



The Ram Report

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

CALENDAR

September

- 24 NO SCHOOL-ELEMENTARY
(Teacher Plan Day)
- 25 Early Release Day
Parent/Teacher
Conferences 4-7:00p.m
- 27 Parent/Teacher
Conferences 4-7:00 p.m.
- 28 Box Tops Football Contest
Ends

October

- 1-5 Cognitive Abilities Test
(Grades 2 & 5)
- 5 Sprit Day
- 6 Pumpkin Run

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WAFFLE
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RESERVE the DATE!!!
WAFFLEMAN is coming!
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Dinner and A Movie
Sponsored by the Rousseau
Character Council

From the Principal's Notepad



Dear Rousseau Families,

There is no more powerful combination than parents and teachers working together to help a child succeed in school. The cement of this relationship is effective communication. Teachers realize that they cannot do the best possible job of educating each child without the help of the child's parents/guardians. Parent-Teacher conferences are one way to enhance communication and offer opportunities to strengthen cooperative efforts between, parents, students, and teachers. The parents/guardian can supply information about the child that can be very useful to the teacher, while the teacher can offer suggestions on how parents/guardians can help with the education process at home.

First quarter conferences at Rousseau School are scheduled for the evenings of **Tuesday, September 25th** (4 - 7 p.m.) and **Thursday, September 27th** (4 - 7 p.m.). We look forward to this important opportunity to visit with you about your child's progress. Your partnership and support are appreciated and do make a difference in your child's life!

A warm welcome to our new fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Haddan. Stephanie comes to us with 5 years of teaching experience and will be teaching 5th grade literacy in the afternoon. With her addition, we now have the equivalent of 4 full time teachers, which significantly decreases the class size at fifth grade. We are grateful for the district's extra support and appreciate the flexibility and patience of students and parents.

Safety is of paramount importance to us. Please help us maintain a safe and orderly learning environment at Rousseau School by:

- o seeing that your child leaves items such as cell phones, toys, collecting/trading cards, radios, footballs, CD players, video games, etc. at home. We call these "nuisance items" and they have begun to appear more frequently at school. These items not only distract

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ROUSSEAU WEBSITE

The Rousseau website has been under construction this past month due to the changeover in LPS school website philosophy. In the past the websites have been run with one webmaster. All photos, stories, calendar updates and all else that appeared on the website had to go through one person. LPS is now using the program called Contribute that allows anyone who wishes to contribute to the website to put their own news, photos, and other information on the site individually. In other words each grade level will have their own site to maintain and the office staff will be responsible for front page updates and keeping the calendar up to date.

The Rousseau calendar is already up and running as well as links to useful LPS sites such as the lunch menu, LPS email search and the LPS Foundation's Fund-a-Need program.

Dan Tharp
Rousseau Elementary Technology
Coordinator

SPIRIT DAY AT ROUSSEAU SCHOOL



October 5

Students:

*Wear school colors

*Wear school spirit wear

The class with the greatest percentage participation will earn the traveling spirit award.

More sizes just arrived!

Contact Jill Bird (436-1896)

(PRINCIPAL, from Page 1)

from the learning environment but also create problems that take time away from teaching and learning. Your support and assistance with this matter are appreciated,

- reviewing with your child the expectations for students who ride the school bus. Your support in reinforcing the expectations will help ensure a safe ride to and from school.
- adhering to the procedures for dropping off and picking up students from school. The traffic congestion typical around most schools can be frustrating and established procedures are not always convenient but your patience and understanding will help traffic move more smoothly and safely. We have had some close calls with students running across the middle of the street to/from cars and are asking all students to use the marked crosswalks.

Working together we can help students develop excellent habits that will keep them safe and help them achieve to their highest potential. Your partnership with us in this mission is necessary and sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,
Sue Braun
Principal

COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST

Students in second and fifth grades will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) during the week of October 1-5. The CogAT is a group-standardized test that evaluates student's abilities to reason and solve problems. These abilities can help predict success in school and the scores can be used in planning effective instructional programs. The results of this test will be shared with you, as they become available.

