

From the Principal

It has been a very good October. Even though my Cubs didn't get pass the first round of the baseball playoffs, Roosevelt has been batting above 500 hundred with its team of parents, staff and community members.

On October 3rd our Band, under the direction of Mr. Harris, played in Santa Fe at the Departing Soldiers Ceremony. Our students and their director received a special medal of appreciation and heart-warming thanks from the military personnel and family members. As a member of the Roosevelt community I was very proud of our students and their leader and thank them for being heroes in the community.

Our PAC parents have been very busy making sure that our Cherrydale Fundraiser was a success. Last week we passed out all the products and boasted a profit of more than \$6000 dollars. This will make a difference in supporting our students and staff. We will use these funds to get batteries for our "alpha smarts" (computer keyboards), emergency supplies for use during lock downs, and buses for field trips. Thank you your support in making this one of our best fundraisers in 4 years.

This past Friday we had a very special day for Deputy Williamson. We thanked Deputy Williamson at an assembly with the support of our community. The assembly was outstanding thanks to our Band playing during ceremony, the wonderful reception our students and staff gave Deputy Williamson, and the support of the Sheriff's Department and our Join a-School partner Wells Fargo. Bernalillo County Sheriff Darren White said he had not seen anything like this for his deputies and was greatly appreciative of our community for doing something so special. This assembly would not have been possible if not for the support of PAC parents, Roosevelt students and staff and Bonnie Williamson, Deputy Williamson's wife.

Our Halloween Dance went off without any problems. Our parent support is always greatly appreciated. Our Student Council, under the direction of Nancy Lenke and Cecilia Gonzales, did a great job decorating the gym. I want to thank our parents for your support in picking up your student using our new pick up area in the bus lanes.

Finally, I want to congratulate our Roosevelt Golf Team and their sponsors Ms. Wylie and Ms. Lopez for putting

on the first Roosevelt tournament at the Paa-ko Ridge Golf Club. Our students gave a great effort, taking 2nd place. In the last three years our team has grown to 32 golfers. It was great to see the Golf Club supporting our students by hosting the event. Despite the windy conditions on the golf course, our students displayed great sportsmanship and respect to the other schools.

The month of October is not just for great baseball games; it's also for great things happening at Roosevelt.

Thanks for being my heroes, RMS Families,
Mr. Martinez

Mrs. Nation's Station

As your new assistant principal I would love the opportunity to meet all our parents so if you are in the office please stop by and say hello. I was the Instructional Coach at S.Y. Jackson Elementary before coming to Roosevelt. I have taught kindergarten through 8th grade for a total of 22 years in education. I have been married 25 years to a wonderful man who you will meet at all our evening events. We have two grown children who put the smile on my face and the song in my heart. Your children have been a pure joy to get to know and I am looking forward to a fabulous year. If you would like to contact me feel free to email me at nation@aps.edu or call school at 281-3316 ext. 13.

Free Math, Science Tutoring for Students in Grades 7-12: CyberQuest, free math and science tutoring for students in grades 7-12, is offered from 3 to 5 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 310 San Pedro Dr. SE. For more information call Joycelyn Jackson at 881-9429, ext. 7, or e-mail her at jackson_joy@aps.edu. Free transportation is available.

School to World is Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Albuquerque Convention Center - west side, 9-2. This is for all 8th and 9th grade students. It is the largest career event in New Mexico. Students will have the opportunity to visit: Over 150 career professionals. Various education/training institutions Volunteer & community organizations

Questions? Contact Pam Catanach 284-5211 or go to www.schooltoworld.org

Dress Code Reminder

Roosevelt students are expected to dress appropriately for the business of education. Cleanliness, good grooming, and modesty are elements of appropriate dress. Pajama pants are not acceptable. Also, jeans should not be torn or cut. Appearance is not to disrupt the educational process. Thank you for helping your child make wise choices as they select their attire.

