.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 2**– Spelling Bee, 2:30 pm in gym
- February 5** – Healthy Smiles for 2nd Graders, 9 AM
- February 5** – K-3 Yoga Enrichment 3:45 – 4:30
- February 9** – Valentine Painting Enrichment 3:45–4:45
- February 12**– Kindergarten Registration 12:30 – 4:30
- February 12** – 4-6 Yoga Enrichment 3:45-4:30
- February 13**– Kindergarten Registration 8:30 – 12:30
- February 13**– Valentine's Day Room Parties, 2:30 – 3:30
- February 16**– No School (Professional Dev. Day)
- February 19** – Cheer & Stunt Enrichment 3:45-5:45
- February 23** – Red Cross Babysitting Enrichment 3:45-5:45 (if we have enough participants)
- February 24** – Welding w/ Wally Enrichment 3:45–5:30
- February 26** – Fit Kids Enrichment 3:45-4:45
- February 27** – Food Drive Movie Afternoon Reward

REMINDER ABOUT OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Parents must submit application forms to the nonresident school district during a three-week period in February. For the 2009-10 school year, parents must apply no earlier than February 2, 2009 and no later than February 20, 2009 at 4:00 PM. (Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.) A student may apply to no more than three nonresident school districts.

Students who are currently enrolled under open enrollment do not need to reapply. Informational brochures and applications are available in the school office. Applications should be submitted to the human resources office (510 Peach Street) upon completion.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be held Thursday, February 12 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 13 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at all WRPS District elementary schools. For Rudolph 5-year old kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2009. Please bring with you, your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or hospital certificate and his/her immunizations records. Please call if you have questions, 435-3340.



Public Invited to Special Board of Education Meeting

Parents and members of the public are invited to attend a special Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 2, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A/B at the Thomas E. Lenk Educational Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather input regarding the District's proposed calendar for Professional Development Days. The District calendar has been established based on approval of a waiver from the Department of Public Instruction for less instructional days so that full days can be devoted to professional development for staff. The proposed calendar for 2009-10 would allow for four full Professional Development Days. If you have any questions about the waiver, or the proposed schedule for 2009-2010, please contact Sharon Toellner, Director of Instruction at Sharon.Toellner@wrps.org or 422-6006.

ELK'S HOOP SHOOT COMPETITION



The Elk's Hoop Shoot was held on January 10th. The following students participated, as they qualified in their gym class at Rudolph School. Caleb Krommenakker, Allen Krommenakker, Clayton Disher, Kayla Raflik, Jordan Whipple and Danielle Abbrederis. Alternates were Connor Pelot, Shawn O'Connell, Chani Pulchinski and CC Shefchik. We had two 'placers' at the official Level 2 contest, which was held at East Junior High. Competitors shot a total of 25 free throws. In the 8-9 year old boy's division, Caleb Krommenakker placed 1st with a total of 11 completed free throws. In the girl's 8-9 year old division, Kayla Raflik placed 2nd with a total of 13 free throws. Congratulations to all participants!

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

We had fairly good parent attendance at the parent/teacher conferences that were held in November. The following chart represents the percentage of parents that showed up to discuss their child's progress:

Kindergarten – 96%	1 st Grade – 80%
2 nd Grade – 91%	3 rd Grade – 100%
4 th Grade – 100%	5 th Grade – 81%
6 th Grade – 85%	

This was an average of 91%. We thank all of the parents who attended conferences.



JUNCTION CITY SNOWMOBILE CLUB OFFERS SAFETY COURSE

The Junction City Sundowners Snowmobile Club is planning on hosting a snowmobile safety course for anyone 11 years of age or older. Start dates have not been set, but classes will be held either on Mondays or Fridays with a hands-on course as the final test. The club is hoping to get started no later than mid-February. If you are interested, please respond as soon as you can to Lisa Rabska at 715-340-8055 or via email at Lisa.Rabska@joerns.com. Parents are encouraged to attend the class, but this is not required. This is not a school-sponsored class, so please direct any questions to Ms. Rabska. Thank you.

Summer School Registration



The 2009 Summer School Registration booklets will be coming home shortly. This program offers students and families the opportunity to extend the learning that occurred during the regular school year for another three or six weeks. We offer a wide range of learning opportunities for our elementary students.

