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Read! Read! READ!



Steps have been taken this year to increase the time and opportunity our elementary and middle school students are reading this year. Elementary students have increased their time reading during the literacy instructional block of the day, and are also continuing with the Accelerated Reader program. Middle School language arts classes are scheduled for time in the media center each month, and are checking out books. The school is also working to increase the number of available books in our media center collection this year. Families can encourage students' reading by setting aside a quiet time at home to read, talking with your student about books read, and by everyone in the family being a positive example of a reader!

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR CHOICE & MAGNET PROGRAMS

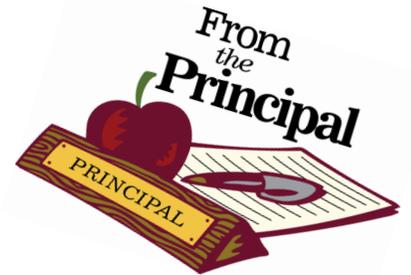
Do you have friends or family that would love to join the Rochelle family and experience the wonderful benefits of an arts-infused education? Help spread the word: the Open Enrollment Period for the 2018-19 school year is Nov. 1, 2017-Jan. 9, 2018.

Parents can apply online at: www.PolkEdOptions.com.

To our Rochelle Parents,

If your child arrives at school by car or is a walker, your assistance is needed. There are many students arriving tardy each day.

Please note that the bell signaling the start of the day rings at 7:55 a.m., with the tardy bell at 8:00 a.m. If students are not in their rooms by 8:00 a.m., they are tardy. When students have to check-in at the office, this creates an additional delay in arriving in class, and late arrivals interrupt instruction, causing the child's day to have a rough beginning. Students eating breakfast at school need to arrive in the cafeteria by 7:50 a.m. We have had a significant number of students arriving after 8:00 a.m. each day, so I am asking for a commitment from our families to support a positive beginning to the school day for your child by making on time arrival a priority.



ROCHELLE MUSICAL THEATRE

Mark your calendars now! The Rochelle Musical Theatre Department presents "Elf, Jr." on Dec. 1, 2, and 3. What a great way to kick-off the month of December!

Learning to Create.
Creating to Learn.



EXTRAMURALS

During the 2nd 9 weeks, Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Basketball will be underway on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. These are fun events, and the teams would love your support at the games!



OCTOBER

- 16 - Student Holiday/Staff Development Day
- 20 - 8th gr. Parent Night - Getting Ready for High School, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 - Red Ribbon Week
- 24 - Report Cards
- 25 - Fall Uniform Pictures
- 26 - Middle School Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30 — Nov. 3 - Book Fair



NOVEMBER

- 2 - Dollar Dinner Night at the Book Fair, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Orchestra Fall Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 - 8th graders to WE3 Expo
- 10 - Veterans Day - Student Holiday
- 15 - Interims
- 16 - Great American Teach-In

REMINDER

There will not be any Early Release Days for the remainder of the 17-18 school year to make-up for the days lost to Hurricane Irma.

Thank You



In Loving Memory

We were saddened as a school to have recently lost one of our young students in a tragic accident.

Thank you to the families who were able to contribute funds to assist Terryn Wilson's family with funeral expenses. This was a positive show of support for one of our families during a time of unimaginable loss.

Halloween Safety Tips

WALK SAFELY

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

KEEP COSTUMES BOTH CREATIVE AND SAFE

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flash lights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

