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Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Dear Patrons,

It is such a pleasure to work and learn at Rocky Mountain Elementary. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a supportive community with such a dedicated professional staff of teachers, teaching assistants, classroom aides, playground supervisors, student trackers, custodians, lunch workers, librarians, special education and related services, secretaries and administrative team. Everyone at Rocky Mountain has really caught hold of the vision of believing in self and others. I am amazed daily at the acts of kindness, big and small, the gains in student learning, and the care and concern for every child to be and feel successful. Thank you for what you do to help things run smoothly at Rocky Mountain.

Two things of paramount concern for your students are safety and regular attendance at school. We work hard to make sure that your students are taken care of during school hours. We appreciate your support in sending the Ziploc bags prepared by our PTA to store "Emergency Items" for your student to be used if ever circumstances arise that make it necessary for your student to remain at school after hours. Teachers have collected a portion of those items and we ask that if you haven't sent your Ziploc bag with your student that you do so as soon as possible. We will be updating you in the next couple of weeks in a separate publication further information about our Emergency Plan and how we will conduct a reunification should that ever be necessary. Children will remain with their classes and be checked out through the classroom teacher. We have been conducting Emergency Drills and will continue to do so to familiarize students with procedures of fire, earthquake, and lockdown.

Another item of safety calls for attention from parents. Please sit down and discuss with your student safety precautions in walking to and from school. Please make sure that students are using familiar and visible walking routes to and from school and that they never walk alone. Remind them of the importance of not accepting rides from people they don't know and to inform an adult immediately if there's a situation that causes them to feel uncomfortable or suspicious.

Regular school attendance is key to a child's success at school. Research shows a link between being in school and doing well in school. Clearly, if a student is fevering, he needs to stay home, but there are other things that can be avoided so your child won't miss out on school. Try to schedule appointments after school or during longer breaks. Often times, success in getting to school in the morning is directly related to how things went the night before. Establish and maintain good bedtime routines to ensure enough sleep and help your student prepare materials needed for school the night before. We appreciate all you do to value your child's education by being at school regularly and on time.

Thank you again for your support of Rocky Mountain.

Respectfully,
David Turner, Principal

November 2008 Calendar:

- **Reflections Entries Due**
Mon, Nov 03, 2008 | Reflections entries should be brought to the office and turn... [Read More >>](#)
- **SIPA Sponsored Drop Everything and Read (Dear)**
Tue, Nov 11, 2008 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM | Yard work can wait! Let the dishes soak! Turn off the comput... [Read More >>](#)
- **PTA Board Meeting (Room 007)**
Wed, Nov 12, 2008 - 10:00 AM
- **1st Trimester Ends**
Thu, Nov 13, 2008
- **2nd Trimester Begins**
Fri, Nov 14, 2008
- **Family Week**
Wed, Nov 19, 2008 to Fri, Nov 21, 2008
- **SIPA Board Meeting (Room 007)**
Wed, Nov 19, 2008 - 10:00 AM
- **Reflections Awards Night (Gym)**
Thu, Nov 20, 2008
- **Box Tops Store**
Fri, Nov 21, 2008
- **Family Skate Night (Classic Skating)**
Fri, Nov 21, 2008 - 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM | **ADMISSION IS FREE** for all Rocky Mountain students and their ... [Read More >>](#)
- **NO SCHOOL**
Wed, Nov 26, 2008 | Teacher Comp. Day
- **NO SCHOOL**
Thu, Nov 27, 2008 to Fri, Nov 28, 2008 | Thanksgiving Break

Visit the school website at
<http://RockyMountainElementary.org>
for the full Nov 2008 calendar

PTA President's Message:

Thank you parents who helped us pull off another successful Red Ribbon Week and SEP's. During SEP's, we had tremendous support for the schools book fair in which all of the proceeds go directly to the library. We always appreciate parent volunteers -- our school could not run without you!

In November, as the weather continues to chill, we will be warming up inside with Family Week November 19-21. Please bring your families to our annual Family Classic Skate Night on Friday, November 21 -- I know all the students look forward to this fun event!

Please continue to promote safety to your children by reminding them to buckle up in cars, wear their helmets on bikes, and to stay respectful and kind on school buses. Of course -- continue to remind your children to read! The Ken Garff reading program is going well; the students who read the most will have the chance to win a brand new bike!

So for the month of November, our THANKS goes to you great parents, your great kids, and our great school (teachers and administrators included)!

THANKS!
Andrea Motto
PTA President

Reflections Entries Due: Monday, November 3rd !!!

Reflections entries are due Monday, November 3rd. There is still plenty of time for your students to submit Reflections entries.

Reflections entries should be brought to the office and turned in anytime between now and Nov. 3rd. All entries must be accompanied by a Reflections form, which is available in the office.

For additional information about Reflections, students and parents can visit the official Utah PTA website at: <http://www.utahpta.org./individual.htm>

And remember, the theme for this year's Reflections is...

WOW!

Reflections Awards Night: Thursday, November 20th in the Gymnasium



Family Skate Night

Family Skate Night will be on Friday, November 21st, from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Classic Skate in Orem.

ADMISSION IS FREE for all Rocky Mountain students and their families.

Skate rental is \$1.00. Roller Blades and Scooter rental is \$3.00. You can bring your own skates, blades, and scooters.

The snack bar will be open. The dinner meal is only \$2.00, and it includes a hot dog, nachos, or a pizza slice and a drink.

Bring the whole family for a fun night of skating, eating, prizes, and family fun!

Location:
Classic Skating & Fun Center
250 South State Street
Orem, UT 84057
801-224-4197

Happy Thanksgiving !!!



There will be **NO SCHOOL** from Wednesday, November 26th, to Friday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving break.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving break !!!