

October/November 2013

RGS Parent Newsletter

FUN RUN!

Thanks for all your help with the Fun Run. We had a great blast running laps in the beautiful weather. Please help students collect pledges from families and friends. This is PTO's largest fundraiser. The goal for RGS is \$11,000. This year if we make our goal students will get to participate in Crazy Hair day and will get an hour long recess. Pledge money is due to the PTO by **Thursday, October 10th**.

Tardy to school?

Please remember that school starts at 7:45. Students arriving at school after 7:45 will be marked tardy. When children arrive to school late it is a disruption to the morning routine in classrooms. Having children at school on time also shows them the importance of school and teaches them punctuality.

Veteran's Day 2013

This year for Veteran's Day we want to honor both our Veteran's and our active military heroes. Please send in a photo of your Veteran for us to display at RGS for the month of November. If there is a family member who is currently in the armed forces we would like to honor them as well as their heroes at home - on our Hero Wall. Please submit a picture of your student with his/her military hero. All photos submitted will be returned after our display has ended. Please submit all photos by November 4th to be included in the displays.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the week of Oct 28th. To reinforce the importance of staying drug free, we will have special activities each day. Stay tuned for more details.

Halloween Parties & Parade

The RGS costume parade will start at 1:00 on Thursday, October 31st, with the parties beginning immediately after the parade. Parents, grandparents, and younger siblings are welcome to come watch our parade. If spectators will gather along the sidewalk on the north side of RGS, they should get a good view of the parade. Children should wear their normal clothes to school. Teachers and helpers will assist students with their costumes before the parade, but they will not be able to apply make-up. If your child has a costume that requires make-up, please explain to him/her that there won't be time at school for the make-up to be applied, but that they can wear their make-up later for trick-or-treating. Also, please don't send gory or really scary costumes, no play weapons.

As always, parent helpers are welcome to come to the class parties, but we ask that you do not bring pre-school children to the parties.

Parties will end at 2:15 so that parents who are visiting can leave before we load the buses. If your child usually goes to Y Care and you take him/her home with you after the party, please notify Y Care so that they are not looking for him/her after school.

Thanks for your assistance and cooperation in making these Halloween events safe, successful and fun for all at RGS.

Character Corner

Visit our District website: <http://www.rockton140.org/>

October: Responsibility

Our Character Pledge for October: I will take responsibility for myself, all I do and all I say.

Being responsible means:

- Others can count on you.
- Admitting your mistakes and learning from them.
- Following the rules and doing what you are supposed to do.
- Treating others the way you want to be treated.
- Finishing what you start.

How to help your child be more responsible.

Give them an age appropriate job and expect them to follow through.

Catch them being responsible. Expressing your approval is a powerful way to reinforce good behavior.

Talk about responsibility while you are reading a book or watching a movie.

Model the kind of **responsible behavior** you want your child to adopt. You are your child's most powerful teacher.

November/December: Caring

Our Character Pledge for November/December: I will be a caring person by helping those in need and doing nice things.

As we get closer to the holidays we will have several opportunities for students to demonstrate that they care by helping those in need. Look for more information to come home as we get closer to Thanksgiving.

Bike Rodeo

Please join us Saturday, October 19th from 10:00-11:30 for the 1st annual RGS Bike Rodeo. This will be a chance to ride your bikes in the huge parking lot between RGS and WPES. Bring you bike, helmet, and water. This event is for 1st/2nd graders only.

Scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences with Pick-A-Time

Rockton Grade School parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013, and Thursday, November 14, 2013, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Once again we will be using pickAtime® an internet-based appointment booking system to coordinate conference times. You will receive information about how to sign up for your conference time in your child's first quarter report card, which will go home on October 24th. Be watching for this important information.

Important Dates in October

- 7th - Booster Club meeting 4:30 pm SMMS
- 8th - PTO meeting 6:00 pm WPES
- 11th - No School - School Improvement Day
- 14th - No School – Columbus Day
- 18th - End of first nine weeks 1st/2nd grade
- 19th - Bike Rodeo 10:00-11:30
- 23th - Board of Education meeting, 6:00 P.M., RGS Library
- 24th – Report cards sent home for 1st and 2nd grades
- 24th – Pick-A-Time opens for conferences 3:00
- 29th - Market Day Pick Up, 4:30 PM, WPES
- 31st – Halloween parade and parties – Classroom teachers will send more information

Important Dates in November

- 6th – Picture Retakes
- 6th - Kindergarten report cards sent home
- 7th - Spirit Day Favorite Team Wear
- 7th – Parent Conferences 4:30 – 8:00 pm
- 8th – No School
- 11th– Booster Club meeting 4:15 SMMS
- 13th - PTO meeting 6 pm WPES library
- 14th – Parent Conferences 4:30 – 8:00 pm
- 15th – No School
- 20th - School Board meeting, 6 pm ,RGS Library
- 26th - Market Day Pick Up, 4:30 PM, WPES
- 27th – 29th No School Thanksgiving