



ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Roosevelt Families,

At the start of each school year we ask families to fill out a Student Registration Form. The form asks for a variety of information including: student's resident address (where the child actually lives), names of brothers and sisters, name of doctor or health care provider, parents' contact information, and names and contact information to be used in emergencies or when we need to quickly contact families. *For the safety of your child it is important that this information be accurate and up-to-date.*

Should you wish to add someone to the emergency list, please come into our office and request that the records be amended. Please note that in the event of an emergency or natural disaster, should we be unable to contact you, we will release your child only to persons on this list. It is important that this list be complete, comprehensive, and accurate.

If your family moves to a new house, it is still necessary to contact the office with your child's new resident address. If the move is out of the Roosevelt attendance area, but still in the Olympia School District, you will need to fill out an *Intra-District Transfer Form*. If you move out of the Olympia School District you will need to fill out an *Inter-District Transfer Form* so that funds will follow your child to our school to help pay for programs, materials, and services. In both cases your child may still attend Roosevelt, but on a space available basis which is assessed annually. (A new form must be filled out each year.)

When purchasing a new home or entering a new rental contract, you may want to check which service area you are in by navigating to <http://www.geodata.org/parcelsrch.asp>. You can also contact OSD transportation at 360.596.7700 for bus routes and pick up locations.

Sincerely,

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Domenico Spatola-Knoll

Through an active partnership among staff, students, and parents, the mission of Roosevelt School is to provide a safe, enjoyable, and challenging environment where all children develop the skills and enthusiasm necessary for lifelong learning.

Library News

S.T.A.R. Night Thursday, March 1st

STAR Night, “Sit Together And Read”, is Roosevelt’s annual family literacy event, and it’s happening this year on Thursday, March 1st (Dr. Seuss’s birthday), from 6:00-7:30. Plan to come as a family and enjoy various events throughout the school. Listen to our very entertaining “celebrity” guest readers, create bookmarks, sign up for a T.R.L. card, show someone how to take an A.R. test, listen to poetry readings, find out about local literacy agencies, and, most importantly, snuggle up with someone you love and enjoy a book together in the library. Every student gets to choose a free paperback book (for “keeps”!) and students are encouraged to dress as their favorite character from literature. Three hundred, thirty-six members of the Roosevelt community attended this very popular event last year, and we anticipate an even higher number this year. So mark your calendar and plan to join us for a most engaging evening with literature!

Margo Hill,
School Librarian

WASL Testing

Spring is approaching, and with that brings the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). This testing provided student’s level of achievement on state achievements targets in reading, writing, and mathematics and science. The WASL includes both multiple-choice and written answers. Attendance for this testing is imperative for the process.

The Olympia School District calendar has set aside the weeks of April 16 through May 4th. Our 3rd grade students will be tested in mathematics; 4th grade students writing and mathematics; 5th grade students mathematics and science. Please watch for further information to come home on specific dates and times.

More information regarding the WASL can be obtained from OSPI at:
<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/default.aspx>



Electronic Items, iPods, Cell Phones, etc.

Some students are bringing electronic items such as mp3 players, iPods, or cell phones to school. These items can be very expensive, and can often disrupt instruction or create other problems for our classroom or playground teachers. Roosevelt policy allows students to bring electronics to school as long as the following items are kept in mind:

1. *iPods, cell phones, and other electronic items must be turned off and kept in backpacks during the school day. The item is not be pulled out during class, lunch, recess, etc.*
2. Write down the serial number of any electronic item your child brings to school and keep it in a safe place
3. Write or engrave your child’s name and phone number clearly on the item. Jewelry shops will engrave most items neatly for just a small fee.
4. An engraving pen will (soon) be available in the office to engrave electronic items with your child’s name if necessary.

Student Store Recognition

A special thank you is extended to Heather Gajkowski and Megan Price for their work in implementing and running the popular Student Store program at Roosevelt! Our children receive “Star Bucks” for work well done. They are encouraged to save their vouchers for big ticket items at the Student Store. The Student Store is once a month during lunch recess in Pod C.



Important Safety Considerations

By and large, Olympia is a very safe community and research shows that students are safest when they are at school. However, a number of recent events serve as a reminder to talk to our kids about how to stay safe at home and when they are at school or on their way to school.

At our school, we have on-going procedures that are designed specifically to deal with safety issues. In addition to fire drills and emergency preparedness, here are some of the things we do to make sure your children are safe.

- Part of our curriculum is teaching safety habits. We frequently remind students about safety procedures.
- We never allow children to walk home during the school day or to take rides home with friends without written permission.

