



Rosedell Tuesday Telegram

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

Thursday is a minimum day – 12:30pm dismissal

Principal's Message: Welcome back to our returning students and especially to our many new students and their families who are joining our Rosedell Roadrunner family! You'll come to love our great neighborhood school as much as we do! I would like to extend a big "Thank you!" to everyone for the many "Get Well" messages after my accident. I'm feeling better every day and am very happy to be back with the students and staff! I would also like to acknowledge all the staff that stepped up to the plate to ensure we had a smooth and successful opening last week. We're definitely a very full and vibrant school. The students, parents and staff are VERY excited to be back at Rosedell with their friends and teachers and we cannot wait to experience the many great events planned for the upcoming 2013-14 school year!

Every staff member has worked very hard to prepare for the arrival of our students and to begin the new school year on the right track! I would especially like to thank Mrs. Sue Haynes, our Office Manager, Mrs. Karen Harvey, our Assistant Principal, Mrs. LaDonna Hancock, our Head Custodian, and her hardworking custodial crew, who worked all summer ordering materials and supplies, planning programs, deep cleaning and fixing our buildings while preparing the school for the arrival of our staff and students. We also want to recognize our PTA President, Mrs. Pattie Foster, and all the amazing PTA parents who continued to plan and schedule great programs and help out in the office throughout the summer.

With the economy beginning to improve, we hope we have hit the turning point in dealing with our severe budget cuts and state's fiscal crisis. We are pleased to announce that the school district has added five additional student school days back into the calendar and there are no furlough days! Despite significant educational laws and the ever-changing funding formulas that have recently been enacted by the legislature, we continue to be committed to "thinking outside the box" to improve our school and offer the best education to our Rosedell students.

THANK YOU to all the parents who supported our fundraising activities last year! We were able to purchase two more Smartboards and projectors for our final two classes. That means EVERY class is NOW Smartboard capable for students! Also, we are VERY excited to have purchased and installed 35 brand new state of the art computers and large screen monitors in our newly refurbished Computer Lab this summer! If you recall, last June almost all of our computers in the lab unexpectedly crashed due to their old age and lack of current hardware. The computers could not support the most recent high tech programs that students were using on a daily basis, even with upgrades. Thanks to PTA fundraising and a contribution from the school budget we were able to purchase and install the new computers. Students will have access to all the programs, online curriculum and internet services that our next generation needs to remain competitive. Furthermore, our PTA Box Top programs allowed us to order boxes of playground balls and

equipment for our recesses! Great teamwork Rosedell Teachers and PTA! Our PTA goes “above and beyond” for our students!

I am looking forward to hearing our teacher’s presentations and meeting parents at our Back To School Night this Thursday, August 22nd for 1st through 6th Grade. Kindergarten had an excellent turn out for their Back To School Night /Social last week that eased the children’s transition to their new Kindergarten classrooms.

PTA – Join and Make a Difference! Please don’t forget to support our PTA by purchasing your PTA memberships! Through your support, we continue to offer the multitude of high quality programs, assemblies and field trips that makes Rosedell an award winning school!

Back to School Night: This Thursday, August 22nd will be our Back to School Night for Kindergarten and 1st-6th grades. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your children’s teachers, learn about your child's educational program and classroom procedures and view the campus’ facilities. Please don’t forget your calendars for signing up for parent conferences!

Here is our schedule:

1st -6th Grade Back To School Night – 6:30-7:30pm

- 6:30 - Introduce teachers and PTA at our back stage by the cafeteria
- 6:40-7:05 - First classroom presentation will be held
- 7:05-7:10 - Passing time for parents to go the next classroom presentation if they have siblings
- 7:10-7:30 - Second classroom presentation will be held

IMPORTANT – Sign up for Parent Conferences in MPR! You have an opportunity to sign up for parent conferences (September 16-20) during Back To School Night. Please bring your calendars, i-phones, blackberries and androids so you can sign up for conferences in the MPR. Please plan to join us for this important evening and remember this event is for parents only. There will not be child supervision provided during parent presentations in the classrooms. We will begin promptly at 6:30pm on the outdoor stage facing the lunch tables.

STAR Testing Reports: 2013 STAR individual state testing reports for 2nd -6th grade students were mailed home two weeks ago. Please ensure that you received your student's report by September 22nd, which is our deadline for parent notification. Last year's fifth grade students would also have an additional report for their 5th Grade P.E. Test results included in the mailing.

SCHOOL SAFETY PROCEDURES:

Parents at Drop-off and Pick-up: Beginning this week, parents will be asked to follow typical school procedures for visiting and dropping off students at the school. Parents, please say good-bye at the gates to the playground and K playground so we can get students into the routine and determine the identity of adults who are not employees. If you are visiting the school or classroom report to the office so you can sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Please don't be offended if a staff member asks you for help if you are not wearing a visitor badge. As usual we will be closely monitoring adults that are on campus before and after school begins. Kindergarten parents, bring your K children to the K yard by the K parking lot to minimize unidentified adults crossing the campus. Thanks!

