

Ruhkala News and Updates: October 3, 2016

Ruhkala Website: <http://rues.rocklinusd.org/>



Ruhkala Moments: Leadership Awards



PTSC Column:

Save the Date: Fall Carnival is almost here. Our annual Ruhkala Fall Carnival will be held on October 19th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Wristbands are on sale now! Wristband Forms were sent home in the Tuesday Folder and extras are in the office.

First Friday Concessions: On Friday, October 7th snow cones will be available right after school for \$2.

PTSC Meeting: October 12th at 2:30

Pledge Drive - Keep those pledges coming in for our Pledge Drive. Remember 100% of all the Pledge Drive goes directly to our students. This Pledge Drive takes the place of having students sell items. THANK YOU to all who have given so generously already!

PTSC Website - Don't forget to check out the PTSC website! It is a great place to find information about events that are coming up, lunch menus, payment links and more!

<http://www.ruhkalaptsc.com>

News:

Fusion Dance:

Our Fusion Dance dates have been set. The performances will take place on **October 12 and 13th**. Please look for ticket information in this week's Tuesday Folder.

Here is the final schedule for the Fusion Dance:

Wednesday, October 12th:

Heap, Brown, Leavitt, Berridge, Salata, Handley, Doehrer

Thursday, October 13th:

Holochwost, Storey, Garza, Gardetto, Gottschalk, Yamasaki, Van Der Kamp, Kelley

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AERIES Parent Portal:

Please create your Aeries Parent Portal

We are excited to offer a time to drop in for help in creating your AERIES Parent Portal. On **October 14th** from 1-4 we will be working in conjunction with the Rocklin Unified district office staff to provide help to any parents who would like some assistance with signing up for the portal. If you are interested, please come to Ruhkala's main office during this time.

Ruhkala Moments: Coming Together



Noteworthy Events this Week:

Monday:

Early Dismissal Monday (Kinder: 1:10; First-Sixth 1:20).

Tuesday:

Cross Country Club (Grade 4-6 with signed parental permission) 2:30-3:00

Wednesday:

Ukulele Club: 3:30-4:30 Room L (Agenda: Introduction to the ukulele teachers, provide basic information about the program, and answer questions from parents)

Friday:

Leader in Me Awards Assembly: You are always welcome to stay and celebrate the spirit of leadership here at Ruhkala Elementary School.

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Mrs. K's Message:

I have been busy reading many articles about supporting a STEAM education and how to build a partnership between school and home that supports our students in these areas. I have come across many tips and thought I would bring them to you in our weekly newsletter from time to time. Here are two ideas:

One - Encourage Questioning: Is your child always asking “why” and “how”? That’s a STEAM mindset. Embrace this curiosity. Try to take the time to explain the things that you understand, and when your child poses a question that you don’t have an answer to, look up the answer together. This models good research practices in the process.

Two - Seek out STEAM extracurriculars: Extracurricular activities, even for young students, don’t have to be limited to sports. There are many children who take part in performing arts clubs or lessons. Beyond that there are many STEAM clubs that we can help connect you with. Right here in our Ruhkala Community we have Early Engineers, Mad Science, and Intellibricks. Ukuleles will be up and running on Wednesday and more information will be coming out soon about a Robotics Club that is in the planning stages.

Science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) education is becoming more and more important. These are necessary skills in today’s world. In general our children are being asked to apply their knowledge and skills. This application piece makes this a very exciting time to be a student, teacher, and a parent - supporting our children’s curiosity and learning.

Thank you for your partnership- Mrs. K

Site Council: We are currently accepting nominations for a vacant parent position on our Ruhkala Site Council. If you are interested in nominating an individual, please email Mrs. Kikosicki their name by Wednesday, October 5.

STEAM Moment:

Making mistakes is an important part of learning. Mistakes are proof that we are trying. In Ms. Storey’s class, mistakes are celebrated. The children get to put a marble in when they have learned from a mistake. When the jar is full of marbles the class will enjoy a reward.