Children perform better on tests when they are well rested, comfortably dressed, and have a good breakfast. When possible please avoid scheduling out of school appointments during this time period.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Braun, Mrs. Reifschneider, or your child's teacher at 436-1165.

Sincerely,
Dee Reifschneider
Rousseau Coordinator



**Back to School
Bonus Bonanza!**

Right now Box Tops is giving you the opportunity to earn even more for our school? Here's how!

1. Online Sign-Up - Through 9/30/07, all new registrants at www.boxtops4education.com earn **5 BONUS Box Tops** for their designated school. It's quick, easy, free and helps Rousseau earn more. Tell friends and family to sign up too!
2. Bonus Coupon Event - During Back to School time, Box Tops is offering specially marked packages with **2 BONUS Box Tops!** Clip every Box Top on the package, and Rousseau earns **30 cents!** Over 25 products to choose from.

3. Sam's Club Event - Through *September*, specially marked Sam's products give you **5 BONUS Box Tops!** Look for this special bonus on more than 30 products from General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Huggies, Ziploc and Hefty brands. For a list of bonus products go to: www.boxtops4education.com/clubbonus/. Enter the contest, and print a complete list.

**From the School Social Worker
Sheila Stratton**

Parenting Classes

Fall 2007/Spring 2008

Cedars ~ Love & Logic

Begins: 10/9/07 5:30pm - 7:30pm 7 weeks/Tuesday evenings

Northbridge location 27th & Holdrege #437-8936

Presenter: Hannah Sandell,

Cost \$50. p/person or \$80. p/couple Payment plans available

Family Service ~ Basic Parenting

Begins: 9/24/07 6-8:00pm 8 weeks/Monday evenings

501 S. 7th Street

#441-7949

Presenter: Sherri Beldin

Cost \$15.00 p/class Scholarships available

Southeast Community College ~ How to Relate, Discipline, Traumas, & Routine

Begins: 1/28/08 6-8:00pm

4 weeks/Monday evenings

8800 O Street

#471-3333

Presenter: Carrie Erks

Cost involved

Parenting one on one

Parents as Teachers

Northeast Family Resource Center

#471-3700

Family Support

Family Services

#441-7949

School Psychology Clinic UNL

Merilee McCurdy

#272-5191

Groups or one to one available. Geared for parents of kids 2-6 yrs.

**EARLY DISMISSAL DAY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

Morning Kindergarten will be in session from 9:00 -11:14 a.m.

Afternoon Kindergarten will be in session from 12:04-2:18 p.m.

Students in Grade 1-5 will be dismissed at 2:18 p.m.

Buses will run accordingly

Box Tops



Collection Contest

UPDATE

Deadline: Friday, 9/28

1st - 5th Grade:

As of Tuesday of this week the 1st-5th grade kids have had **145 participants** in the contest.

That's **awesome!**

That means that **3 out of 4** of you have yet to bring in your Box Tops, so the totals have a long way to go! **Cool!** The game should continue to get *even more* interesting in the time remaining!

Things change daily, and it would be great to get 100% participation from each class!

Make calls to your neighbors and family members and have them help you out! Cheer each other on, and **GET IN THE GAME!**

Kindergarten Contest:

As of Tuesday of this week, **19 of 91** kids have brought in Box Tops! Great job!

Keep up the good work, and let's see how many more kids can bring in those Box Tops!

STEPHANIE POMAJZL-GRADE 5

Hello! My name is Stephanie Pomajzl, and I am a new 5th grade teacher here at Rousseau. I am originally from Virginia, but have lived in Lincoln for the last ten years. I received my undergraduate degree from Liberty University, and my masters from the University of Virginia. I am married and have three wonderful children. My twins, Brayden and Katelyn are seven and



attend Maxey Elementary. My youngest, Courtney, will be celebrating her 5th birthday this weekend, and she attends Messiah Lutheran Preschool. I have taught middle school math, 5th grade, kindergarten, and Reading Recovery. I am currently working on my doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction Leadership at North Central University, completing all of my coursework on-line. My passion is mathematics, so I was delighted when the opportunity arose for me to teach math. I realize we have had an unusual beginning to the year, but I have appreciated all of the encouragement and support from the students, families, and staff here at Rousseau. I look forward to getting to know you all!

