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Principal's Message

A word from Mrs. Bryant

When we all met together in August at our Back to School Night, I mentioned that our Rogers Adventist School Board had met in reference to safety for our students at RAS.

While we love having a playground that we can share with our community on the weekends, having our campus as "open" as it is during the school day invites individuals to come and roam our outdoor space during school hours and it's not safe for our students or teachers to be in such a vulnerable situation, specifically on the playgrounds and our playing fields. We frequently have to remind individuals who roam our outdoor campus during the day that this is a private facility.

The board voted to approve a fence to enclose our K-2 playground and after receiving a quote for the labor and materials, our finance committee approved the purchase and installation of a fence to enclose our playground along the parking lot.

We plan to put in some attractive landscaping along the fence to beautify the space and we also will have a couple of gates in that fence. These gates will be locked during school hours as that is our main purpose - keeping our grounds safe while children are present at school. However, we plan to leave the gates unlocked after students have been dismissed, and on the weekends so families in our neighborhood can continue to utilize the space.

We want to continue to be a good neighbor in our community, but also make sure that we're protecting our students during the school day. Please let me know if you have any questions about RAS safety.

Ski Days

Once again we are excited to partner with Bluewood for our official RAS Ski/Snowboard Days! While Bluewood has not yet given me the registration paperwork required for parents to complete, nor an updated pricing guide, they have confirmed the dates we'll be attending so you can plan ahead for time-off on your work calendar.

The dates are all Fridays - January 20, January 27, February **3 and February 10.** Of course, these are subject to change based on weather (ironically, if we have an inclement weather day here at RAS on a scheduled ski day we do NOT go up to Bluewood and instead postpone the day to the following week) and sometimes Bluewood needs to edit their schedule and we accommodate it as necessary. Even so, these are the days we are planning for.

These ski days are optional. Students who don't participate will have fun enrichment days here at RAS. Quick reminder that students in grades 5-8 may attend our ski days without a parent or guardian but all students in grades K-4 must have a parent or guardian attend with them to be their chaperone. Think SNOW!

Family Groups

This week in Family Groups we culminated our Red Ribbon Week with a special assembly in the WWVA Auditorium. Emma C. was the Captain in charge. Mrs. Cosaert's class led us in song service and Abby B. and Hope H. provided prayer and scripture.

After we cheered for every class and all the RED they wore, we split into two groups. 5th-8th graders heard from Trilogy Recovery about substances and how important it is for our brains to stay drug and alcohol-free! K-4th heard from the Blue Zones Project about keeping our bodies healthy and how to manage stress. Ask your kids about the roller-coaster breathing technique they learned!

WWVA Fall Fling

Sunday, October 30, from 4-7 p.m. all Rogers families are invited to attend WWVA's Fall Fling for food, fun, games, and more! Booths include face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, corn dogs, italian sodas, petting zoo, jail, fishing booth, and more!



Coming up

October 30: WWVA Fall Festival, 4-7 p.m. in the WWVA gym

October 31: First day of 2nd quarter

Oct. 31-Nov. 3: Swimming lessons at the YMCA - Wessman's class

November 2: Con Brio and WWVA joint orchestra concert, 7 p.m. WWVA Auditorium

November 5: Rogers Church Service at City Church featuring orchestras

November 7-10: Swimming lessons at the YMCA - Schafer's class November 10: Peter and the Wolf

Ballet Performance for grades K-6

November 11: No School, join us at the Veteran's Day Parade at 11:11

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Career Day in 3rd/4th



Happy Birthdays

Kamdyn K. Hope H. Wylder H. Elijah A.

Ruby G.

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November 4