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Health Room News
RX from Nurse Carolyn Salazar
From the Health Room at Roosevelt Middle School:
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281-3316
UNM Health Based Center #
220-1113

Remember that Tdap is required for 7th grade students. The School based health center will be having monthly immunization clinics. If your child is signed up for the clinic they will be able to administer the immunization with your permission. Please call Ruby or Carolyn for details (281-3316)

The Flu season is just around the corner. Now is the time to get your flu shot. October is a good month to call your provider and schedule flu shots for you and your family members.

THE RMS SHAC

(School Health Advisory Committee) has been created to help with health related issues at Roosevelt. Meetings are open to anyone interested including students. Check with the nurse or the Clinic for the next meeting.

The Clinic is in need of some items for students. Please drop off donations of the following items that help keep students at school: Clean- Socks, T-Shirts, Jeans, Shoes and coats in adult sizes XS- XL.

RAMS IN ACTION! PE & Volleyball Update

We had a terrific season this year and overall our teams progressively improved to a fine level. So many of our students played for the first time this year and we were so glad to have some homeschool students join our teams and participate with RMS. We want to thank the parent volunteers who helped coach and officiate, Ms. Roach, Ms. Brennard and Ms. Benavidez. I was especially proud of the sportsmanship our RMS students showed all season at home and away games. Our Volleyball awards/celebration is scheduled for October 26th, but an invitation will be coming soon to confirm.

PE students need to remember to take home gym clothes on Fridays and bring them back CLEAN on Mondays. Maintaining clean locker rooms is everyone's responsibility, so please wash your hands, and help reduce the spread of germs.

Students are playing Pickle Ball and will be moving into Badminton shortly. Tournaments and intramural games will be offered. The 1st period All-star volleyball team came in first in intramural volleyball. Sport folios are still being turned in at this time, all students need to make sure to get them done.

YEARBOOK NEWS!!

Yes, yearbooks are on sale for \$37. If you wish to have your name engraved on the front of the

book, orders must be received by January 1st. Yearbooks tend to go really fast, and many students who wait until May to purchase one have sometimes been very disappointed when we run out. Therefore, I urge all students to purchase a yearbook early. A \$10 deposit can hold a book, and payments can be made throughout the year.

If you would like to order a yearbook online using a credit card, you may do so by logging on to www.jostens.com. Click on "School Yearbooks" and enter the information for Roosevelt. Please note that we are listed under "Tijeras" for the city. If you would like to purchase a yearbook online, but don't have access to a computer, please feel free to come to school, and Ms. Folkman can set you up on a computer in her room or in the library and show you how to order. Also, we will be selling yearbooks during our Celebration of Learning in December, and computers will be available during that time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Spirit & Fine ARTs

Ms. Speck will be sponsoring a new club at RMS on Wednesday afternoons from 3-5 for students who like to show school spirit and pride and enjoy other fine art experiences. The first session will be a "pep club" that will cheer for our basketball teams. The club is evolving, so come see if you might want to join. Students must have a 2.0 or better and only good behavior will be allowed. Parent volunteers needed!

OFFICE Update

We appreciate all the families who have helped reduce the phone calls to the office needing messages delivered to students. As always we are happy to help when we can and welcome calls from parents, but limiting classroom interruptions is our goal. As the holidays and weather days get closer please make personal arrangements for after school plans at home. Also, as a rule we don't want students on campus afterschool without a specific reason or a sponsored program for safety reasons. Please have students picked up or on the bus after school. Should you need to call please do so before 1pm to ensure the time needed to reach your student. Mrs. Cdebaca (Terry)
281-3316 X 11.

SAVE THE ARTS!!

Parent Volunteers are desperately needed for Ms. Feltman's large 8th grade class (5th period) 11:50-12:35 daily. Please contact

Ms. Feltman.

RAM PRIDE

The official RMS RAM T-shirts are now available in the office for \$10. They are white with a new fierce and noble ram. These are perfect for PE, Sports and Spirit.

