

WHISKERS WEEKLY

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy some time with your friends and family.

Pot of Gold News: Parent-Teacher Interviews

This fall, parent-teacher interviews will be held on October 25 and 26, 2017. Holding interviews at this time of the school year will give the opportunity for teachers to share current assessment information and for goals to be set. Goal setting is a shared activity between students, teachers, and parents. It helps students understand where they are in their learning and to envision where they'd like to be. From there, along with parents and teachers, they can map out strategies to achieve their goal. Studies show that this type of goal-setting boosts both achievement and a student's confidence in their ability.

Prior to the interview dates, teachers will be sending home some information about goal-setting so that parents and students are prepared for the conversations that will take place during the interviews.

21st Century Competencies: What are they?

At the heart of RVS' learner competencies is the principle that education must prepare students fully for their lives as individuals and as members of society - with the capacity to achieve their goals, contribute to their communities, and continue learning throughout their lives. RVS' learner competencies are intellectual, personal, and social skills that all students need to develop in order to engage in deeper learning — learning that encourages students to look at things from different perspectives, to see the relationships between their learning in different subjects, and to make connections to their previous learning and to their own experiences.

[Critical Thinker](#)

Critical thinkers engage in reflective reasoning to build deep understanding that is supported by evidence.

[Problem Solver](#)

Problem Solvers identify strategies and tools to develop, evaluate, and implement solutions.

[Innovator](#)

Innovators put elements together to form a new pattern or structure.

[Communicator](#)

Communicators understand, interpret, and express thoughts, ideas, and emotional connections with others.

[Collaborator](#)

Collaborators build relationships and work with others to achieve common goals.

[Globally Aware](#)

Global awareness is the understanding of an interconnected world and a citizen's role within society.

[Civically Engaged](#)

Civic engagement reflects a commitment to democratic governance, social participation, and advocacy.

Self-Directed

Self-directed individuals take ownership of their learning.

Media & Information Literate

Individuals who are information and media literate use technology to explore and build knowledge in an ethical and responsible way.

Financially & Economically Literate

Individuals who are financially and economically literate understand and evaluate personal and global economic issues.

Throughout the school year, on students' report cards, teachers will be commenting on one or more of the competencies and how children are demonstrating them in the classroom.

No School October 6, 9, or 10

Friday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 10 are Professional Learning days and Monday, October 9 is Thanksgiving. There is no school on these days. Please enjoy your extra-long weekend with your family and we will see you back in class for regular school hours on Wednesday, October 11.

Talking With Students in the School Yard

Please be advised that you need to sign in at the office and be wearing a visitor's pass to speak with students while they are outside. We do not allow children to interact with people walking around the school yard at any time during the day, including recess times. Safety first!

Lost and Found

One month in and we have overflowing lost and found! Please check the lost and found drawers and coat rack located in the front foyer of the school and encourage your child(ren) to do so as well.

Litterless Lunch Fundraiser

The Fenigo litterless lunch fundraiser is underway using this link: <http://www.fenigo.com?aff=5>

This exact web link is important, as is making sure that shipping goes to Rainbow Creek (free!) so that fundraising credits go to the school. If you or distant family/friends would like to ship to home, please make sure that "Rainbow Creek Elementary School Fundraiser" is in the Order Instructions box when you confirm your order. FENIGO has a lot of great products to make boomerang lunches easy and fun, so check it out. The last day to order is Wednesday, October 11. If you have any questions, please email rcscouncil@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6 – Professional Learning – No School

October 9 – Thanksgiving – No School

October 10 – Professional Learning – No School

October 11 – Fenigo fundraiser ends

October 13 – Jacket Racket donations end; Freezie Friday starts

October 25-26 – Parent-Teacher Interviews

November 8 – Photo retakes and class photos

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