

# SHARK TALES

Rosemary Clarke Middle School

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## Principally Speaking: Mr. Tim Wombaker

Goodbye October and hello November and cold weather. With the weather turning colder, students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing so we limit sickness and absences from school. Please help out by ensuring your child is dressed for the weather.

We have many different reward programs for students who don't receive any referrals and have acceptable grades. We have had a few dances and several were not allowed to participate due to receiving a referral. We will also have a Reward Day at the end of the 9 weeks for all students who do not have a referral and have acceptable grades.

We have had some issues come up over the past few weeks. Several students have chosen to not make the best choices and have been suspended from the bus or from school for a variety of issues. Bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, and even fighting are rampant across the country. We are providing learning opportunities for students by having our counselors visit classrooms and talk about how to handle bullies and how to cope with situations. We have an open reporting system as well, so students need to use it when necessary.

## RCMS SAFE After School Program

Lights on After School is a nationwide celebration, sponsored by the After School Alliance. This program is to recognize the many after school programs that operate throughout the country. This year the RCMS SAFE after school program held their celebration on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 family and friends were treated to hotdogs, cupcakes, spooky witches' hats and other goodies. The RCMS Builders Club (part of the SAFE program with our community sponsor, Kiwanis Club) sponsored a mini-

We are also very excited that the NCSD Board of Trustees just approved 2 campus monitors to assist with issues such as bullying and harassment. This is a very positive step to curb issues and open lines of communication. Thank you to NCSD BOT, Superintendent Dale Norton, and Assistant Superintendent Kim Friel for adding the new safety personnel.

Administrators are also working with students on how to handle bullying and harassment issues. If a student is uncomfortable, they have been asked to tell the other student to "stop, I don't like that" or even just "STOP! OR KNOCK IT OFF!" That is the universal language. If the poor behavior continues after that, then GO GET HELP FROM AN ADULT! Many students are worried they will be looked at as "chicken" or "weak", but we have tried to instill that it takes more STRENGTH to walk away. We had an assembly to teach students about bullying and how to handle today's most challenging issues. The best teachers are the parents though. Please help us by talking with your kids about strategies to help with problems. If you need any resources, please contact the school and talk to any of the counselors or administrators.

carnival which included a goodie walk, fish pond and bean bag toss. There were displays explaining various SAFE activities, as well as a performance by the dance team. Parents were able to view a homework help video. Door prizes for both parents and students were given.

SAFE is an after-school program open to all RCMS students. The program runs Monday-Thursday from after school to 5:00pm. Teachers are available to help with homework, test prep and

We will be very happy to assist. We ask all parents to not go directly to the bullying child to handle the issue. Please talk with administration or the other parent to resolve the issue with maturity and respect.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported the Great American Opportunities fundraiser. The money raised goes to student activities such as Educational field trips, Reward Days, assemblies, and student supplies such as software, paper, etc.

The morning recess has been a HUGE success! In order to make it quick and easier for kids to grab a playground ball and play, we have ordered some equipment. So, students will not need to bring their own playground balls to school anymore. We don't want any personal items stolen or issues caused by that. When the new equipment comes in, we will enforce the new rule.

Hope you had a great October, Nevada Day, and Halloween.



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## Upcoming dates of interest:

- NOV 2: END OF 1ST QUARTER
- NOV 6: IN-SERVICE DAY
- NOV 7: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, NO SCHOOL
- NOV 12: VETERAN'S DAY, NO SCHOOL
- NOV 21: MINIMUM DAY, DISMISSAL 10:35 A.M.
- NOV 22—23: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL

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### Assistant Principal: Mr. Kyle Lindberg

It is that time of year again. We are finished taking the NWEA tests here at RCMS. These tests are used by each teacher to find strengths and weaknesses for each student that takes the test. The teacher can then break down lessons to bring up various low areas of your child. So you understand that each student should take these tests with great care. Ask your teachers about the tests at the conferences coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

In last month's newsletter I mentioned students being rewarded. Each nine weeks we

give out wristbands to all students that have been behaving in the lunch room. With this wristband, they get to sit inside or outside for lunch. It gives them a bit more freedom to sit where they want and by whom they want to sit by. Ask your child if they have their bracelet. We will be handing out new bracelets in a week. But remember, it can be taken away for poor behavior in the lunchroom and for getting in trouble at school.

Lastly, we are starting to recognize "Student of the Month" again here at RCMS. On October 9<sup>th</sup> we had our first recognition of the year. Students were pulled out of class at 1:30 to receive their award and enjoy a little time eating pizza with their fellow "Student of the Month" kids. Two students from the list will be honored by the Elk's Lodge with a T-shirt.

Thank you for all the support and making this year flow as easy and smoothly as possible as we "swim to the top."



