



The Ram Report

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

CALENDAR

September

- 7-21 PTSA Fundraiser
- 12 Health Screening -
Grades K, 3, & 5
- 17 PTSA Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.
- 18 *Ram Report* Deadline
- 19 School Pictures
- 24 **NO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
- 25 PLC Early Release Day
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
4:00-7:00 p.m.
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4:00-7:00 p.m.



**COMING IN
JANUARY!**

From the Principal's Notepad

By Sue Braun



Rousseau School Rules: The 3 Bs

Dear Rousseau Families,

For the past few weeks, students and staff have been talking about what it takes to maintain a school environment where all students can feel safe and perform at high academic and behavioral levels. We've learned that at Rousseau School *it is never okay to be hurtful and it is never okay to be disruptive*. We've simplified our language to increase understanding and consistency and have adopted three school rules, known as the 3 Bs; Be SAFE, Be RESPECTFUL, Be RESPONSIBLE. Teachers and students have spent considerable time talking about what it means to be safe, respectful, and responsible in the classroom, hallways, restroom, lunchroom, and playground. Consistent procedures and expectations for these common areas in the school have been established and students have had an opportunity to practice and receive feedback. Our goal with a school-wide behavior management plan is to increase student learning time, to stop disruptive/hurtful behavior, and to teach skills that will lead to life success. We want to work with students to achieve these life goals:

- I can take good care of myself, even if I am mad or have an overwhelming feeling.
- I can be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to.
- I can be okay when others are not okay.

If your child's teacher talks to you about his/her behavior, please partner with us. Continue to reinforce positive behavior at school, encourage your child to accept responsibility for his/her behavior and to make appropriate choices, and show your child how strong the school, teacher, family partnership is. Our collective efforts and partnership will contribute greatly to our mission at Rousseau School... LEARN, THINK, AND LEAD with character.

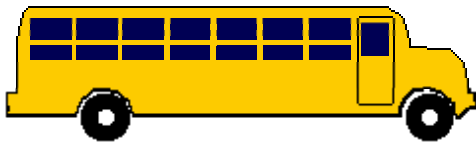
Most sincerely,
Sue Braun

SCHOOL PICTURES



SMILE! Wednesday, September 19, is School Picture Day! Parents, be sure to send back your PRE-PAID envelope and money by Picture Day on Wednesday morning if you want to order individual or classroom pictures. Please notice the choices on the order form that you will receive in your child's September 14 Friday Folder. Pictures will be taken during the day. RETAKE picture day will be Wednesday, October 17.

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TO: Rousseau Parents of Bussed Students
 FROM: Sue Braun, Principal
 SUBJECT: **School Bus Evacuation Drills**
 School Bus Evacuation Drills, which are mandated by the State of Nebraska Department of Education to be held twice a year, will be held on Tuesday, September 18, and Wednesday September 19. On Wednesday our students will have a drill and on Tuesday earlier bus runs will have their drill.

The bus may run approximately 15 to 20 minutes late Tuesday and Wednesday **on the way home**. All students will learn how to safely evacuate the bus in the event of an emergency and practice this skill.

AM KINDERGARTEN BUS STUDENTS

The morning Kindergarten bus students will have their drill on Thursday, September 20, **on the way home**. The bus may run approximately 15 to 20 minutes late on Thursday.

Congratulations

to the Box Tops

FREE Groceries Winner!

The Harris family was the lucky Curriculum Night winner of the

Box Tops/ HYVEE

Free Grocery Giveaway!

Julie and Mark are the proud parents of **Colton**, a kindergartner in Mrs. Marcelino's morning class.

The Harris' will be enjoying nearly \$85.00 in Box Tops product groceries courtesy of Box Tops, HYVEE and the Rousseau PTSA. Here are some of the Box Tops items they won!

Cheerios - Cascadian Farms Cereal - Hamburger Helper - Betty Crocker Mashed Potatoes - Old El Paso Taco Shells - Wanchai Ferry Dinner Kit - Chex Mix - Pop Secret Popcorn - Nature Valley Granola Bars - Fruit Roll Ups - Fruit Stackers - Betty Crocker Frosting, Cookies and Muffin Mix - Bisquick - HUGGIES Wipes - Ziploc Bags - Ziploc Containers - Saran Wrap - Cottonelle Bath Tissue - KLEENEX - VIVA Paper Towels - SCOTT Bath Tissue - Kotex - Hefty Kitchen Bags - Hefty Zoo Pals Plates

ART WORK CONTEST

Enter your best design(s) on a plain white sheet of paper (8 ½ x 11). The **cover art** will be photocopied in black on colored cardstock so bold dark lines copy the best. Be creative, original, and imaginative. The winning entry will be kept top secret until the directory is delivered.