Parent T-shirts are also available now in the office for \$10. Please support your student by wearing RMS colors!

Ringo the Flamingo JOINS RMS

Ringo the Flamingo is reminding students to participate in the school breakfast and lunch program. Each time students eat breakfast and or lunch they will get a pink flamingo sticker to place on their flamingo calendar (or you can mark the day off in your planner) The first 15 students to reach 150 COMBINED breakfast/Lunch meals will be able to exchange their stickers for a brand new IPOD!

(Stickers will be verified by Winsnap Computer System. *Some rules apply, see posters in cafeteria. Visit the APS Website Food and Nutrition Services for additional information.

NEWS BY GRADE LEVEL

7th GRADE

Susan King sctking@hotmail.com

Parents, we are going to need field trip volunteers soon. The entire 7th grade is going to Jemez Pueblo for their feast day November 12. We will be gone all day, and will need lots of parent help. Look for field trip slips to come home about this soon.

In Ms. Talley's Block 1 math, students have been progressing from hand generated tables and graphs to the use of equations. Students will soon be working with graphing calculators. In Block 2

math, students are generating tables and graphs by hand and identifying independent and dependent variables. In science, both classes have begun the study of the cell and its parts and the cell theory. In Talking Talons, students have begun giving mini-presentations within the classroom about the Talking Talons animals.

In Mrs. King's math classes, students are finishing up their study of equations and starting to work with graphing calculators. Soon, classes will be moving on to the study of geometry. In science, classes are learning about cells and their parts and functions. Then, they will be moving on to the study of DNA and cell division. Mrs. Colo'n, our student teacher from UNM, is the primary teacher for these science units. In Talking Talons, students have begun their study of reptiles, and are presenting animals such as the bull snake, iguana, leopard gecko, and bearded dragon. In a few weeks, one of Talking Talon's largest snakes, Banana, will be here for a visit!

Book Club Lunch for 6th and 7th graders is a new club offered at Roosevelt. We meet Tuesdays during A lunch. Students bring lunch to Mrs. Sear's room (SL-2), eat lunch, and share our love of reading books with each other. You can join us any Tuesday!

Greetings from the 8th Grade Upper Class!

Thank you parents for all that you do to support us in the classroom. Please keep checking your child's planner nightly; if he or she is not filling it out, how about initiating a reward system, where your child receives something of value (like 10 minutes on the phone, 10 minutes of tv, 10 minutes of computer time, etc.) for every class period that is filled out? Using the planner can help make your child successful as a student, and keep you informed about class projects. Please contact any of the 8th grade teachers if you would like help with this idea.

Also, please remember we send home progress reports in all of our classes TWO times during every 9 week grading period. The first one is following the 3rd week of school, and the 2nd one is following the 6th week of school. With current and updated information in these progress reports, and your monitoring of these grades, we sincerely hope that "No Child Will Be Left Behind!!" Thank you for looking for these progress reports.

UP, UP, AND AWAY!! During advisory, students in Mrs. Miller's 3-4 and 6-7 math blocks are using data from the Balloon Fiesta to practice a few of the math standards. Students have the pre-test of basic skills and the A2L results in their math binders. If you have opportunities to reinforce skills, the extra practice would benefit students greatly.

Students in Mr. Haras's physical science classes have had the wonderful opportunity to listen to and learn from many wonderful speakers. Barbara Harrity from the City and County Water Dept. did hands-on activities with the students on water filtering. The New Mexico Solar Association spoke and brought with them much solar equipment. There were also presentations on the wolf re-introduction program from the Sevilleta in NM. Student David Lopez entered their art contest, drawing two wolves and writing about endangered species, and was the first place winner! Gerry Taylor from the Atomic Museum presented "Making of the Atom Bomb," and Len Duda, a Sandia Lab Scientist presented on the planet Mars. As you can see, the students are busy learning in the physical science classes.

