

Rumney Rocks September 6, 2019 Newsletter Edition

Great Things Are Happening at Rumney

Hi Rumney Families,

It's hard to believe that we're already finishing our second week of the 2019/2020 school year! We are hopeful that students have been sharing updates with you about fun things they did at school, connections with friends and fun things they did or talked about at lunch or recess, and something new that they've learned.

While visiting all classrooms throughout the week I continue to be inspired by your kids every day. From preschool and kindergarten students exploring their environment, building new friendships, and getting used to classroom routines (and what a long and tiring day it can be for some!), to students in grades 1/2 and 3/4 making new connections and taking on leadership roles to teach routines, and grades 5 and 6 where teamwork and learning challenges are happening daily, Rumney is an exciting place to be.

Here are a few quick glimpses of our week:



Celebrating a great week of learning,
Mr. Provost (Casey Provost, RMS Principal)

Upcoming Events and Information

- September 9** - Picture Day! (there is a make-up day on Tuesday 10/8 that Tues/Thur PreK will join)
September 18 - Instrument Rental Night (5:00-6:15) **and** WCUUSD Board Meeting at U32 6:30pm
September 19 - PTO Meeting at 3:45pm in the library
September 25 - Open House, 5:30-6:30pm
September 26 - Kindergarten Screening Day (Matt is sending info about this day on 8/30)
September 27 - All-School Adventure! (Info to be sent home mid-September)

Rumney Soccer Updates

- Please see the letter below regarding our new Athletic Director!
- Please continue to send student/athlete permission forms and concussion forms to school

Other Rumney Updates

- Please return all annual forms to the main office as soon as possible. This ensures that we have up-to-date information to contact families for daily information.
- Our faculty and staff are discussing how to make the most out of our All-School Adventure for our students. Though the 2018 trip to Elmore didn't take place, we are hopeful that we will make an all-school trip happen and have scheduled a rain date for 10/4. We are working to plan a day that is accessible for all students and has more options for success and are considering shifting the day to Hubbard Park. We will have information and permission forms available soon.
- Final edits are being made to the 2019/2020 Student and Family Handbooks. They will be printed and a copy will be sent home as soon as they're available.

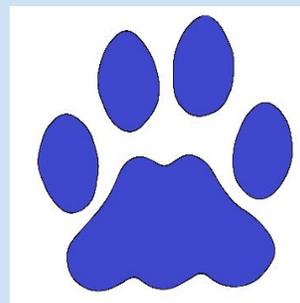
Updates from the RMS Librarian, Ms. Aly

Check it out! Your favorite school library has a new website. It was created for all our library patrons (students, staff, and families) in mind. If you have a device of some sort, you can bookmark this site and access our catalogue, educational websites, technology tips and reading recommendations at any time. It will be updated seasonally, so please let me know if you have any suggestions! You can reach me at amahony@u32.org. I am also in the building on Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays this year. Happy browsing! - Ms. Aly

Steps to finding the Rumney library website:

1. Find Rumney Memorial School website
2. Click on Classroom tab
3. Click on library
4. Underneath the Wild Cat paw print there is a live link - click on it

(See example to the right!)



Library

Alyson Mahony

<https://sites.google.com/u32.org/rumney/home?authuser=1>

Athletics/Activities Director and Fall Soccer

Hello Berlin, Calais, Doty, and Rumney families,

As many of you probably saw in last week's newsletter for your school, we have been searching for a candidate to take on the role of Athletics/Activities Director for our elementary schools so that we can ensure our kids have equitable opportunities for recreational activities outside of the school day and that our approach is aligned with each other. A team of administrators (Aaron Boynton from Berlin, Cat Fair from Calais, Gillian Fuqua from Doty, and Casey Provost from Rumney) came together to discuss qualities and experience that we were looking for in this leadership role. Our team is happy to introduce Chris Cadorette as the new WCUUSD Athletic Director.

Chris brings years of experience and education to this role with a bachelor's degree in physical education along with a master's in public administration and experience coaching a variety of sports from PreK-graduation. Chris's philosophy for youth activities is simple and clear: we need to provide opportunities for students to find the fun in athletics and activities; shared play time that is focused on developing skills and sportsmanship rather than winning; and community engagement. Chris is passionate about bringing our communities together and he has the right energy to do that.

For many of us, there have been questions and a sense of urgency about getting fall soccer underway and as you can imagine, it sounds like a little something different is happening in each of our buildings. Some fields still need lining, some coaches still need to be found at each grade level, some coaches need training and to get started on background checks for safety, and some teams have already had a few informal practices. Thankfully the schedule has been outlined and the athletic manual guiding our practice has been developed. To hit the ground running, Chris really only needs to hear from folks. He will check in at each school to confirm registration but he will not automatically know if you volunteered to coach.

- If you agreed to coach and are still willing, please identify yourself to Chris before games and official practices start. He will need to make sure we are all on the same page.

We are lucky to have Chris Cadorette joining our team and supporting our students and look forward to seeing this new role evolve in the coming year. Chris can be reached at

ccadorette@u32.org.

Thank you,

Aaron Boynton, Berlin Elementary
Gillian Fuqua, Doty Memorial

Cat Fair, Calais Elementary
Casey Provost, Rumney Memorial