

February-March 2013

# RGS Parent Newsletter

## Preschool Screening and Kindergarten

### Registration

Rockton School District #140 will sponsor Pre-School Screening and **Kindergarten Registration** for all children 3 years old to Kindergarten age. The purpose of the screening is to identify any potential developmental difficulties and to identify children for our "at-risk" pre-school program. Speech, language and general development will be checked.

**This is also Kindergarten enrollment time for the 2013-2014 school year.** Only children five years old by September 1, 2013 are eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring your child's **certified** birth certificate with you so that we can make a copy of it. Also, **2 forms** of proof of residency will be needed for Kindergarten registration (i.e. signed lease for residence/closing statement for purchase of home, current real estate tax bill or utility bill showing service at your home address). Our district has a full-day Kindergarten program with children attending daily from 7:45a.m.–2:35p.m. Our "at-risk"pre-school meets 2 ½ hours a day 5 days a week. You can also pay all fees for the 2013-2014 school year at that time.

Pre-School and Kindergarten screenings will be held this year on **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative. Please call the RGS school nurse, Nadine Slocum at 624-8585 to make an appointment for screening. Please share this information with any families you know who don't currently have RGS students, but have children who could attend this screening.

## Morning Drop Off Reminder

**Please do not drop children off prior to 7:20.** We do not have staff here to supervise children before this time.

## Fairness and Acceptance

Our character traits at RGS for February are Fairness and Acceptance. Our daily pledge is: "I will be fair when I work and when I play. I will be accepting of others."

Teaching acceptance is important not just because it is part of our American heritage, but because the person who learns to be open to differences will have more opportunities in education, business, and many other aspects of life. Tolerance means respecting and learning from others, valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps, rejecting unfair stereotypes, discovering common ground, and creating new bonds.

Here are some ways you can help your child show acceptance:

- Catch them showing acceptance and fairness. Express your approval in a powerful way to reinforce good behavior.
- Model the kind of behavior you want your child to adopt. You are your child's most powerful teacher.

## Perseverance

Perseverance is the Character Theme for March. Our daily pledge will be, "I will stick to a task that needs to be done, even if I want to quit."

You show perseverance when.

- You keep trying.
- You try something new even if it is hard.
- You try your best.
- You work hard.
- You finish something that you started

Some things you can do at home to help your child show perseverance are:

- Encourage them not to give up.
- Help them complete a task if they need the help.
- Catch them showing perseverance and acknowledge it.

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## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 4:30-8:00 on two Thursday evenings, February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. We will again be using the Pick-A-Time website which will open on **Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**. You can access Pick-A-Time through our district website.

## Book Fair

We invite you to our Book Fair on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00. It's a reading celebration that has a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books that kids want to read! Reading is vital to every child's success, so please make plans to visit our Book Fair in the RGS Library! Hope to see you there!

## Upcoming Dates

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** Pick-A-Time opens @ 3:00 p.m. for conferences

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> grade concert HHS PAC 6:30

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** RGS Movie Night at SMMS  
Ice Age Continental Drift  
Grades K-3

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** Spirit Day–Favorite Team  
Wear Day

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences,  
4:30-8:00 PM

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** NO SCHOOL

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** BOE Meeting, 6:00, RGS  
Library

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences,  
4:30-8:00 PM

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** NO SCHOOL

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** NO SCHOOL Casimir Pulaski Day

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** Spirit Day–College Wear Day

**March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>** Spring Break

## Parents Right to Know

In accordance with ESEA Section 1111(h)(6) *PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW*, the Rockton School District is notifying every parent of a student in a Title I school that you have the right and may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. This information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers includes, at a minimum, the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If at any time your child has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher not highly qualified, the school will notify you.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our district superintendent, Mike Greenlee at 815 624-7143.

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