

## Wednesday Wrap Up, August 25

### News From The Principal

What a sight to see- over 500 students coming through our doors this past Monday. Yes, this year brings about challenges, but at the end of the day, we are in the business of loving kids, and we were able to make that happen Monday. Sure, a perfect storm (literally) made dismissal a challenge, but once again our students and staff stepped up to ensure a little rain didn't cloud a great day!

This year, our school theme revolves around The Stallion Six. These six skills for life include respect, grit, empathy, embracing diversity, self-control, and integrity. As a school community, our work with the Stallion Six revolves around Dr. Tom Hoerr's book *The Formative Five*. Last Wednesday, Dr. Hoerr was our keynote speaker at our back to school staff meetings. Dr. Hoerr will continue to work with the staff throughout the school year.

This week, I have had the pleasure of going into each classroom to read the picture book, *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold. As we read this wonderfully inclusive book, we talked about examples of how all of the Stallion Six skills are showcased in this story. We are proud to be the most diverse elementary school in Rockwood, with over 40 different languages spoken in the home. Our diversity allows our students to befriend students with different backgrounds, inquire about a variety of home-brought foods at lunch, and learn about different celebrations their families may celebrate. I echo one of the pages in *All Are Welcome* that reads, "We're part of a community. Our strength is our diversity. A shelter from adversity. All are welcome here."

As the year progresses, we will have opportunities for our parents to read *The Formative Five* and have community discussions around our Stallion Six.

As we begin to close out our first week, thank you for trusting us with your most precious possession- your children. We don't take that responsibility lightly.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Riley, Principal

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### **Arrival and Dismissal:**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! When dropping your child off in the morning, please pull all the way forward before letting your child get out. Drop off is meant to be a quick and safe procedure. Please DO NOT get out of your car! If your child needs assistance with supplies, a seatbelt, etc, you need to park in the lot and walk your child across the crosswalk. Again, please DO NOT get out of your car.

Our afternoon dismissal can be very crowded. We ask that cars pull all the way up the walk. Adults, again, should remain in their car. As each child is called and walks to the car, they should be able to enter independently. If not, adults need to park in the parking lot and walk to get their child.

Please remain off cell phones during arrival and dismissal on our lot for everyone's safety.

### **Dismissal Vocabulary:**

At the end of the day, we call several groups of students for dismissal. Inside the classroom and over the end of day announcements, staff will use these terms to call groups for dismissal. To avoid confusion, the following are the groups and definitions:

**Car Riders-** Adults pick the student up in the car along the west side of the school. Please DO NOT get out of your car!

**Walkers-** Students walk to their house.

Students in Baxter Point meet Mr. Pohlman in the lobby.

Students in Chesterfield Farms meet by the bike rack in the rear of the building (K-1 students walked there by Dr. Riley and Mrs. Grether).

**Bus Riders-** Students taking a bus to their designated stop. Classroom teachers walk students to their assigned bus.

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### **Eating Lunch With Your Child:**

We welcome parents to have lunch ONLY with their child(ren) inside the building. We have a special high top table for parents to eat with ONLY their child(ren). Parents must remain at that table and students may not invite friends to sit with them at the high top table.

Lunch times are...

2nd Grade- 10:35-10:55

1st Grade- 11:00-11:20

Kindergarten- 11:25-11:45

3rd Grade- 11:50-12:10

4th Grade- 12:15-12:35

5th Grade- 12:45-1:05

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### **Wild Horse Has Talent:**

Does your son or daughter have a special talent that we can showcase throughout the school? Send Dr. Riley ([rileyshawn@rsdmo.org](mailto:rileyshawn@rsdmo.org)) an email with a picture or video of your child showing off their skills outside of school. Make sure to send him the names of the Stallions in the pictures/videos. Let's showcase our dancers, ball players, Scouts, and others throughout the year. We will display these talents on the TV screens in the lobby and in the cafeteria.

Pictures & Videos will be updated monthly.

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#### **Beginning of the Year Reminders:**

- Please label all clothing, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc.
  - If you know your child will be absent, please call the attendance hotline 24/7 at 636-891-6099
  - Interested in being a copy parent? We are looking for copy help. Days and times are flexible. Please contact Giulliana at [giuhee@gmail.com](mailto:giuhee@gmail.com)
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#### **PTO News:**

It was so great to see our Wild Horse community in person at Meet the Teacher. In order for all of us to stay connected and informed, the WHE PTO uses an online system called Membership Toolkit. If you do not already have an account you can create one at [wildhorsepto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://wildhorsepto.membershiptoolkit.com). Once you have joined you will see an option to donate to the One Check Campaign, T-shirt sales, event ticket sales and volunteer opportunities. The One Check Campaign is one of our largest fundraisers and helps PTO to provide school events and enhancements for our students. Also be sure to choose Wild

Horse Elementary PTO as your Amazon Smiles donation recipient. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- Thursday, September 2 - WHE Spirit Day
- Friday, September 3 - PTO Meeting 1:30
- Monday, September 6 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, September 7 - Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS
- Friday, September 10 - Patriot Day - Wear Red, White and Blue
- Friday, September 17 - Vision Screening

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