

November Principal's Update For Rock Creek

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (mswilliams@rocklin.k12.ca.us) or by contacting the main office at (916) 788-4282.

Importance of Reading: Please continue to work with your son/daughter to reinforce the importance of reading every night. Studies show that daily reading can lead to significant improvement in so many areas of education (fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, etc...). At Rock Creek, we place significant importance on the skill of reading and are continuing to work at providing as many opportunities as possible for students to get access to reading tools. Please work with your teacher to continue to look at resources that are available (including Lexia) that can be accessed from home to build stronger reading skills with your student.

Halloween: All students are able to dress up in their costume on the day of Halloween, Monday, October 31st (which is a regular articulation day schedule with all students being released at 1:20pm). Please click on the [following link](#) which provides costume expectations and information regarding our small parade at 12:45 that day on the blacktop.

PTC Meeting Please join us on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:00pm for our monthly PTC Meeting. All parents and community members are welcomed. So far this year, the showing of support by the Rock Creek families have been remarkable. We look forward to continuing to plan great events for our students in the upcoming months. We hope you can join us in the Multi next Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Honoring our Veterans: As Veterans Day approaches, we wanted to give all students the opportunity to honor family members who have served in any branch of the military by writing their name on the **Thank You poster that will be found in the Cafeteria starting this Monday**. This is an opportunity for parents to also add family member names to the poster as they drop off their children in the morning (or during pick-up). In addition, we will be having the Whitney High School ROTC Color Guard present the flag for the pledge of allegiance on November 10th during morning line-up in honor of Veteran's Day. We hope this is an opportunity for students to recognize the sacrifices of their own family members and reinforce the importance of why we have November 11th as a holiday.

Conference Week/Minimum Days (11/14-11/18): This is just a reminder that conference week is scheduled for November 14th - 18th and thus we will be on a Minimum Day for that entire school week (with school out at 12:20pm). You should have (or will be shortly) received information regarding your specific scheduled conference time with your teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet one on one with your child's teacher to learn about the progress they are making in class. If you have any scheduling conflicts that arise regarding your scheduled time, please contact your teacher immediately.

Pick Up/Drop Off Reminder: Please remain in your car when in the drop off/pickup lanes in order to ensure safety of our students. If you need to leave your car, please park either on the street or in a parking stall.

List of upcoming special schedules and holidays:

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| ● Monday, November 7th | Teacher Conference Prep | Minimum Day (out at 12:20pm) |
| ● Friday, November 11th: | Veteran's Day | No School that day |
| ● November 14th - 18th: | Conference Week: | Minimum Days (out at 12:20pm) |
| ● November 21st - 25th: | Thanksgiving Break: | No School entire week |