Stephanie Pomajzl

COMING IN JANUARY!



*Students who participated in the summer library
reading program at the Lincoln City Libraries
or Rousseau Elementary*

Kindergarten

Avery Anderson
Trevor Caldwell
Paaka Cheesman
Will Clanton
Andrew Cook
Caitlynn Cook
Deirdre Cross
Jacob Dugger
Trevor Fraser
Thaksha Karumanchi
Jocelyn Martin
Sydney Mitchell
Ella Moeller
Avae Muir
Mackenzie Toomey
Maxwell Smith
Kathleen Warwick
Taylor Yakel

1st Grade

Luke Anderson
Lynn-Darrell Berry
Bryton Burton
Averie Clanton
Jared Dugger
Taylor Focht
Jonah Granquist
Sam Hershberger
Macayli Hoffman
Violet Hudson
Blake Johnson
Zachary Konz
Colten Larson
Brady Jex
Sophia Levy
Harper Lund
Carson Mathison

1st Grade (cont.)

Creighton Meister
Javier Chaves Moran
Carlie Nelson
Finley Peterson
Skyler Peterson
Miriya Pinkerman
Madalyn Rushing
Mohnish Sakthivel
Elenor Schmeichel
Matthew Schultz
Alex Sherbeck
Jordan Stradal
Drew Stream
Logan Tackett
Mackenzie Thomas
Josie Tibbels
Leo Welsh
Libbie White
Natalie Zoz

2nd Grade

Aidan Bangert
Jordan Balaun
Annika Bjorkman
Shelby Bruns
Isabella Brundieck
Hannah Cass
Harrison Cass
David Chapp
Jailon Chilese
Libby Christman
Erika Cook
Jordan Cook
Noah Costello
Ty Crandon
Gillian Dean
Margaret Dean

2nd Grade cont.)

Ross Dobrusky
Andrew Garrison
Suzannah Howerter
John Hu
Rhys Hughes
Ellen Kinsey
Katy Krejci
Emalyn Kruse
Lizzy Lavin
Kerstin Leaf
Breanna Micek
Luciano Moran
Cade Moeller
Kylee Nixon
Kyleigh Oxford
Marshall Parish
Gillian Pearson
Riley Redling
Henry Reimer
Makayla Robertson
Breanna Sahs
Sasha Sepahpur
Avani Shepherd
Saylor Small
Sophia Spire
Eliot Stoner
Shannon Sullivan
Xander Sutter
Kelsey Toomey
Ethan Vanneman
William Vierra
Zach Webb
Ben Weyeneth

3rd Grade

Bryton Bartell
 Jack Bruning
 Boston Butterfield
 Kayla Carlson
 Kayley Chapman
 Connor Clanton
 Nikolai Cook
 Samantha Droescher
 Morgan Ellison
 Dominik Exstrom
 Abby Filbert
 Elizabeth Gao
 Mick Garrison
 Becky Hall
 Alex Hughes
 Liam Hughes
 Jada Johnson
 Anthony Lavin
 Jackson Lederer
 Tae-Chon Lee
 Masen Louviere
 Joshua Marcelino
 Jennifer McCreary
 Max McGuire
 Logan Myers
 Madalyn Myers
 Michael Olson
 Winter Oxford
 Anna Qu
 Tessa Rien
 Gus Rockey
 Deanna Rodriguez
 Kirsten Ruhge
 Holden Sutter
 Evan Taylor
 Lindsay Tibbels
 Hailey Trimble
 Kaelin Wubbels
 Cameron Wynne
 Anna Young

4th Grade

Jackson Bell
 Cassie Borneman
 Taylor Cobb

4th Grade (cont.)

