Friday Flyer December 15, 2017

Upcoming Events:

12/18-01/05 - Winter Break

12/31 - Deadline for ordering Yearbook at \$19 price (see ordering right)

1/3-1/5 - Boys' Basketball Practice - 11a - 2:30p.m.

1/8 - School resumes

MMCA Winter Performances

Earlier today we sent via private email distribution links to each classroom's Winter Performance. If you have a few minutes, take a look, as each of the groups did a great job!

2017-2018 YEARBOOK INFO:

\$19 Now thru December 31st, 2017 \$25 January 1st, 2018 thru April 30th, 2018

If at the time of delivery we have extra yearbooks, they will be \$35.

However, there is no guarantee that we will have extras, or how many, so please make sure to pre-order to ensure your child receives a yearbook.

Order here (online only)!: www.schoolannual.com

MMCA Musical Mustangs

Speaking of performing, our MMCA "Musical Mustangs" Club will be starting up in January. The initial club will be open to students in 4th - 8th grade, and will be doing several performances both within our school and local communities. Musical Mustangs Coordinator Natalie Aldridge is looking for parent volunteers to assist her with the group. Parents interested in volunteering may contact Natalie at nat.beacon@gmail.com.

Note from Mr. B:

Earlier this year, I sent a link out to each of our families asking for their electronic signatures as a part of our upcoming charter renewal with Rocklin Unified. I anticipate that RUSD will be holding their hearing for our five year renewal sometime in early 2018. One of the areas we have to present to their Board on relates to student academic performance. Between the implementation of the common core standards and the "Local Control Funding Formula", the state has developed a new school accountability report called the "five by five" placement reports (https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/). These reports replace the old "Academic Performance Index" ("API") scores that each California school used to receive.

The "five by five" reports are measuring two things: student performance vs. the state target scores (with a range of "low" to "at" to "high"), and student growth vs. the prior year. Below is a picture of one of the slides we'll be using during our presentation a picture of this years' 5x5 reports for Language Arts and Mathematics for our school, as well as just about every home school district of our students. Within this...unique new accountability report, the "middle" square is the state target - school districts performing above and to the right of this target square are doing well, and school districts performing below and to the left of this target square have some work to do. As you can see in the two tables below, our school had the highest placement for both ELA and Mathematics of all the schools in the region! For me, the table represents how lucky I am to be blessed with such a tremendously talented instructional staff and all of the wonderful families here at our school.

Topic: MATH

LEVEL	Declined Significantly by more than 15 points	Declined by 3 to 15 points	Maintained Declined by less than 3 points or increased by less than 3 points	Increased by 3 to less than 15 points	Increased Significantly by 15 points or more
Very High 45 or more points above					
High 10 points above to less than 45 points above			Rocklin Unified, Loomis Unified		MMCA
Medium 5 points below to less than 10 points above		Dry Creek, Roseville City	Western Placer		
Low 5 points below to 70 points below		Auburn, San Juan	Center, Twin Rivers		
Very low more than 70 points below					

Topic: ELA

LEVEL	Declined Significantly by more than 15 points	Declined by 3 to 15 points	Maintained Declined by less than 3 points or increased by less than 3 points	Increased by 3 to less than 15 points	Increased Significantly by 15 points or more
Very High 45 or more points above		2-1000			
High 10 points above to less than 45 points above		Roseville City, Rocklin Unified	Loomis Unified	MMCA	
Medium 5 points below to less than 10 points above		Dry Creek	Western Placer		
Low 5 points below to 70 points below		Auburn, San Juan	Twin Rivers	Center	
Very low more than 70 points below					