

October Principal's Update For Rock Creek

Parents,

October 3, 2016

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.

No School: There will be no school on Monday, October 10th due to a Staff Development Day for staff.

Office Closed: The office will be closed each Monday in October starting at 1:50pm. This time will be used for professional collaboration and the updating of student records. These efforts will enhance our student data information systems and better serve our families. If there is an urgent need, please contact Mary Leettola at 630-3187.

Rainy Days: As colder weather arrives, we will still be participating in our morning Family/Fit Walk in the morning (which we would love to have all of you join us for this community event). In the event of rain, we will be meeting as a school on those days in the multi for morning line-up. (On those questionable days, we will make sure you make an announcement prior to school starting as to where we are meeting (Blacktop or Multi).

Attendance: Please continue to do your best to have students on campus by our morning line-up which occurs after the warning bell at 7:45. Secondly, we received attendance totals so far this year (97.93%) and are happy to see that we are ahead of last year's total (96.76%). Keep up the good work of getting to school **every day and on time!**

Upcoming PTC Events & Activities:

Wow!!!! What a wonderful showing we have had so far for our activities and family events. The attendance at Blaze Pizza night and Bingo/Dessert Wheel Night were just amazing. It is so wonderful to see the participation by our families. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming exciting events (including tomorrow's PTC Meeting at 6pm in the multi)

- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** (October 3rd - 14th), Rock Creek will be hosting a fundraiser that is **optional** for all students. All proceeds will go directly to PTC which in turn will go directly back into the classrooms via supplies and technology that support student learning. We are limiting the fundraiser events this year as we know this can be impactful on parents and thus hope that our cookie dough fundraiser is a big one! Forms will be going home with students today. We are hoping to raise \$12,000 that go directly to technology, class supplies, & field trips.
- **Grandparents Day/Book Fair** (Friday, October 7th): We are so excited to announce that we have over 225 families who RSVP'd in this year's "Grand Event". Please review the "pick up" time that you received through your RSVP form. Plan to arrive early (as parking is limited) and check in at the table in front of the school. We look forward to a wonderful event with you spending time reading in our courtyard.
- **Chick-Fil-A Night Out** (Wednesday, October 12th, 5-8pm): Our staff will be manning the registers and assisting the Chick-Fil-A employees with serving delicious meals to all families. We hope to see you there as a portion of all meals purchased within this time will be given back to Rock Creek.
- **The 1st Annual Trunk or Treat** (Friday, October 21st, 6 - 8pm): Our PTC will be running a wonderful event for all students in which we will have parent volunteers manning decorated trunks on the school blacktop to hand out gifts to students to be "Trick or Treating" as well as carnival games, food and prizes.
- **Scraps/Give Back Company Programs:** Please visit the PTC website to sign up for give back programs at participating grocery stores and online stores (including Raleys, Nugget, Amazon, and more).

Aeries Parent Portal: You recently received a letter from Rocklin Unified School District asking you to enroll in our Aeries Parent Portal. To learn more about the Parent Portal, please contact the school office or access this [link](#) on our website. **Parents can attend our free drop-in tutorial in the office, anytime between 12:00 - 3:00pm on Friday, October 7th for assistance.**

Halloween: To keep with tradition, 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 (Found also on main page of school website).

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.