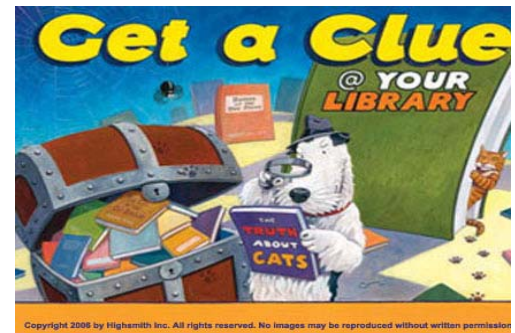
Franni Dimon
 Jack Espinosa
 Peyton Goracke
 Esther Kim
 Harrison Kuchta
 Shaelee Luebbe
 Celeste Luedtke
 Noah Luedtke
 Kaare Mathison
 Ali Miller
 Taylor Mitchell
 Kelly Oton
 Rachel Overton
 Bryce Parish
 Adam Reinsch
 David Rushing
 Kayla Saddler
 Ashly Sahs
 Aleka Schlake
 Vivian Smith
 Spencer Stream
 Dakota Sullivan
 Ryley Thomas

5th Grade

Ariel Adams
 Alex Brown
 Kyle Brown
 Lauren Bruning
 Kelsea Brunner
 Nathan Carlson
 Stephan Cass
 Ty Chapelle
 Courtney Chapman
 Joshua Clark
 Tessa Dobrusky
 Anna Hershberger
 Bailey Jenkins
 Jordyn Jones
 McKinsey Leaf
 Jonathan Lederer
 Paris Lord
 Kaleb Metcalf
 Marie Micek
 Andrew Hall Miller Schell

5th grade (cont.)

Tanner Mitchell
 Foster Peterson
 Paige Rien
 Channing Schultz
 Justin Shepherd
 Ben Smith
 Kylee Yakel
 Maggie Zoz



Lincoln Public Schools Food Zone

Elementary Menu October 2007

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| OCTOBER 1 CHICKEN POPCORN WITH A BREADSTICK CHEESEBURGER CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD *(1) | OCTOBER 2 CHEESY BEEF & MAC SAUSAGE+ PIZZA DICED TURKEY HAM SPINACH SALAD *(2) | OCTOBER 3 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD *(3) | OCTOBER 4 CREAMED TURKEY WITH A ROLL COUNTRY BEEF STEAK SANDWICH CHICKEN RANGCH SALAD *(4) | OCTOBER 5 BREADED PORK+ SANDWICH CHEESE PIZZA DICED TURKEY HAM CHEF SALAD *(1) |
| OCTOBER 8 BREADED BAKED CHICKEN WITH A BREADSTICK SALISBURY STEAK WITH A BREADSTICK CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD *(2) | OCTOBER 9 TACO SALAD BBQ RIBLETTE+ SANDWICH *(3) | OCTOBER 10 CHEESE STUFFED BREADSTICK WITH SAUCE TURKEY SUB ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD *(4) | OCTOBER 11 CHICKEN FINGERS WITH GARLIC BREAD LASAGNA WITH GARLIC BREAD CHICKEN RANGCH SALAD *(1) | OCTOBER 12 HAMBURGER PIZZA HOT DOG DICED TURKEY HAM CHEF SALAD *(2) |
| OCTOBER 15 CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH A BISCUIT BREADED BEEF STICKS WITH A BISCUIT CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD *(3) | OCTOBER 16 SOFT SHELL TACO TURKEY WRAP DICED TURKEY HAM SPINACH SALAD *(4) | OCTOBER 17 FRENCH TOAST STICKS WITH SAUSAGE+ & CHEESE TACO HOT POCKET ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD *(1) | OCTOBER 18 BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH CHILI WITH A CINNAMON ROLL CHICKEN RANGCH SALAD *(2) | OCTOBER 19 FIESTADA MAC & CHEESE DICED TURKEY HAM CHEF SALAD *(3) |
| WEEK OFF OCTOBER 22-26 | | | | |
| OCTOBER 29 CORN PUPPIES BURRITO CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD *(4) | OCTOBER 30 PEPPERONI+ PIZZA BBQ GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH DICED TURKEY HAM SPINACH SALAD *(1) | OCTOBER 31 CHICKEN TERYAKI ON RICE EGG ROLL ON RICE ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD *(2) | NOVEMBER 1 ITALIAN DUNKER POLISH+ SAUSAGE CHICKEN RANGCH SALAD *(3) | NOVEMBER 2 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH HOT HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH DICED TURKEY HAM CHEF SALAD *(4) |

