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September 25, 2020

Principal's Message

A word from Mrs. Bryant

We have now been in school for four weeks with zero diagnosed COVID cases! Praise the Lord! Every day without an illness is another reason to thank God!

If there is a diagnosed COVID case with an RAS student or teacher, we are required to communicate that information to parents, while honoring FERPA confidentiality laws. We won't, however, be publishing a list of students with the sniffles:)

After being away from other students for almost 6 months, no one is surprised to find that our students are starting to get sick. Thank you so much for being so diligent in monitoring your student's health, but please note our recommendations for sick days:

1. A fever is an automatic ticket to stay home.
2. Multiple COVID-19 signs and symptoms must stay home.
3. If your child has only one symptom (i.e. a cough) but it's a significant bother to your child, please keep them home.

Otherwise, we want them here! Your diligence in monitoring your child's health is keeping us in school! THANK YOU!

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15

This week we've been recognizing National Hispanic American Heritage Month. Each day in the announcements we learned about influential Hispanic Americans including Ellen Ochoa, the first female Hispanic astronaut; Alberto Salazar, track and field star; and Antonia Coello Novello, surgeon general, and specialist in pediatric nephrology.

We are inspired by these individuals who use their skills and talents to make the world a better place!

Teacher Inservice

October 7, noon dismissal. Aftercare available until 3:30. Send a lunch if your child is staying.

While our teachers have been very focused on COVID-19 protocols and safety, we haven't forgotten some of the strategic plans we created last year at our 2020 School Accreditation.

The topic of one of those strategic plans is diversity and inclusion. Teachers will be learning with Dr. Jennifer Cowgill, Language Acquisition Director for ESD 123. Dr. Cowgill will be working with teachers on best practices for SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) and implicit bias.

Family Field Trip Days

RAS and WWVA have postponed Field Trips sponsored by the schools until further notice, but we acknowledge that off campus adventures are a major part of a student's educational experience.

Once each quarter, students and their families may choose from a provided list of valuable educational/outdoor adventure options to participate in with their families on a Sunday of their choice. These options will be age appropriate and we will be certain that there are equitable options for online field trips that families could do from home if they do not have the means or ability to participate outside of the home.

Visit [our website](#) for the list and descriptions or see below for 1st quarter's suggestions:

- Tamastlikt Cultural Institute
- Fort Walla Walla Planet Walk
- Country Mercantile Pumpkin Patch
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- Sculpture Walk at Whitman College
- Slime in Microgravity Virtual Field Trip
- San Diego Zoo Virtual Field Trip

Coming up

October 1: Mrs. Carpenter's Birthday!

October 5: No School

October 7: Noon Dismissal. Teachers in implicit-bias training

October 11: Mrs. Burseth's Birthday!

October 12: Mrs. McCreery's Birthday!

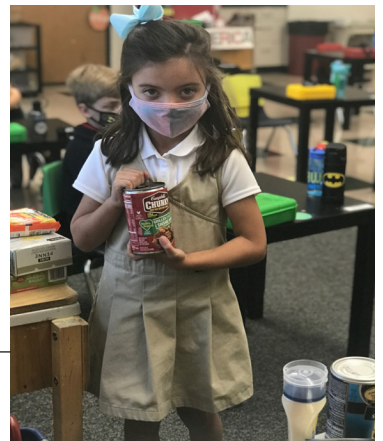
October 20: RAS Board Meeting

October 26: Picture Day

October 26-30: Red Ribbon Week - Learning about healthy choices

October 30: End of 1st quarter

This week in photos



The community project this week in Kindergarten and Pre-1st was collecting items for the food bank!

Altogether, they brought in 157 items to be donated! We love seeing these acts of service from our littlest students!

Happy Birthday



Emma L.	Sept. 26
Charlotte L.	Sept. 27
Ana H.	Sept. 28
Caden C.	Sept. 29
Ethan R.	Sept. 29

Erin W.	Oct. 1
Manon W.	Oct. 2
Mikara M.	Oct. 2