



## The Northstar 12/22/16 Ross Elementary National School of Character

January is a very busy month with lots of opportunities to gather as a community and to celebrate students. The topic for the Principal's Coffee, will be the construction work that will take place this summer to improve our parking lot. I will also share the same information about the parking lot improvements at the January PTO meeting for parents that cannot make the coffee.

For those new families to Ross, *Breakfast and a Book* is a special opportunity for our families to come together, enjoy a light breakfast and read books with their child. A new Ross tradition that began last year, is our *Pancake Breakfast*. This event serves as a fundraiser for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and an opportunity to come together and enjoy one another's company on a Saturday morning.

The month of January is also the time we begin registering our incoming kindergarten students and complete the registration forms for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students transitioning to North East Middle School. Please note the dates on our calendar.

We end the month of January with a *Science Fair Celebration* and our *Jump Rope for Heart* event. The Science Fair Celebration is an opportunity to recognize all of the children that completed a Science Fair Project and for those students moving on to the District Science Fair. Our annual Jump Rope for Heart is an event for students in grades three through five. Last year our school raised over \$10,000.00 which was enough money to save 207 lives. It is a great event and parents are always welcome to come and watch the students and staff jump for the American Heart Association!

Enjoy this winter break as a family! Always, Dr. Luna

### Important January Dates

- 1/09 School Resumes for students  
Choir 8am
- 1/10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night North East Middle School 6:30 pm
- 1/11 Late Start Day School Begins@11:05am
- 1/12 Chess Club 8:10 am  
Principal Coffee 9:10-10am
- 1/13 Robotics 8am
- 1/16 NO SCHOOL
- 1/17 Parent Band Info Night (PCM)-7pm
- 1/19 Choir 8am, Chess Tournament/Banquet 4-6:30 pm
- 1/20 STEM Club 8-8:40 am  
Breakfast and A Book 8:10-8:45 am  
Skate Night 5:45 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Registration Forms are due to NEM
- 1/21 PTO Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
- 1/23 Choir 8am
- 1/24 Kindergarten Registration 7:30-6pm  
Science Celebration/PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm
- 1/25 Character Council Meeting 8:00 am
- 1/26 Jump Rope for Heart (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>) 4-6:00pm
- 1/27 STEM Club 8-8:40am
- 1/30 Choir 8am

### Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

- ✓ Students arriving after 9:05, must have a parent or guardian sign them into school.
- ✓ For safety reasons, students should not be dropped off for school before 8:45 am. We do not have adult supervision prior to 8:45.
- ✓ If a child's dismissal plan needs to change, the office must be notified before 3:30 pm.

*A Special Congratulations to Mrs. Hall, our 2016/2017 Ross Teacher of the Year.*

## Ross Elementary Science Fair 2017

Winter break is a perfect time to work on a Science Fair project. Ross will continue the tradition of having a school Science Fair and will display all of the projects in our school library. Students that choose to participate in the Ross Science Fair may also participate in the Parkway School District Fair. In order to ensure that all projects have the required criteria for the District Fair, we utilize the Parkway Science Fair Guidelines and scoring guides to judge all of the Ross Science Fair projects.

**Projects for the Ross Science Fair must be turned in by January 11, 2017 so that our judges have time to score the projects.** January 11th is around the corner and will be here before we know it! We will celebrate all Ross Science Fair participants during our PTO meeting on January 24, 2017, with fun science experiments as well as ribbons and certificates for all students entering the Ross Science Fair.

For those children who want to enter the District Science Fair, the Parkway Science Fair webpage is a great source for all your Science Fair needs! Students and parents can access a Science Fair Handbook with scoring sheets, frequently asked questions, and the safety expectations for all projects. The following link takes you to the webpage:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/ParkwayC2/Programs\\_Depts/4866708780963077506/Teaching\\_Learning\\_and\\_Accounta/Middle\\_School\\_Team/Science/Science\\_Fair](http://www.edline.net/pages/ParkwayC2/Programs_Depts/4866708780963077506/Teaching_Learning_and_Accounta/Middle_School_Team/Science/Science_Fair)

## Parkway School District Science Fair & STEM Expo Important Dates

The Parkway Science Fair will be held at Southwest Middle School on February 24-25th, 2017

Digital Projects Due	Tuesday, Feb 21st	by 10:00 PM
Project Placement	Friday, Feb 24th	4:00-6:00 PM
STEM Expo	Friday, Feb 24h	4:00-7:00 PM
Exhibit Viewing	Friday, Feb 24th	6:00-7:00 PM
Judging	Friday, Feb 24th	4:00-10:00 PM
Judging	Saturday, Feb 25th	8:00 AM-Noon
Exhibit Viewing	Saturday, Feb 25th	4:00-6:00 PM

All participants who want to place their projects in the Parkway Fair must register their projects by **February 16, 2017**. Projects can be registered online on the Parkway Science Fair webpage.