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ROTATION DAYS

Lincoln Public Schools Food Zone

Elementary Breakfast Menu October 2007

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| OCTOBER 1 FRENCH TOAST STICKS or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 2 BREAKFAST BAGEL+ or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 3 EGG & CHEESE ON A BISCUIT or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 4 WARM APPLE TURNOVER or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 5 FLUFFY SCRAMBLED EGGS or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk |
| OCTOBER 8 TOASTED BAGEL WITH JELLY or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 9 GOLDEN WAFFLES or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 10 BREAKFAST BURRITO or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 11 PANCAKE & SAUSAGE+ ON A STICK or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 12 HOT OATMEAL CEREAL or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk |
| OCTOBER 15 BUTTERMILK PANCAKES or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 16 BREAKFAST PIZZA+ or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 17 CHEESE OMELET or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 18 BREAKFAST BITES+ or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 19 FLUFFY SCRAMBLED EGGS or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk |
| WEEK OFF OCTOBER 22-26 | | | | |
| OCTOBER 29 TOASTER PASTRY or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 30 CHEESE OMELET or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | OCTOBER 31 HOT OATMEAL CEREAL or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | NOVEMBER 1 TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFIN or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk | NOVEMBER 2 TURKEY HAM, EGG & CHEESE ON AN ENGLISH MUFFIN or COLD CEREAL WHOLE GRAIN TOAST Juice Milk |

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/10-07-ELEMBREAKFAST



Halloween Shopping Scene

Shop for Halloween with these
Box Tops
MARKETPLACE Merchants!

www.boxtops4education.com has a tab marked **MARKETPLACE**. When you to shop any of these merchants at his website, they'll send a percentage of your sale to Rousseau! So go to **MARKETPLACE** and start shopping. It's that easy!

Personal Creations: 7% Donation
Halloween BOO-Tique! Great personalized home décor. **FREE SHIPPING** w/promo code **or** **10% OFF** entire order. Expires 12/31/07.

Lillian Vernon: 6% Donation
Indoor and Outdoor décor, costumes, treat bags and 100's of more items!

One Step Ahead (ages0-3) and Leaps and Bounds (ages 3+)
Both have 5% Donations
Baby and Kids personalized costumes and accessories. **15% OFF** purchases of \$75+ w/promo code. Offer expires 12/31/07

Hearth Song: 5% Donation
Crafts, Costumes, Cookies and more!
Over 100 items from which to choose!

Oriental Trading: 4% Donation
Craft projects, party supplies, costumes ghoulor and frightfully fun decorations! **FREE SHIPPING** on orders \$60+ w/ promo code. Offer ends 9/30/07.

Plow and Hearth: 4% Donation
Unusual outdoor and indoor décor!

Frontgate: 4% Donation
Halloween Haven! Over 250 items for home, kids, adults and pets!

Pottery Barn & Pottery Barn Kids
Both have 3% Donations
Fall and spooky Halloween home décor plus cool costumes, and more!

Overstocks.com: 3% Donation
Over 120 Halloween items!
\$2.95 **SHIPPING** every day!

Harry & David: 3% Donation
Halloween party treats and goodies! Try their soups, cakes and cookies!

K B TOYS & E TOYS:
Both have 2.5% Donations
Over 380 items to choose from for infant to adult! Plus **FREE SHIPPING** on select items. Offer ends 10/1/07.

Barnes & Noble: 2.5% Donation
Halloween Books. **FREE SHIPPING** on orders over \$25!



Dear Families,

The Multicultural Committee welcomes you to a new school year. We are interested in preparing a database of adults, with children attending Rousseau, who are willing to share their multicultural talents, skills, and traditions. We hope to enrich our Rousseau community by celebrating, experiencing, and acknowledging the diversity within our school community.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested in helping us with this meaningful journey.

If you have any questions please contact one of us at 436-1165.

Multicultural Committee

Tracy Timmons
Nancy Coren
Kristi Schirmer

Scott Fischer
Wendi Mandl

Name _____
Student(s) at Rousseau _____

Skills, Talents, or Traditions you are willing to share
(Please describe)