



Rosedell Tuesday Telegram

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Just a reminder that tomorrow is an early release day – 1:44pm dismissal

Principal's Message: The staff of Rosedell would like to wish all the students and families a happy, safe and relaxing Winter Holiday. Enjoy your special holiday traditions with friends and families! We look forward to seeing everyone return ready for a great second half of the school year on Monday, January 14th.

Tragedy in Connecticut: At Rosedell Elementary, we are deeply saddened by the senseless tragedy in Connecticut. Our hearts and prayers are with the families of the children and staff at Sandy Hook Elementary. This heart-breaking and shocking tragedy reminds us how important it is to follow our security procedures. As a friendly reminder to ease parents' minds, Rosedell is considered a "closed" school. Our gates are locked after the children enter the premise. All visitors must sign-in at the office and receive a visitor badge. Adults on campus without I.D.s or badges will continue to be approached by staff members and directed back to the office for signing in. In the event of an emergency, our staff is trained in "lock down" procedures while administrators and office members have delineated roles to notify police and help secure the children and school premises. Our next scheduled "lock down" drill was already scheduled for January, since we just completed our large Disaster Drill. In addition, this week we have an added presence with Sheriffs routinely driving by and checking in with me.

In regards to our students, psychologists have noted that it is very important that schools and parents continue with the "routines" and a sense of "normalcy" to ensure the children continue to feel safe and secure at school. We have not interrupted our scheduled events this week; winter performances, class projects and parties, sing-a-longs etc. and encourage parents to shield your children from the ever-present news and tv coverage, particularly for our very young children. Attached is a detailed District letter from our Superintendent, Dr. Lucid, addressing the tragedy and providing a District perspective.

While these tragic shootings cannot be predicted, we will continue to be vigilant in ensuring our school facilities are in working order and staff is receiving constant training to ensure the safety of all our students and staff. As the nation grieves for the Newtown community, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Rosedell's "Snowball Effect" on Santa Clarita! The entire staff is **SO PROUD** of our Rosedell students for the massive success in collecting canned food for a food drive to help Santa Clarita's needy families. Students brought in over **2,400** cans of food and received 11,000 paper "snowballs" to throw at friends, teachers, principals and staff! We had fun "returning snowballs" by bringing in even MORE cans to get back at our friends! A special thanks to Student Council, Mr. Kubasak and Mr. Kubasak's class who organized the fun food drive, helped package all the cans and helped load our boxes into parent volunteer's cars. We collected an unbelievable **2,400** plus cans of food for Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry. The Food Pantry distributes food to our neighbors in need in the SCV-half of which their clients are children. Our Rosedell students, families and staff are indeed charitable, kind and excellent citizens!

Also, a HUGE thank you to Mr. Shannon for delivering the cans of food to the Santa Clarita Food Pantry.

Adopt-a-Family: Thank you to everyone who participated in the Adopt-a-Family program. Over 75 gifts were purchased and beautifully wrapped! It was a huge success! We made a lot of families very happy this Holiday Season!!

Congratulations on the Winter Holiday Performances! Congratulations on another successful round of Holiday Winter Performances! The students and teachers did an AMAZING job. The songs were fun, festive and energizing—just what everyone needs at this busy time of the year! From all the compliments I've heard about the multi-night performances, our Rosedell Roadrunners should be very proud of their accomplishment! The teachers would like to extend a special "Thank you!" to Jill Finch, our volunteer pianist who works with the students preparing them for the performances, Becky Mastrobuono, our Program Coordinator who helps with practice schedules and organizing it from beginning to end, and Marian Urdank, who volunteered to help teach some of the classes. We couldn't have succeeded without you all! We look forward to our upcoming Spring Performances when the rest of the school will be performing for us!

Dates to Remember

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| December 18 | Winter Sing-a-Long – 1:00 – K-3 rd , 2:00 – 4 th -6 th - MPR |
| December 19 | Santa Hat Day |
| December 20- | |
| January 11 | Winter Break |
| January 14 | School Resumes |
| January 15 | PTA Executive Board Meeting – 8:30am – MPR |
| January 18 | Tie Dye Day |
| | Shake Hands With Shakspeare assembly – 6 th – 8:30am, 5 th – 10:30, 4 th – 10:40 |
| January 21 | No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday |
| January 24 | McPrincipal/McTeacher Night – 4:00-8:00pm |
| January 25 | 5 th Grade to COC for Drum Live |
| January 29 | Site Council Meeting – 4:30pm |
| | PTA Meeting 8:30am – MPR |
| January 31 | Crazy Glasses Day |