We continue to make a special attempt to really enhance the course opportunities for students in the fourth through sixth grades. We have added a few new courses that will really "engage" this age group. In *Knights and the Age of Chivalry*, we have purchased kits that the students will use to build "trebuchets" (siege weapons) that have become famous due to a local pumpkin throwing contest each year. In our *Lego Robotics* class, we have added robots that operate on "hydraulics". Students will build these robots and learn the theory behind the use of hydraulics to make them move and perform simple operations. Our *Rocketry* class already has students building and launching rockets, but some additions to this course will increase our students understanding of how rockets work and provide them with opportunities to enhance the flying ability of their rockets. Our *Sew What's New* class has been a very popular class for students in the fifth and sixth grades, and as a result, we have added a *Quilting* class for the same grade levels of students. Students in *Sew What's New* make a wide assortment of projects from shorts, to locker buddies, to Scrunchies, while our quilters make their own quilt! Our course on the use of GPS (*Geocaching*) has our students learning to use these handy devices by participating in "caching" activities (sport using GPS) as they visit area parks and cache sites.

Registrations are held at most of the local schools. Booklets will be sent home (one per family) for you to review and to select the registration site and the date at which you wish to register your child. Please watch for the booklets to come home during the second week in February.

Summer Swimming and Tennis programs register their children at the LHS commons on May 2nd. The registration materials for these two programs will not be found in the regular summer school booklets. However, the dates and levels are printed inside the booklet for you to review. Parents must register their children, if they wish to have them participate in these programs, at LHS on May 2nd from 8:00 – 11:00 AM.



Welcome New Student-Teachers



Rudolph students and staff welcome three new practice teachers that we will have with us for the next few months.

First, Jackie Grimm will be helping a few days a week in the kindergarten classroom. Here are a few words from Mrs. Grimm:

"My name is Jackie Grimm. I am 24 years old and married. We have a two year old daughter named Cierra. I live in the town of Rudolph and have many animals including 5 cats, 2 dogs, and 1 rabbit. I've been a stay at home mom for the last 2 years.

I chose to be in the early childhood profession because I love children and enjoy seeing their eyes light up when they have discovered something for the first time. My husband Mike and I plan to have 4 children. I am looking forward to working in a daycare setting. I love being with babies, 1 year olds, and 2 year olds, however I would eventually like to work at Rudolph Elementary School. My children will be attending this school and it is only 2 miles from my home so when I do go back to work it would be very convenient for me if I were able to work here.

I've lived in Wisconsin for almost 3 years now. My mother has been in the Army since I was 6 months old so I've live in many different states including North Carolina, Oklahoma, Kansas, Virginia, Washington, Texas, Washington D.C., and Korea. Also I've been to or driven through about 40 states. I have a passion for traveling and seeing all that I can of this country. I will be going to Hawaii in March to visit my parents and will get the opportunity to see the Pearl Harbor historical site. I enjoy going to museums, parks, theme parks, and painting pottery, however my biggest hobby is counted cross-stitch. I've done cross-stitch pictures since I was 9 years old and my house is filled with my work.

We have 70 acres of land that I have come to love riding around on our four-wheeler. My husband is slowly turning this city girl into a country chick. I like to go out on the lake with our jet ski in the summer and use our snowmobile in the winter. I've even gone ice fishing a few times now which is weird for me since I lived in Texas for 5 years before coming here and have never been on a frozen lake before.

I look forward to working with you and getting to know all of you and the children. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the kindergarten classroom."

Brittany Hagermann will be working with Mrs. Trulen's second grade class. Mrs. Hagermann shares the following:

"My name is Brittany Hagermann and I will soon be in your classroom for the rest of the school year. I am a college student at UW-SP and am learning how to become a teacher. I have always loved working with children, and I cannot wait to meet all of you!

I grew up in Monrow, WI with my mom, dad, and younger sister Kelsey. I did all kinds of activities, from sports and clubs to music. I began college at a small school in Manitowoc, and then came to Stevens Point to finish my education. This transfer happened because I met my husband at a summer camp where we were both counselors. We now live here in Rudolph (in the old elementary school) with our black lab Kenai and a goldfish. I also love being outdoors and doing anything that involves being outside. I love to watch movies, go to concerts, hang out with friends, and play with Kenai.

This is my first time working with students in the Wisconsin Rapids district, but I have a lot of experience working with a variety of students in Stevens Point. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you, and hopefully you can all help me learn to be a great teacher someday!"

Beth Richardson will be working with Mrs. Holtz in the 1st grade classroom and also with Mrs. Sillars for the LD class. We look forward to hearing from Ms. Richardson in March.



RUDOLPH NEWS ON-LINE

A reminder that the Rudolph School newsletter is available for viewing on-line. Go to: www.wrps.org. Click on 'Schools' on the top selection bar, then click on 'Elementary School', then click on 'Rudolph'. "Rudolph Newsletter" is a link on the Rudolph site, and all newsletters from the school year may be viewed at any time. You may also view the student handbook, the Rudolph staff, links to the LMC (library), the lunch menu, the supply list, and events posted on the Rudolph calendar. If you have any questions, please call Mary in the office.