In Mr. Nolan's math classes, students finished their first unit on Variables and Patterns and had plenty of practice working with tables and graphs. After a brief time out to touch base with some review of basic concepts and two days to complete the A2L, students just started their new unit. Looking for Pythagoras (you remember that ancient Greek mathematician?) is the name of our current book, and we are already learning about giving precise directions, with or without a map. To find out more of what's going on in math class, ask to see their math binder; this is a requirement and is being used as an organizational tool, so take a look. Also, students are welcome to use their planners; we can use this to communicate. Look for nightly homework and ask about Mad Minute.

In Ms. Folkman's humanities and literature classes, we are stepping back into the Colonial time period. Ms. Healey, student teacher, will lead and direct the students in many fun and educational learning projects and assignments. Students will also be reading colonial period novels in literature circles and presenting projects. And, we continue our daily poetry lesson, focusing on literary terms, figures of speech, and parts of speech (grammar) So much to do, so little time! Your son or daughter should ALWAYS have a SSR book to read at home, so even if they tell you, "Honest, there really is no homework," there is always that really great book they can (and should) read!

Reading Strategies for Successful Students

Teachers at RMS are learning new, research based reading strategies to use in their classrooms,

across all the disciplines. As Literacy Leader for Roosevelt, I would like to share some strategies that you, as parents, can use at home with your children to help them become independent, fluent readers.

One strategy parents can help with at home is Retelling. After your son or daughter has completed a piece of text, whether it is a story, a chapter or a book, or at any good "stopping" point, have him or her pretend you either are not familiar with the story or have not heard anything about it. Have him or her retell you what was read. If your child has problems retelling all of the text, stop him or her along the way and have him or her tell you about what has been read so far. Encourage your child to also make predictions about what will happen next.

The more readers are asked to retell, the better they will come at reading for meaning
Lefty Folkman, Literacy Leader.

Gordon Math

The 6th Graders have been playing the Factor and Product Game which enhances critical thinking and skills. We had 2 geologist guest speakers. They brought in media and fossils for the students to examine. We went on a rock hunt and Mr. Thomas our guest helped students identify their rocks. Humanities- We have begun to study the Fertile Crescent and apply the Universal Patterns of Culture We continue to work on paragraph writing and mechanics. 6th grade Humanities will also begin using the Alpha Smart Key Boards

So What IS Connected Math?

So, you've been hearing about connected math, so what does that mean? This year RMS is participating in Connected Mathematics 2- Helping Your Child Succeed. The goals of Connected Math are to help students in the following areas:

- Develop mathematical knowledge understanding, and skill
- Develop the capacity to define and solve problems with reason, insight, inventiveness and technical proficiency
- Build on and make connections among mathematical ideas and concepts
- See the connections between mathematics and other disciplines

There is an official parent web site at <http://www.math.msu.edu/cmp/parents> to give more detail on the program. The program is based on three decades of experience and research. Parents are encouraged to talk to your student's teacher about math, ask questions, and please contact Ms. Nation if you have questions.

Do your part at home. Some home work to improve the success of connected math for students can include:

- Clipping articles with data that might interest your student. (sports, facts, surveys, and more). Use these articles to engage in conversations about the math angle with your student during dinner or commuting.
- Have your student explain what they are learning. By teaching you, your student will have the opportunity to clarify their thinking, to practice new skills and to communicate mathematically.
- Look for real world mathematics. Point out situations requiring math skills at home such as cooking, balancing the checkbook, clipping coupons and more.

PARENTS ACTION Committee

Announcement:, Rebecca Lopez volunteered and was voted in as the new PAC President. Rebecca is Nate and Mitch's mom, and helps RMS in many capacities. Cathy Melloy has filled in the spot of Secretary so all the executive spots are filled. Several parents have volunteered to chair other projects, but there are still a few vacancies. Most do not require coming to all the meetings, some don't even require any so let the PAC know if you will make time to help RMS this year. Meeting dates are:

November 1*
December 13*
January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10

May 8

Pac parents are always needed!