Other entries (smaller drawings) may be used throughout the directory. Include the following information on the page for the cover contest:

- Student Directory 2007-2008
- Rousseau Elementary
- 3701 South 33rd Street
- Lincoln, Nebraska 68506
- Your name

Please deliver your entries to the school office by Friday, September 21. Questions call Sally Schultz, 423.9293.



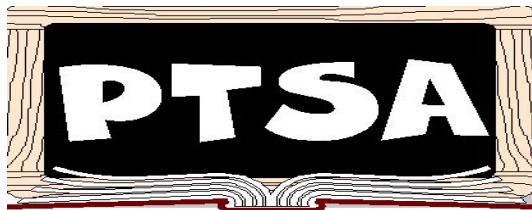
Back to School Bonus Bonanza!

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 this Back to School time, Box Tops is offering specially marked packages carrying 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 complete list of bonus products go to: www.boxtops4education.com/clubbonus/. Enter the contest, and print a complete list.



Fall Fundraiser Information

Today your child is being sent home with information concerning the PTSA's major fundraising program, gift sales. This fundraiser is the largest money raiser the Rousseau PTSA conducts. It exceeds the earnings of the Waffleman, the school carnival, and our book fair - combined. Here are answers to some commonly asked questions:

Do we have to participate? No. We hope you will participate because this fundraiser provides the money necessary to support the many enriching activities the PTSA offers students at Rousseau. A different fundraising company has been selected this year, and we hope that you will enjoy their new products, including various types of cookie dough. (The chocolate chip cookies given away at the Open House PTSA table were from this company.)

How much does the school earn? The Rousseau PTSA keeps 50% of all sales.

What is the money used for? The PTSA has budgeted to make the following major expenditures during this school year: \$10,000 to enhance technology by adding computers in classrooms; \$9900 for classroom grants (\$300 for every full-time teacher and \$150 for every half-time teacher); \$5000 for programming, such as bringing the Missoula Children's Theater to Rousseau, \$4000 for classroom field trips, \$2000 for the Books and Beyond reading incentive program, and other miscellaneous expenses for landscaping, the Ram Report, concerts, etc. Last year's expenditures were similar, but instead of a sizeable technology allocation, a significant amount was dedicated towards improving the outdoor playground.

Can I give a donation instead? Yes. If you prefer to contribute directly in lieu of selling items, you may do so. However, for many families that isn't a viable financial option and they can use this opportunity to help the PTSA while purchasing gifts or personal items. Also, many find it easier to approach relatives, neighbors and friends by participating in this sales effort rather than directly asking for a monetary donation. Finally, the fundraiser is a way that enables students (with their parents' help and supervision) to participate in supporting the PTSA and their school.

When will the fundraiser take place? The fundraiser starts today, Sept. 7 and runs through Friday, Sept. 21. All money and orders must be turned in on or before Sept. 21. Items will be delivered to the school on Wed., Oct. 17.

Support from parents, families and friends is one of the reasons that Rousseau is such a fantastic school for our children. We count on the generous donations of time, talent, and resources to enrich the lives of each of our students and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead! If you have further questions, please contact fundraiser co-chairs Diane Snow 423-7059 or Victoria Miller 420-2771. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for...

Great Books for Great Kids



Photo Courtesy of Lincoln Public School, Cynthia Weiland-Falk.
Children reading at Belmont Elementary School.

On Tuesday, September 18th, Runza® Restaurants in Lincoln will donate a portion of sales to the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools to provide Golden Sower books to students of all ages.

The Nebraska Golden Sower Award program is sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association's School, Children and Young People's section. Each year, books are nominated for the annual award based on a series of criteria. Students read the books throughout the school year and have the opportunity to vote on-line for their favorite. Last year's vote tallied the opinions of over 62,375 students across the state.

Runza®'s goal is to provide funding to help purchase these award-winning books for school libraries. Reading expands one's imagination, strengthens vocabulary knowledge, and provides an excellent opportunity for families to spend time together.

Your patronage on September 18th will provide Great Books for Great Kids!



www.nol.org/home/NLA/golden/sower.htm