During the school day, students must be checked out through the school office. We ask parents to wait for their child in the office so that we can see child and parent leave together. We do not allow unauthorized individuals to pick up students without prior notification from the parent.

All visitors are required to check into the office. We want children who are outside to be conscious if they see strangers on the grounds and to notify the adult in charge.

Here are some tips that you can talk about with your kids as a reminder:

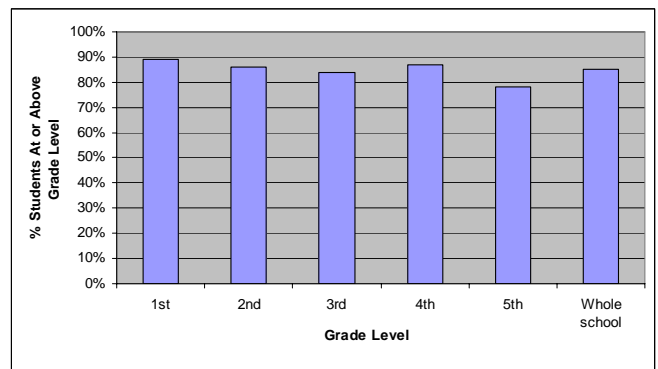
- Plan with your child what he or she should do in a dangerous situation.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time and waits in the designated places.
- Read school mail and keep informed of school events. We will always try to notify you if any incident of concern has occurred.
- Never accept a ride, or get into a car, with strangers.
- Remember that a stranger is anyone they don't know.
- Never accept gifts from strangers. Strangers asking for help or directions should be referred to an adult.

- Review safe walking routes to and from school.
- Review where it is safe to play or visit and review places to avoid.
- When help is needed, there are people we can trust: Review who those people are – teachers, neighbors, crossing guards and police.
- When home, keep doors and windows locked.
- Have a family escape plan from your home in case of fire or other emergencies.
- Know where your children are and have a plan for an emergency contact.
- If an incident of concern happens to any child, call the police right away. Notify the school next.

SFA News

Our second eight week testing cycle is complete, and we are very pleased with our children's progress and success. The test results are as follows:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>% reading on grade level</u> |
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| Grade One | 89% |
| Grade Two | 86% |
| Grade Three | 84% |
| Grade Four | 87% |
| Grade Five | 78% |
| Whole school | 85% reading on or above grade level |



It is obvious that students and staff are working hard to help Roosevelt students become great readers.

As we all know, 'at home reading' is essential for students to become fluent readers. Many students

faithfully bring their signed pink slips each Friday and get to attend the SFA Cafe once a month as a reward. In January, 293 children participated in the SFA Cafe. This is 74% of the students in our school. It is interesting to note the results of our most recent fluency reading tests indicated that 74% of our second through fifth grade students are also fluent readers. Think what we as a community could do if all of our children read for 20 minutes at home at least 4 times a week! What a fine legacy to give to our children - the gift of literacy.

Mrs. Harkness

Mid-Winter Break

Remember that schools will be closed February 19th-23rd for Mid-Winter break. Enjoy the week off with your student(s). School will resume on the 26th.

Medications at school

The nurse's office would like to remind our families that any medication purchased over-the-counter (cough drops, Tylenol, ointments etc) *or* medications scripted by a physician must have the proper Olympia School District authorization for administration of medication at school form. This form must be filled out and *signed* by the physician, as well as the parent. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is for the safety of the student.

Attendance Desk

We would like to remind our families to contact the attendance desk each day your student is absent from school. Please call 596-6703 and leave your students name, teacher and reason for absence for student records. The phone calls are very helpful and very much appreciated.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is growing each day, *please* encourage your student to stop by the hallway and take a look at the all the lost items. We also have six pair of glasses in the office. We are hoping that the glasses and clothing articles find their families. Please come and take a look.

- Feb. 26 Grades 4 & 5 to Junior Programs @ 12:30
- Feb. 27 Site Council 5:30 – 6:30/PTA 6:30 – 7:45
- Mar. 1..... S.T.A.R. night
- Mar. 9..... Grades K-2 to Junior Programs @ 12:30
- Mar. 23..... Report Cards go home
- Mar. 24..... PTA Carnival and Auction
- Mar. 27 (?) Site Council 5:30 – 6:30/PTA 6:30 – 7:45
- Mar. 30..... Class Pictures
- Mar. 30 – May 4 Roosevelt Artwork on display at Knox Bldg.
- Apr. 6 Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog to visit 1st grade
- Apr. 24 Site Council 5:30 – 6:30/PTA 6:30 – 7:45
- Apr. 30 Grades K-3 to Junior Programs @ 12:30
- May 22 Site Council 5:30 – 6:30/PTA 6:30 – 7:45