

Rock Creek Update

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Parents,

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I will periodically be sending out this newsletter to update you on important updates and news related to Rock Creek Elementary School. First and foremost, I hope that you enjoy Back To School Night as I know our teachers are working very hard to ensure this is a very worthwhile experience for you.

Pick Up/Drop Off: Please remember that it is **very important to remain in your car** the entire time if you are in the student drop-off lane in the parking lot. If you plan to pick up your student on campus, please park either in the parking lot stalls or on the street. This will greatly help the flow of traffic and lessen the chance for accidents.

Morning Line-Up/Family Fit Walk: It has been wonderful seeing all parents and students getting to build relationships in the morning during the Family/Friends Fit Walk. Please remember that regardless if students or parents participate in the fit walk, they are to proceed to the blacktop in the morning as this is our meeting place for all people on campus. Please do your best to have your student on the blacktop by 7:45 each morning.

Attendance Initiative: Rock Creek is placing an emphasis this year on increasing overall school attendance. It is very important that your student is at school prior to the 7:50 start bell. If you do have to miss school and will be gone for 5 or more school days, please work with the office to receive your Independent Study Forms. It is **vital** for students to be at school every day they possibly can. Thank you for your assistance.

RUSD Report Card Information: Please type in this link (<http://bit.ly/rcreportcard>) to view a short video explaining the new RUSD report card that Rock Creek will be using. Please view at your convenience to have an understanding of how students will be graded. This can also be found on the homepage of our school website.

Gradebook Access Launch: RUSD is excited to announce that starting the last week of September, parents will be able to access to their student's grades online. Next week, In the Tuesday Folder, I will be sending home, a letter explaining the process for accessing your student's account as well as when this program will be activated.

School Site Council: We are in need of 5 parents to participate in our School Site Council for 2016-2017. This will consist of 3 meetings throughout the year to discuss and vote on budgetary and safety plan items. If interested, please sign up in the main office before next Friday, 9/2/16. Election held the following week to select the 5 members.

School Community Building & Participation: We are placing an emphasis this year on community building and parent inclusion. Please see page 2 for a list of school activities (including PTC events) that you can be a part of (subject to change so please visit website regularly for updates: rces.rocklinusd.org). In addition, don't forget to take advantage of the "give back" Scripts program with local stores by simply presenting your Scripts card to Nugget, Save Mart, and Raleys Stores when you purchase groceries (as a percentage of your total is given back to the schools by each of these stores). Scripts cards can be picked up in the main office at your convenience. Lastly, please review the PTC newsletter that will be handed out at Back to School Night to learn more about upcoming events and how you can join this wonderful group of parent volunteers.