Beginning in our next issue, we will include articles that have RCMS students' point of views. They may answer questions, make comments or tell how they feel about the current events in our world, our town, and our school. Please watch for these special articles as they will be interesting windows into our students' opinions.



### Health Aide Corner



Hello, my name is Tommie Landis and I'd like to introduce myself as the new RCMS Health Aide. I really enjoy working at RCMS. I have been very busy helping students in my office and adjusting to a new workplace.

There is some information/reminders that I would like to share concerning the students.

\*Please update contact informa-

tion. When a student is ill or injured, it's very important to have the correct phone numbers and emergency contacts available.

\*Cold weather is approaching, and older children need to dress appropriately for the weather too. Dressing in layers is helpful, as the weather can be unpredictable.

\*The health aide **can not** provide pain reliever, cough drops, or any

other medication to students. Parents/Guardians are required to provide medication along with a signed Medication Consent Form to the health aide. Prescription Medications require a physician's signature. All medicine is to be in the original container clearly labeled with student's name. If students need to carry an inhaler with them, that also requires a signed consent form. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding medication at school.

\*Please encourage your child to practice good hygiene by washing hands often, keeping hands & fingers away from eyes, nose and mouth, and by covering coughs and sneezes. This will decrease the chance of spreading viral and bacterial infections such as Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Strep Throat, Pink Eye, Flu, and Colds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 727-5546 ext. 2110.

### GEAR UP Program Information

Hello! My name is Lisa Hamrick and I am the new GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) Site Representative at Rosemary Clarke Middle School.

The GEAR UP program offers many services to increase basic academic skills that will enable your child to succeed in post secondary education and career choices. We will be visiting colleges to introduce students to college life as well as inviting college coaches, financial aid speakers, college faculty members, alumni, and guest speakers to visit our campus. Parents will be in-

vited to participate as chaperones on many of the trips. GEAR UP works with teachers, counselors, parents, and students to ensure that each individual is on track to graduate and be well prepared to pursue a college education after high school graduation.

One aspect of the GEAR UP program is Career Cruising which is an exciting, user-friendly and innovative program that GEAR UP implements to create a portfolio for all **7<sup>th</sup> grade students** that will follow them throughout high school. Career Cruising is a web-based career explo-

ration and planning tool that your child will use to explore career and college options that match their interests. The program has career inventories, interviews with people in specific careers, and a glance at colleges that support those career choices as well as the financial commitments.

The great news is that **all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students** are eligible to participate in the RCMS GEAR UP cohort through their 12<sup>th</sup> grade school year as long as they maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average.

We are in the process of

planning an informational parent/student meeting in November. As soon as arrangements are made and the date confirmed, I will be in contact with you. Meanwhile if you have any questions, please contact me at (775) 727-5546 ext. 2122. Or you can e-mail me at lhamrick@nye.k12.nv.us. I look forward to working with you and your child in this academic partnership.

Sincerely,  
Lisa



## Assistant Principal: Mrs. Laura Weir

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. It is real, it is way too common, and it can have serious emotional consequences for our kids. No longer limited to schoolyards or street corners, modern-day bullying can happen at home as well as at school — essentially 24 hours a day.

As long as kids have access to a phone, computer, or other device (such as an iTouch), they are at risk.

It's not always easy to know how and when to step in as a parent. For starters, our kids tend to use technology differently than we do. Kids today start playing games online and sending texts on their cell phones at an early age, and most teens have smart phones that keep them constantly connected to the Internet. Many are logged on to



Facebook and chatting or sending text messages all day. Their knowledge of the digital world can be intimidating, but if parents stay involved in their kids online world, just as you do in their real world, you can help protect your kids from online dangers.

Fortunately, our growing awareness of **cyberbullying** has helped us learn a lot more about how to prevent it. Here are some suggestions for parents:

**Block the bully.** Most devices have settings that allow you to electronically block emails, IMs, or text messages from specific people.

**Limit access to technology.** Although it's hurtful, many kids who are bullied can't resist the temptation to check websites or phones to see if there are new messages. Keep the computer in a public place in the house (for exam-



ple, no laptops in children's bedrooms) and limit the use of cell phones and games. Some companies allow you to turn off text messaging services during certain hours. And, most websites and phones provide the option for parental controls, which provide parents with access to their children's messages and online life.

### Know your kids' online world.

Check their postings and the sites kids visit, and be aware of how they spend their time online. Talk to them about the importance of privacy and why it's a bad idea to share personal information online, even with friends. Encourage them to safeguard passwords. Write up cell phone and social media contracts that you are willing to enforce.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

October's character trait of the month was cooperation. Here are some ways to be a cooperative person.

