



February 09 Newsletter

A Message From Mrs. Williams



Rogers School

January has certainly been an exhilarating month for Rogers School! In just 19 short days we have had the first annual science fair begin, grades close, after school clubs begin the first session and parent conferences for grades 1-5. This is all in addition to the daily curriculum work, experiments, structured learning and assessments that have been going on in the classrooms.

Perhaps the most exciting piece (from the students point of view of course!), is the start of the After School Clubs. There are currently 13 clubs running with 120 students enrolled. Yes, that's 58% of the students in school are in a club. These numbers do not reflect the addition of the Floor Hockey Club which began 2 weeks ago either. With that we add another 36 students (75%)! I am sure you will not hesitate to agree that this first session is a success. But we have to remember that all of this is happening because we have parents who are giving of their time to this. It would not be possible without

them. By looking at the monthly calendar you will see that Session I is about to end just before vacation, but fear not! We hope to get Session II up and running for the first week of March. But again, this is only possible with parental support. I urge you to consider running a club for the students of the school. The parent volunteer sign-up sheet went home last week. If you need another one, you can find one on the website or in the main office with Mrs. Besse.

Rogers School has also accomplished one of it's school improvement goals with the parent-teacher conferences for grades 1-5 held last week. The feedback has been positive from both teachers and parents. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this event I would love to hear them. Your suggestions will help improve it for next year.

As you know, my door is always open and welcome to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. ☺

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Important Dates:

- ☺ Feb. 16-20- Winter Vacation
- ☺ Mar. 19th- ½ Day
- ☺ Mar. 30-Apr. 9- MCAS gr. 3-5
- ☺ Apr. 10—No School
- ☺ Apr. 20-24—Spring Vacation
- ☺ May 6—Spring Concert



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Reminder to Update Information

Life passes and changes so quickly that we often forget just how many people are affected by those changes. As we approach mid-year, I would like to remind you that if any information on your child's emergency form has changed, it is important we have that updated infor-

mation. This information includes addresses, phone numbers (including cell phones), and names of emergency contacts. By having updated information we can better notify you in any event that we may need to reach you. Thank you in advance.



We have launched a brand new website that went public in January. While there's still more to come, check it out! I'd love to hear feedback and suggestions!



Yearbook Photos Needed

Believe it or not, the yearbook committee has already begun to plan for this year's book. At this point they are asking for you to share any pictures that you may have. These could include pictures of the students this year participating in various activities or it could be pictures from years past. Whatever you may have would be helpful. Please be sure to put your child's name and homeroom on the back of all photos submitted. Thanks in advance, for your help.



Geo Bee Winners

Grade 4

Colton Fitzsimmons
Eagan Cabral
Nicole Ochoa
Daniela Ochoa (2nd Place)

Grade 5

Hannah Dawicki
Kirsten Hilton
Alexandra Lima
Heather Welty (1st Place)

Geography Bee Wows Crowd



Q: Located northwest of the Niger River Delta, Lagos is one of the largest cities in sub-Saharan Africa, and it's the largest city in which country?

Stumped you? Well, not our 4th & 5th graders! On Jan. 7th we had eight 4th & 5th graders take the stage to answer questions similar to this one (this was an actual question!). The students performed phenomenally as the audience was in awe over their knowledge. We had several tie-breakers which showed just how knowledgeable they are! Ultimately, Heather Welty won and represents our school. She has taken the written Qualifying Test and we'll hear the results by mid-March. Congratulations to all of our class winners! By the way—the answer is Nigeria!

Read-a-thon is Coming



The annual read-a-thon will continue this year in a most splendid way. A committee of teachers has been meeting to plan this year's event. While I cannot yet release the details, I can tell you that we will be having a school-wide kick-off assembly before the start of the read-a-thon. The read-a-thon will last for six weeks, starting on March 3 and ending on April 11th. The Gold Medal Ceremony will be held the week before April vacation. Be sure to check next month's newsletter for all of the exciting details!



