

Rossman Rap



Somewhere Over the Rainbow.....A Magical Reading Journey to Oz

Students and faculty at Rossman are looking "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to find a little magic and the theme for our 5th annual read-a-thon fundraiser. The event began with a kick-off on Thursday, September 22. Dorothy and her friends followed the yellow brick road to visit the mighty and powerful Wizard of Oz, who filled them in on all of the exciting things happening during the read-a-thon week and encouraged all students to participate, and most importantly....to READ.

Read-a-thon packets were sent home with students after the kick-off, and the official reading takes place from September 26-October 3. Many exciting events will take place during the week, including a hot air balloon launch (weather permitting), Lollipop

Reading Day, Ruby Slipper Day, and much more. For a complete list of activities, please consult the "Incentives" page found in the read-a-thon packet.



To motivate the "munchkins", there will be incentives for students taking part in the read-a-thon. All students handing in tracking forms or money will be invited to see the "David Seebach Wonders of Magic Show" performed at Rossman School on Oct. 25. Students bringing in more than \$100 in pledges will be invited to a "Lollipop Land Ice Cream Extravaganza" during their lunch period. If the school

reaches our goal of raising \$13,500 and reading 65,000 minutes, a live band composed of some former Rossman students will perform a mini "Dreams Come True" concert on Oct. 19. Of course, the top ten money earners will have their choice of some exciting prizes including a NOOK color, a 20" bike, a digital camera, a magic kit, theme baskets, and much, much more.

The Read-a-Thon has been very successful in the past and has allowed the PTO to provide SMART Boards and digital voice recorders for many classrooms. We are hoping that everyone will get involved in this "Magical Reading Journey to Oz" to help to make some of our other dreams come true as well.

Submitted by Mrs. Klink,
Second Grade

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4K Kick Off

September 1st kicked off our first day of 4K! Since the first day of school, each 4K site has been busy making friends, learning about school rules, sharing about families, singing songs, playing games, and much much more!

Making a Friendship Salad gave each 4K classroom the opportunity to learn about room rules and manners and about how important good friends are in making happy days at school. The big bowl to make the salad was like a 4K classroom. They added 3 cans of fruit to represent 3 different things: kind kids, hard workers in the room, and kids who share. The marsh-

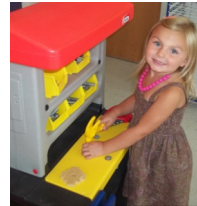
mallows were for the kind words being said in the room and the yogurt was the happiness they feel when they are at school. Each class talked about the yummy Friendship Salad and just as the 4K teachers were about to add a rotten banana all of the students yelled, "Stop!" This rotten banana was someone who doesn't share, refuses to do follow the rules, etc... They all voted NOT to put the rotten banana in the Friendship Salad!

The 4K team welcomes Jennifer Krueger as a new afternoon 4K teacher at Syca-

more Tree as well as her support staff Natasha Wenninger. Sarah Nolte is the AM-4K teacher at Sycamore Tree, also with Natasha as the support staff. Julie Scepanski is the AM-4K teacher at the Recreation Center with support staff Christa Lange. The Dream Center and teacher Sheila Trost have a morning and afternoon section of 4K and her support staff is Paige Becker.

All of the 4K sites are excited to make it a fun and successful school year!

Submitted by Ms. Nolte



Welcome to Rossman!

Our 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start. Rossman Elementary has a total enrollment of approximately 537 students in 26 classrooms ranging from early childhood through sixth grade. All new students, including our four kindergarten classes, are learning about Rossman Elementary School.

We also want to welcome these staff members who are new to Rossman this school year: Mrs. Larson (2nd Grade), Mrs. Davis (2nd Grade), Mrs. Gaetzke (3rd Grade), Mrs. Thurmer (5th Grade), Mrs. Joll (Reading Resource), Ms. Luczak (student teacher in Early Teacher), Mrs. Dickinson (Library Media) and of course Mr. Hanlon as the Dean of

Students. Here at Rossman Elementary we have a school motto of **Character Counts**. Therefore, our staff will not tolerate bullying behavior. Please inform us if you ever feel your child is being bullied here at school or if you feel bullying behaviors are occurring at Rossman.

Submitted by Mr. Bui



Walk To and From School

Welcome back to another school year and another opportunity to participate in the special days of Walking To and From School. The Rossman staff hopes you can join us in these fun and educational events. Our September Walk To and From School event was a huge success. This is a rewarding time to spend time with your child. It is also a great oppor-

tunity to discuss with your child the benefits of walking to school. Through discussion and participation the following benefits can be addressed; 1) The need for daily exercise/activity, 2) The positive impact walking (or taking the bus) versus riding in a car will have on the environment, and 3) The increase in safety with fewer cars on the road!

the children's safety Crossing Guards are stationed at the corners of Highland Avenue and Main Street (a.m. and p.m.), Highland Avenue and 4th Street (a.m. and p.m.), and Rossman Street and 4th Street (a.m.). Join us if you can. Our next Walk To and From School day is Friday, October 21st. It is truly a special event!

Submitted by Ms. Ellis-Stigler,
Physical Education



For



WALK!

Cooperative Game Play

The 1st through 5th grade students in Ms. Ellis-Stigler's physical education classes have just completed a unit on Cooperation! Each game/activity the students participated in was centered on

cooperation! Success was achieved by working together as one large group or numerous small groups. Each student's contribution was valued. By the end of the unit the students could not only define cooperation but could list

numerous examples and explain the importance of cooperating in many settings. It was an enjoyable unit for everyone!

Submitted by Ms. Ellis-Stigler,
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Cooperation!





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Train in the 2011-2012 school
year to take over for the 2012-
2013 school year

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Upcoming Events at Rossman

- October 2nd Read-a-Thon ends
- October 3rd 3rd Grade visits the Fire Station
- October 10th Read-a-Thon Money Due
- October 14th Grandparents Day
- October 17th 4th Grade visits Schauer Center
- October 17th School Board Meeting
- October 18th PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, LMC
Free Child care available
- October 19th Picture Retake Day
- October 19th Fine Arts Field Trip (5th Grade)
- October 19th Market Day, 3-5, café
- October 20th Rendezvous (Wear Red)
- October 21st Read-A-Thon Magic Show/Faculty Race
- October 24th 2nd Grade visits Schauer Center
- October 25th Red Ribbon Week
- October 26th Dress Up Day/Fall Parties
- October 27-28 NO SCHOOL
- October 31st WKCE Testing
- October 31st 4th Grade visits Schauer Center



**Discovering our
Atmosphere**

Students in Mrs. Thomas' science classes have been learning about using weather instruments to measure various weather conditions. In this case, students measured various surface temperatures and compared their measurements. Submitted by Mrs. Thomas, 4th Grade

