



The Ram Report

Rousseau Elementary School – 3701 South 33rd Street – Lincoln, NE 68506

CALENDAR

December

16 PLC Early Release at 2:18 PM
22-31 NO SCHOOL

January

1-2 NO SCHOOL
6 Ram Report articles due
6 Attendance Permit Deadline
9 Spirit Day



December 16, 2008
Professional Learning Communities
(PLC) Early Release Day
K-5 will dismiss at 2:18 PM



WINTER BREAK
Dec. 22ND
thru
Jan. 2ND!
NO SCHOOL
School resumes
Jan. 5, 2009

From the Principal's Notepad



Happy Holidays!

Dear Rousseau Families,

On behalf of the entire Rousseau staff, it is our hope that the winter break is a relaxing, happy, and peaceful time for you and your family. I hope students are able to set aside at least 15 minutes each day during the break to read, write, or engage in an activity that will keep their school minds sharp. Never a vacation from learning and growing our minds!

My sincerest gratitude to all who make our Rousseau School community a wonderful place to *LEARN, THINK, and LEAD!*

Warmest wishes,

Sue Braun

Brrrrr! It's Cold: Outdoor Recess Guidelines

Please help students in dressing appropriately for the winter weather. Coats, hats, and mittens/gloves will be necessary as teachers plan for outdoor recesses on days when the temperature and/or wind chill are above 0 degrees. To insure dry and comfortable feet for the remainder of the school day, only students with snow boots will be allowed off the playground slab when snow is on the ground. We ask that students not wear their snow boots throughout the school day. A pair of shoes should be sent with students.

Upon arrival in the morning, check the new signs in the window near each grade's assigned entrance that direct students to come **INSIDE** to assigned, supervised areas in the building on inclement weather days or remain **OUTSIDE** in assigned areas. *Continued on Page 2*

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Early Arrivers

The number of students arriving earlier and earlier to school is growing and I need your cooperation and help! Students should not be on school grounds (inside or outside the building) until 8:50 a.m. Supervision is not provided before that time. While we understand that occasional situations arise that necessitate a slightly earlier drop-off time, permission must be obtained from the principal for all early arrivals. Students eating breakfast at school may arrive no earlier than 8:25 a.m. Your understanding and adherence to this policy is important to student safety and greatly appreciated.

Welcome Mrs. Appleget!

We are happy to welcome (back!) half-time fifth grade teacher Mrs. Carin Appleget to Rousseau School. Carin is an experienced classroom teacher who previously taught at Zeman and *ROUSSEAU* Schools before staying home to raise her children. Mrs. Appleget will teach math and unit studies in the afternoon to allow for smaller class size. We're glad you're here, Carin!!

LOST & FOUND



Our lost and found box is getting quite full. Please stop by in the main hallway to see if anything belongs to you.



During this special time of year, we would like to thank our parents and teachers for the countless displays of generosity and support shown throughout the school and the school year. Our students benefit from their talent and time daily, and they will continue to do so for years to come.

Happy holidays,
Rousseau PTO

Congratulations to 4th Graders, **Olivia Etherton** and **Harrison Grasso**, who are performing in this year's Nutcracker Ballet on Dec. 13th & 14th at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. Over the last 2 months they have put many hours into preparing for the show. Congratulations and Good Luck!!



4th & 5th Grade Chorus Program
Jan. 15, 2009
7:00 PM



Community Action has an opportunity for free education for parents of children who have asthma. The goal is to come

into one's home and help each family make their house asthma friendly. A trained asthma educator is offering to meet with families twice, each lasting about an hour to provide suggestions on how they can reduce asthma triggers. The second visit she/he will bring your family free mattress and pillow covers, air filters, spacers and more. If interested, one can call 402-488-2221 or 402-540-3919.



It's not too late to order your candy canes for delivery on Dec. 19th.

Candy cane forms are due by Monday, Dec. 15th and they will also be sold on December 16th, 17th and 18th in your child's classroom. The Candy Canes will be sold for 25 cents, with all proceeds going to the Food Bank of Lincoln. There is a link on the Rousseau Website to print copies of the order forms, (From the front page go to Classroom, Character Counts, Character Council, then Candy Canes.) You may also pick one up in the office.



