

Rock Creek Community Newsletter

Eagle Updates

April, 2024

I am an Eagle and I Soar



A Note from the Principal:

Rock Creek Community,

Happy Spring! This month we send our 5th Grade Eagles off to Camp Casey to spread their wings and have an exciting learning adventure! The first week in April we are celebrating here at Rock Creek with Spirit Week. The week will be filled with fun dress-up days and a Spirit Assembly Friday morning, where Rocky the Eagle is sure to make an appearance!

The Future Ready focus for April is Creative Innovators. Our students are encouraged to think outside the box and come up with creative ideas and solutions. Let's support our students in unleashing their creativity!

Over the past few weeks, students have been filling the halls with their beautiful voices in preparation for their upcoming music concerts, what a treat! Please see "Important Dates to Remember" below for concert information and many exciting events to come.

Looking forward to a great month of learning

Marianne Norman, Principal RCE

-Spirit Week: April 1-5

- Monday- Match Your Friends Monday
- Tuesday- Autism Awareness Day- Wear BLUE
- Wednesday- Creative Hair Day
- Thursday- Grade Level Color Day
 - K- **ORANGE** / 1st- **GREEN**/ 2nd- **RED**/
 - 3rd- **PURPLE**/ 4th-**YELLOW**/ 5th- **PINK**
- Friday- Rock Creek Spirit Day Spirit Assembly: 9:30

-Kindergarten Assessments: May 21st & 22nd 4:30- 7:00

Please sign up your incoming kindergarteners for Kindergarten assessment using the following link [Kindergarten Assessment Sign Up](#)

-Inclement Weather Make-up days:

Due to School closers in January, May 24th will be utilized as an inclement weather make-up day.

- **Friday, May 24 is an early release day, students will be dismissed at 1:50.**

-Nutrition Services:

For weekly menus and more, visit the [Nutrition Services](#) website or phone 425-413-3450 or 425-413-3452

-Newsletter Translations:

We are very thankful for the parent volunteers who currently help us offer our Eagle Updates in both Korean and Spanish translations. We are currently looking for additional parent volunteers to provide Ukrainian and Russian translations. If you are available to assist with translating the newsletter on a weekly basis, please contact dsauceda@tahomasd.us

A Message from the PTO:

Upcoming Events:

Mariners Night! April 27th-

Join us on Saturday, April 27th for our next Sports Night as the Seattle Mariners take on the Arizona Diamondbacks! Tickets are only \$12 for Rock Creek families and friends! Look for order forms to come home with your student soon! Orders will be due April 1. See you at the ball game!

Bookfair: April 29 - May 2, 2024

Carnival: June 7, 2024 - Save the Date

Yearbooks

Available to purchase if you haven't already done so! Visit our website to purchase: <https://www.runpto.com/u/rockcreekelementary/> If you already ordered, you will have received a confirmation email from: mail@runpto.com

We appreciate every one of you!

Amanda Westendor, Rock Creek PTO President

Stay in touch! Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/rockcreekelementary](https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockcreekelementary) Email: theforcepto@gmail.com

Important Information about the Levy:

FACTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT:

- Prop. 1 Replacement of Educational Programs & Operations Levy is on the ballot.
- Ballots will be mailed on April 3
- **Election Day is April 23**
- Ballots must be postmarked by April 23 or put in a ballot drop box by 8 PM on Election Day (there's a drop box in the Rock Creek parking lot!)
- The state funds "basic education." The actual cost to operate our schools is more than what we receive from the state. Local levies close the funding gap.
- Our replacement levies will maintain funding for our existing staff, programs, technology, and resources. Some of those include special education, safety and security, sports, clubs and activities, mental health programming, a portion of every teacher's salary, and hundreds of education support staff.
- A loss of levy funds would result in significant cuts to staffing and programs.
- The replacement levies on the ballot are 2-year renewals (2025 and 2026). Unusual trends in property values led the board to propose a shorter levy cycle because there is uncertainty in projecting property values 3-5 years from now. The board will continue evaluating what the right need is for our levy.

Important Dates to

Remember

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| April 1- 3 | 5 th Grade Camp Casey |
| April 1-5 | Spirit Week |
| April 5 | Spirit Assembly |
| April 4 | 3 rd Grade Music Concert - 6:00 Disney: The Movies, The Music |
| April 4 | 4th Grade Music Concert- 7:00 Broadway Beats |
| April 8-12 | Spring Break |
| April 16 | 2 nd Grade Nature Vision |
| April 17 | Zero Hour Track |
| April 17 | Final Lockdown Drill |
| April 18 | 2 nd Grade Nature Vision |
| April 18 | 6 th Grade Registration Assembly |
| April 22 | Zero Hour Track |
| April 24 | Zero Hour Track |
| April 25 | 1st Grade Music Concert- 6:00 Pajama Party |
| April 25 | 2nd Grade Music Concert- 7:00 Hats |
| April 27 | Mainers Night |
| April 29 | Zero Hour Track |
| April 29 | Book Fair (ends May 2nd) |

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| May 1 | Zero Hour Track |
| May 6 | Zero Hour Track |
| May 13 | Zero Hour Track |
| May 15 | Zero Hour Track |
| May 17 | Track Meet at MVMS |
| May 21 | Kinder assessment 4:30-7:00 |
| May 22 | Kinder assessment 4:30-7:00 |
| June 17 | Field Day 2nd & 4th Grade |
| June 18 | Field Day Kinder & 1st, 3rd, 5th Grade |
| June 7 | Carnival |
| June 20 | 5 th Grade Graduation |

