



Principal's Message

A word from Mrs. Bryant

Happy Thanksgiving! I was filming a short "thankfulness" video, asking a number of RAS students what they were thankful for, and I was surprised (and pleased!) so hear so many of them say that they were thankful to be in school. [Check out the video on our website.](#)

Friends, I've been in education for 15+ years. I've never heard so many students (across all age levels!) say that they were thankful to be in school! We thank God every day that we've completed another day of in-person learning.

It's been 12 weeks and we have not had any active cases in students or teachers nor have we had any classes in quarantine. With no cases represented here, we continue to move forward with our in-person learning, although that would be subject to change if cases became live in our students or staff.

As you consider Thanksgiving plans, we urge you to follow Washington state recommendations. If you are in close contact with individuals outside of your home, please consider quarantining for 72 hours before your student returns to class. We want to continue our good track record and it takes everyone teaming up to make that happen!

Ski Bluewood Program

Postponed until 21-22

I'm so sad to tell you that due to COVID safety and restrictions, we will not be sponsoring our annual Ski Bluewood program this year. Ski/snowboard days have become a favorite for many of our students, but in conversations with Bluewood, not only do we at RAS feel hesitant about the safety precautions necessary to make sure our families are protected, but also Bluewood is unable at this time to accept schools for lessons and capacity.

Families are welcome to visit Bluewood on the weekends, but RAS won't be sponsoring a school-wide program.

Please know that we have every intention of reigniting the program as soon as it's safe. Thank you for understanding.

We need your Christmas Decorations!

I hope you have Thursday, December 10 on your calendar! It's our special "COVID Can't Cancel Christmas" Drive Through.

We need to borrow some of your Christmas decorations, if you're willing to help us decorate our parking lot!

We need:

- Small white lights or net lights for bushes
- Christmas trees (real or artificial - not decorated)
- Garland, poinsettias or any other non commercial (no Rudolph, please;) Christmas decorations.
- Large spotlights

Please contact Mrs. Bryant (holley.bryant@rogersschool.org) if you can help. Items will be returned to you before break.

Family Field Trips

We're a couple of weeks into second quarter and the [Family Field Trip website](#) has been updated with 2nd quarter suggestions. These are not required trips, but fun ideas for some safe family field trips since we can't take in-school field trips at this time. In addition to a handful of local (outdoor) excursions, there are a few virtual suggestions as well. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, make sure you get your kids outside for some fresh air and exercise - and maybe check out some big trees while you're at it! Here are a couple of samples from the website:

- Make cards as a family for Brookdale residents
- Fort Walla Walla Virtual Tour
- Mill Creek Recreational Trail
- Big Trees of Walla Walla Self-guided tour
- Lewis and Clark Metal Silhouette Sculptures
- Seattle Aquarium Virtual Tour

Coming up

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Vacation

November 30: Mrs. Veverka Birthday

December 2: Picture retakes

December 4: Mrs. Thomas Birthday

December 5: Jr. High Bells at U Church (virtual service)

December 10: Drive Through Christmas Program

December 12: Con Brio at U Church (virtual service)

December 21-January 3: Christmas Break

This week in photos



Meerkats and Desert Fennec Foxes on the loose in 1st/2nd



Dissecting eyes in Science in 3rd/4th



Happy Birthday

Gianna K.	Nov. 22	Keegan C.	Nov. 30
Esias G.	Nov. 27	Seth P.	Nov. 30
Sofie E.	Nov. 29	Meadow G.	Dec. 2
Natalie P.	Nov. 29		