**LISTEN** carefully to others and be sure you understand what they are saying.

**SHARE** when you have something that others would like to have.

**TAKE TURNS** when there is something that nobody wants to do, or when more than 1 person wants to do the same thing.

**COMPROMISE** when you have a serious conflict.

**DO YOUR PART** the very best that you can. This will inspire others to do the same.

**SHOW APPRECIATION** to people for what they contribute.

**ENCOURAGE PEOPLE** to do their best.

**MAKE PEOPLE FEEL NEEDED.** Working together is a lot more fun.

**DON'T ISOLATE OR EXCLUDE ANYONE.** Everybody has something valuable to offer, and nobody likes to be left out.



The following students were nominated for Student Of The Month for exemplifying this month's character trait. Congratulations!!!

**6th:** Cierra Reid, Diego Padilla, Virginia Weir, Alison Wagner, Lillith Coutu, Hailie Souza, Draven Rodgers, Alexis Lewis, Ronni Spaulding, Darcy Biermeyer, Andy Gallegos.

**7th:** Sabian Wagner, Kaitlyn Karel, Irene Tucker, Taylor Chenevert, Adam Leavitt, Bryce Biermeyer, Angelo Carranza, Angel Gibson, Bailey Covington.

**8th:** Joziah Stauffer, Rayanne Benbo, Sherwood Reed, Kyle Patterson, Virginia Martin, Brian Palmer, Madison Goodart, Byron "Koa" Kahahane.



Basketball Team the season will be as follows:

*Nov. 26-Dec. 21 Basketball Practice*

Boys: 2:30—4:00 Girls: 4:00—5:00

*Jan. 7-March 2 Basketball Practice*  
Boys: 2:30—4:00 Girls: 4:00—5:00

**Games schedules are TBD. They will be periodically during the week and every Saturday from Jan. 5—March 2.**

**NO PRACTICE DATES:**

Jan. 21 NO Practice  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 15 NO Practice  
Teacher In-service Day

Feb. 18 NO Practice  
President's Day

## RCMS BASKETBALL BEGINS SOON!!

  
Basketball Season is right around the corner. Those interested in participating must turn in an athletic registration form to Mr. Hammar prior to participating. A physical form, which must be completed by a licensed physician, must also be turned in. Students must have insurance in order to participate. If you do not have insurance, it can be purchased through Student Assurance Services. The Athletic Registration form and insurance forms can be picked up in the RCMS main office. Those students who already have an athletic registration form on file from

the fall sports do not need another one. Basketball tryouts will be held November 13, 2012. Those interested in trying out sign up in Mr. Hammar's room, D130. If you are selected to be on the team after tryouts, the cost for the season will be \$85.00. You can contact Mr. Hammar @ 727-5546 ext. 4101 or by e-mail @ [jhammer@nye.k12.nv.us](mailto:jhammer@nye.k12.nv.us).

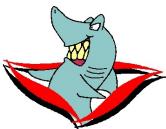
### IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 13—Nov. 15: Try Outs\*  
Boys 2:30-4:00 Girls 4:00-5:30

\*\*Athletes must have athletic registration turned in to try out.

If selected to be on the RCMS





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## FUNDRAISER PRODUCTS TO ARRIVE NOVEMBER 16TH!!

All items ordered during the Great American Opportunities Fundraiser are scheduled to be delivered on **Friday, November 16, 2012** along with prizes earned. Please plan to pick up students on this day if they participated in the fundraiser as many of the items will not be able to be transported on the buses. Make sure all products are delivered to the buyers in a timely manner as to maintain the wonderful community support that we are fortunate to have here in Pahrump. If you have any questions call 727-5546 ext. 2120.

### **ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK**

**Reserve a copy of the RCMS yearbook for the lowest price in the last 5 years or more!**

Now until November 7, 2012 year-books can be purchased for \$5.00 off of the normal \$40.00 price. Bring this to Mr. A. Veloz in the 8th grade building to reserve your yearbook now, or simply mention "Special Shark Pricing" to receive the \$5.00 off. You only have until November 7th to redeem this \$5.00 off which is the first Parent Teacher Conference for

RCMS. We also have a layaway option available with a \$10.00 deposit that locks in the \$35.00 price. After November 7th, the yearbook will be \$40.00 until around the third week of January. This pricing is also available online. If you order your yearbook online, you also qualify for prize drawings worth up to \$300! Look to the internet for available prize pictures and more information. The drawing will be held the week before Winter Break. The only way to qualify for the prize drawing is to purchase your yearbook online. Go to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) to order the yearbook

and to also make some fantastic personalization additions to it.

**Thank you to the Elks Pahrump Lodge #2796 for their contributions & support and to your support of yearbook fundraisers for making this discount available.**

**Quick Note:** Students are enjoying the iPad lab, unfortunately at this time we are unable to allow students to take an iPad home until an NCSD Policy is put into place.

Thank you for your understanding.