Opportunities to
GIVE \$ To RMS
Smith's Earn & Learn

You can donate money to RMS without lifting a finger or spending an extra penny! How? Roosevelt Middle School is registered for the Earn and Learn Program at Smith's Food and Drug. All you have to do is turn your Smith's Fresh Values Card number into the RMS Front Office. Then each time you shop, Smith's will donate from 2% to 5% of participants' total purchases to the RMS based on a sliding scale.

Please send us your Fresh Values card number today! You will receive a letter in the mail to verify your enrollment and you can cancel at any time. Enrolling your number costs you nothing, adds no cost to your groceries and earns money for the school. As an example of how easy it is East Mountain High School has earned over \$5,000 over the past 7 years through families who are Smith's shoppers. You can also help by collecting the Fresh Values Card number (located on the back of the card) from friends, relatives and neighbors. This is good at any Smith's store.

Target Take Charge of Education

Target also has a program to benefit schools. You will need to sign up for a Target credit card and designate RMS as a beneficiary of your card purchases. Target will donate up to 1% of purchases made using the Target Visa and Target Guest Card to the designated school. It doesn't cost cardholders anything to sign up for the program. You can designate RMS in one of 3 ways:

--Online at target.com/tcoe

--Stop by the kiosk in any Target store

--Call 1-800-316-6142

Start Saving Boxtops!

Roosevelt PAC is starting a yearlong "Boxtops Contest". You and your child can win prizes every month. Just clip the Boxtop off of participating products, write your child's name on the back, and drop off in the Boxtop container in the office. We will be drawing the prize winner on the last Friday of the month.

Saving Boxtops is a free and easy way to earn money for programs for our kids at Roosevelt MS. You can help us earn more money by logging onto; boxtops4education.com and checking out other ways to participate.

Be on the look out for further information coming home this week in backpack mail!

Thank-you for all you do for Roosevelt MS.

*Teri Rupert is our chair this year for the Boxtops Campaign, thanks Teri! If you would like to chair one of the many projects please come to a PAC meeting soon, we need you.

RMS Wish List

Clothes for Nurses Office *

Copy Paper/colored copy paper

Card Stock

Dry Erase Markers

Technology Supplies**

Paper products, plates, napkins

Hand Sanitizer Liquid

Batteries

Still looking for an opportunity to be more involved at RMS?

Come to a PAC meeting and find out where you can help.

Newsletter and EMAIL/WEB Support

We would like to send the RMS newsletter to as many families as possible through home emails. If you would be willing to get yours through the email, please send us your email address or take it to

the office. We also need help with the newsletter. Please let us know if you can help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 29 – Basketball @ Grant Girls 4:00 Boys @ 5:00
OCT. 31- Basketball @ Jackson Girls 4:00 Boys @ 5:00
NOV.1 PAC Meeting * date change for holidays
NOV. 5 Basketball home Vs Kennedy Girls @ 4:00 and Boys @ 5:00pm
NOV. 7 Basketball home Vs Van Buren- Girls @ 4:00 and Boys @ 5:00
NOV. 9- In Service Day
No School
NOV. 15 Thanksgiving Luncheon, parents welcome to join students.
NOV. 21ST -23RD
Thanksgiving Break
DEC. 7 Dance 3-5pm
DEC. Celebration of Learning & Band Concert
DEC. 13 PAC Meeting
DEC. 24TH-JAN.4TH
Winter Break
JAN. 7 Spring semester begins
JAN. 10 PAC Meeting
JAN. 21st MLK holiday
FEB. 14 PAC Meeting
FEB. 18TH Presidents Day
MAR. 13 PAC Meeting
MAR. 21ST-28TH Spring Break
APRIL 10 PAC Meeting
MAY 8 PAC Meeting
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MAY21ST
MAKE UP-22ND, 23RD, 27TH, 28TH,

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