Driving at Drop off and Dismissal: Please do not use the front side parking lot by the office as a drop off or pick up zone. Gates will be closed at 1:50-3:10 to eliminate cars driving through the front parking lot, which is heavily populated with students during dismissal. In the morning, please use the valet with the cones and not the parking lot as a drop off. Bypassing traffic through the parking lot ties up more traffic when trying to merge in front of the official Valet line. Thank you for following the rules so we have the utmost safe environment for our 761 students!

Valet Program: For parents using the Valet line in the mornings, have your child exit on the right hand side of the car. Exiting on the left hand side is dangerous due to traffic on Urbandale, prohibits the valet student from helping the student out the car and delays the process. In the valet line, drivers should never get out of the car. If you need to leave the car, park in the neighborhood. Drivers getting out of the car significantly delay the process of getting children out quickly, safely and efficiently. **Also pull up to the very front of the line when able. Students can open their own doors if there's not a valet door opener, so do not wait for someone to open each door, unless your child is too young to open their door.** We will be training 4-6th grade students with our Deputy on August 27th so please be patient as we get our valet up and running. **Also we open at 7:40, so come early to help with the flow of traffic. If parents wait until 8:00am, it will always be impossible to get everyone onto the playground in time for the bell at 8:10. Thank you for your cooperation!**

Tuesday Telegram Via Email and Website: Thank you for filling out the "Going Green" paper to begin receiving our Tuesday Telegram via email. This saves the school money for paper, photocopying and make it more convenient for parents. Please give us a few weeks before you can expect it emailed, since we need to input and create our email group in the office.

In the meantime, the Tuesday Telegram is also posted weekly on our amazing school website; www.rosedellroadrunners.com Use our website for up-to-date information about our calendar, bell schedule, programs, policies and school news! Our new PTA website can be accessed through our school website link for additional information on fundraisers, upcoming activities and school event pictures! Students enjoy finding yourself and school friends in our gallery!

6th Grade Science Camp: We are very excited to announce that all of our Rosedell 6th Graders are slated to go on an extended day field trip with their teachers to Valley Trails Camp on Friday, November 8, 2013. Valley Trails (VT) Camp is located in nearby Castaic. The anticipated cost for the camp is \$99 per student and includes camp experience, transportation, meals and campfire treats. For more information on ValleyTrails, visit their website at www.vtranch.com All questions regarding camp facility, camp experience, discipline policy and medical needs should be directed to Ms. Dickinson at ldickinson@saugusd.org More information will be provided at the parent meeting on August 27th at 6pm in regards to arrival/departure times, appropriate attire, camp activities and fundraising opportunities for 6th grade events.

Fundraiser for 6th Grade Activities: The Chocolate Bar fundraiser is August 29th through October 14th to help raise money to offset the cost of activities for all 6th graders. In order for your child to participate in this fundraiser, the students MUST have turned in a signed fundraiser permission slip. More information will be given out at the parent meeting on August 27th at 6pm. If you have questions regarding the fall fundraiser or upcoming 6th grade activities contact the 6th Grade Parent Representative, Cathy Campbell at clanofsoup@sbcglobal.net

Harvest Festival 2013: Mark your calendars for Friday, Nov. 15 and get ready for the Harvest Festival Carnival and Raffle. Back by popular demand...GAME BOOTHS! Also on tap: Live magic shows featuring Dan Jordan, a regular performer at The Magic Castle, human hamster balls, photo booth, The Rootin' Tootin' Saloon serving old-fashioned root beer floats, a cake walk, bake sale, yummy food, great music and much more! Also making a return is our Raffle, featuring more than \$1,000 in cash prizes. We are looking for strands of cage lights to illuminate the booths. If you have a set we could use at the event, please contact Kristin Ferguson, kristin@dkferguson.com or Susie Unkeless, madameunk@yahoo.com.

Rosedell PTA Fundraising: Welcome back to school Rosedell Families! Just a reminder that our new fundraising programs are up and running! Introducing our Gift Card program, featuring more than 300 retailers, Shoparoo, a free and easy way to turn ordinary grocery receipts into cash, Jamba Juice, Spreebird, Vons/Pavilions & Ralphs Club Cards. Gift card order forms, a list of participating retailers and the Shoparoo Drop Boxes are located in the Office. Gift Card orders placed by the 25th of the month will be available for pick up on or about the 10th of the following month. Questions? Contact Susie Unkeless, madameunk@yahoo.com or [818 399.7455](tel:8183997455).

Dates to Remember

Aug. 21	Early Release Day – 1:44pm dismissal
Aug. 22	Minimum Day – 12:30pm dismissal Back to School Night – 6:30-7:30pm
Aug. 23	Marathon Final Mile Assembly – 8:30 – K-3 rd , 9:00 – 4 th -6 th
Aug. 27	PTA Association Meeting – 8:15am – MPR Valet Training – 2:30pm 6 th Grade Parent Night – 6:00pm – MPR
Aug. 30	Picture Day Music Program Kick-Off – 1:15pm – 1 st -3 rd , 1:50pm – 4 th -6 th
Sept. 3	No School – Labor Day