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB HAS 1st PARTY

On November 19th, students in the Birthday Book Club celebrated their 1st quarter birthdays by selecting new, hardback books to add to the Rousseau library collection! Some of the new books that were selected include: Let's Find Pokemon, Dogs for Kids, Inside the Titanic, and Inkdeath. These students were the first ones to check out these new books. After the books were selected, a party was held with snacks, drinks and prizes. The party for 2nd quarter birthdays will be January 14 at 3:15 in the Media Center. If your child has not yet joined the Birthday Book Club and would like to do so, simply return the form below along with a check payable to Rousseau School.

_____ YES, my child would like to join the Rousseau Birthday Book Club!

Name (print clearly) Birthday _____

Grade / Teacher _____

Total enclosed @ \$15 per child: _____

* YES, I would like to help with the celebration party that my child attends:*

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____



STUDENT CORNER

LPS Fund-A-Need Request

Fund-a-Need is a simple way to provide students and teachers with needed resources. Donors choose a project to fund and make it a classroom reality.

Below is a Fund-A-Need Request:

Overland Trails Field Trip 5th Grade

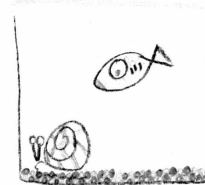
Grant Description: Students will learn the reasons for the Great Migration as the daily routines, hardships and joys of life on the trail are experienced through the reading of period journals, loading and pulling the Mormon handcarts throughout the museum grounds and actually cooking the "noon day meal" of biscuits, beans and bacon over an open fire pit. This simulation spurs fabulous writing and a true appreciation of the spirit of the pioneers.

Contact Name: Diane McDonald
Contact School: Maude Rousseau
Contact E-mail: dmcdona@lps.org
Budget Amount: \$622.50
Deadline April 30, 2009

A FISHY STORY

By Finley Peterson - 2nd Grade

There are some very cool fish in Rousseau School's fish tank. There are all different kinds of fish that are awesome. There are two different kinds of snails. Many different colors of blue rocks are at the bottom of the fish tank. The snails in the fish tank are very slow compared to the fish in the fish tank. The snails are much smaller than the fish and the fish are much bigger than the snails. My favorite kind of fish are the goldfish and they are yellow. I like to look in the fish tank and when I see a goldfish, I wave. One time when I waved my hand at the goldfish a snail just moved right in front of the goldfish.



THE SUMMIT

By Peter N. Jurich - 3rd Grade

And

Elizabeth B. Jurich - 2nd Grade

Look what came floating in through the clouds! A new event titled C² S² (Climate Change Student Summit) took place at 3 locations in the USA and in Greenland. They had an online teleconference about Global Warming. The people who did it were sixth graders from Pound, Dawes, Lux and Lefler Middle Schools (and 2 Rousseau students, Peter N. Jurich & Elizabeth B. Jurich). It was at Morrill Hall in Lincoln, Nuuk, Greenland, The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and Anchorage, Alaska on November 15, 2008. It was the first time ever in the world that kids from around the world got together to share information about climate change and the effects of global warming by teleconference using computer.

Lincoln Public Schools Food Zone

Elementary Breakfast Menu January 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JANUARY 5 GOLDEN WAFFLES or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 6 BREAKFAST TAC-GO or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 7 CHEESE OMELET or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 8 HOT OATMEAL CEREAL or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 9 EGG, HAM & CHEESE ON ENGLISH MUFFIN or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk
JANUARY 12 FRENCH TOAST STICKS or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 13 TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFIN or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 14 SCRAMBLED EGGS or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 15 PANCAKE & SAUSAGE+ ON A STICK or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 16 BREAKFAST BURRITO or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk
JANUARY 19 NO SCHOOL	JANUARY 20 NO SCHOOL	JANUARY 21 BUTTERMILK PANCAKES or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk	JANUARY 22 CHEESE OMELET or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk	JANUARY 23 BREAKFAST BAGEL or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk
JANUARY 26 BREAKFAST BACON+ SCRAMBLE or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 27 BREAKFAST BITES+ or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 28 EGG & CHEESE ON BISCUIT or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 29 TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFIN or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk	JANUARY 30 MAPLE PANEGGCakes or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST 100% Fruit Juice Milk

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