

"Rock Creek inspires life-long learners within a safe and caring community"



# The Rocketeer

January 21, 2010

"All students will show continuous progress toward their personal learning goals, developed in collaboration with teachers and parents, and will be prepared for post-secondary education and career success."

Dear Rock Creek Families:

As we enter the New Year, I wanted to share some good news about a few things going on here at Rock Creek!

Last year we began using the tenets of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) system. We determined school-wide expectations for students and consistently enforce them in a positive way with students verbally and through the use of our Rocket Boosters. Students demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behaviors by walking quietly in the halls, using a quiet voice in the library area, eating respectfully in the cafeteria and using appropriate problem-solving strategies at work and play. Our students are awesome at showing school pride by adhering to our expectations. In fact, compared to last year at this time, our data shows a 55% decrease in misbehavior (not that we had a lot of misbehavior last year). At our monthly PBIS assemblies, we have recognized 278 students already this year for safe, respectful and responsible behavior. Through good teaching and redirection from our staff, your support and well behaved students, we have a positive climate at Rock Creek!

This summer, our school facility will be getting a bit of a face lift thanks to 2006 bond money that you voted on for our schools. We will be getting permanent walls in all the classrooms with installed doors, the windows will be replaced with glazed energy efficient windows (an energy grant is supporting this), a new HVAC system (which means the boiler and air conditioning unit are being replaced), light sensors will be installed in the classrooms, and the Bradley sinks will be sanded, too. I am also hoping classroom equipment, like white boards and shelving units, will be installed. As a result of all this work, the school will not be accessible through the summer.

Our attendance has improved with fewer kids out sick. We are happy about that. Continue to get your children to school on time and consider making appointments and vacations outside of the school day. This way your children will get the most benefit from their education.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all! ~ Arlene



## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, January 28th

- Tears of Joy Theatre Assembly 9:00 & 10:00 am "When Animals Were People"
- PTC Art Night 6:00-7:30 pm

### Monday, February 1st

- No School – Staff Development Day

### Wednesday, February 3rd

- 1st/2nd Grade Celebrate Reading 6:00-7:00 pm
- 4th Grade Family Math Night 6:30-7:30 pm

### Thursday, February 4th

- 5th Grade Parent Night at Stoller MS 6:30-7:30 pm

### Friday, February 5th

- 5th Grade to Stoller for Band Concert 9:30 am

### Monday, February 8th

- PTC Meeting 6:30 pm

### Tuesday, February 9th

- Stoller Counselors Visit 5th Graders

### Thursday, February 11th

- 3rd Grade Night of the Notables 7:00-8:15 pm

### Friday, February 12th

- Valentine Parties – Last hour of day

### Monday, February 15th

- No School – Presidents' Day Holiday

### Wednesday, February 17th

- 5th Grade Symphony Fieldtrip 9:15 am

### Thursday, February 18th

- Local School Committee Meeting 3:30 pm



## Ballot Measures 66 & 67 Statewide Election: January 26, 2010

Have you mailed your ballot yet for the statewide election for Measures 66 and 67? Ballots are due at the election office by January 26, 2010.

For information regarding these ballot measures go to: [www.beaverton.k12.or.us](http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us) and click on the link to get more information.

PLEASE be an involved and informed voter and vote.



## PTC Art Night Coming!



The annual PTC Art Night is coming up next week on Thursday, January 28th. This year's Art Night is themed "The Artist in You!"

Students, families and friends are invited to join in the creative fun from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the school gym and cafeteria. There will be art work on display and four art projects for you to create.

Mrs. Pickett's music students will be performing throughout the evening near the stage. Please take some time to listen to these talented children.

There will also be a raffle for some Rock Creek apparel. Hope to see you there!

## Open Enrollment for 2010-11



The deadline to submit applications for open enrollment is **January 25th prior to 2:00 p.m.**

Rock Creek will have open enrollment space available, however, 4th and 5th grades will be closed to open enrollment applicants due to large numbers of students expected at those grade levels next year.

## Art Literacy Presents Georges-Pierre Seurat



This month students will be learning about Georges Seurat in the Art Literacy sessions taught by parent volunteers. We will be doing a pointillist painting using tempera paint.

Georges-Pierre Seurat was born in Paris on December 2, 1859. He began drawing at a young age. He trained to be a painter in the classical style at two different art schools. Afterward, he continued studying art on his own. He experimented with theories about color and incorporated them into his work eventually developing a style of painting called Pointillism. In this style, small dots of pure contrasting colors were placed side by side on the canvas. The eye blended the colors of paint on the canvas, rather than the artist blending them on a palette. Seurat's masterpiece is considered to be Sunday Afternoon on La Grande Jatte. It took Seurat two years to complete this ten foot wide painting, much of which he spent in the park sketching in preparation for the work. Though George Seurat died at the age of 32, he is considered one of the icons of 19th century painting.



## Kudos



~ Thank you to Michelle S for the donation of games for indoor recess.

~ Thanks to Jenny S for boxing up the overflowing Lost & Found items for donation.

~ Thanks to Kristie and Jeremy H for all their work preparing the Art Literacy lessons for the month.

~ Thanks to everyone who has been dropping off their newspapers in the PTC drop box in the front lower parking lot. The PTC recently received a check in the amount of \$62. Let's fill it again—every little bit helps!



## Volunteer Corner



We would like to recognize the following volunteers for their service to Rock Creek so far this school year:

Rhonda G and Jeremy H just passed 40 hours and Sarah P just passed 80 hours!  
Thanks so much!



**Rock Creek  
Attendance Phone Line  
(503) 591-4593**

## Music Performers for Art Show



Tomorrow, January 22nd, is the deadline for submitting permission slips to perform at the Art Show on January 28th. Mrs. Pickett has permission slips available in the music room. If your child would like to perform, they will need to get a form, and have it filled out and signed by a parent or guardian.

There are 30 time slots, of three minutes each, and they will be given on a first come, first served basis.

If we have more performers than time slots, we will try our best to fit every one in.

For online links to academic and extra-curricular activities offered in the community, visit the Community section on the District's website at: <http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/home/community-connections/>