

Rocky Mountain Deaf School February 2010



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 8-11 - Book Fair
- Feb 4 - Early Years
- Feb 10- ASL/Literacy Night
- Feb 12-15 - No School
President's Day
- Feb 16 - Parent/ Architect Workshop
- Feb 18 - Early Years
- Feb 25 - Board Meeting

Dear Parents,

Excitement is in the air at RMDS. New developments keep us looking toward the future with delight. Soon, we will open our doors to a new HIGH SCHOOL next fall! We are working hard to design the best possible education system for our students in the upper grades.

Another exciting development is the designing of our new school building. Architects and staff have been meeting to conceptualize our priorities. Now, we welcome parents input into the design & floor plan. Please attend the Architects' workshop on Feb 16 (6pm) to share your ideas with the team. We welcome your involvement!

Best Wishes,
Janet Dickinson



February 8th-11th 3:30-4:00pm

Join us for an "ALL YOU CAN READ BOOK FAIR" with an Olympic Theme! This is a great way to connect students with the books they want to read!

What's Happening at RMDS

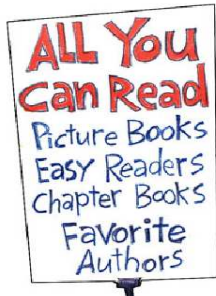
ASSEMBLIES

At the end of every month RMDS hosts assemblies and special guests for our students. Family and Community members are welcome to join us for these events!

THIS MONTH:

Friday, February 19, 12:30-1:30pm

Deaf Community member and outdoor enthusiast, Heidi Zimmer, will be visiting RMDS to share her experiences and adventures in the great outdoors!



Literacy and ASL Night

Get Involved and Read Together

Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00-8:00pm

Studies show that students who read, excel in school as well as life. Reports also reveal that when parents are involved with their child's education, students earn better grades and have a more positive attitude about school. What better way to connect with your child in these two areas than at a Book Fair?

Students and parents will work on comprehension skills and strategies while playing games and earning prizes at the same time. Children and parents will walk away with new books and enthusiasm for reading.

We hope to see you there!

How Can I get Involved

Parent/Architect Workshop
Tuesday, February 16th from 6:00-8:00pm



Parents are invited to a workshop with the Architects of our new building, Anderson, Mason, and Dale. Come and find out about the progress on the project so far, and give you feedback on what YOU want to see in the new school.

What kind of space would you like? Floor plan? How do you envision classrooms, gyms, and outdoor spaces?
We want parent involvement!

Middle School Ski Trip

Some of the Middle School students will be taking off into the mountains this year to join the Aspen Deaf Extreme weekend ski camp! Luci Gale will be accompanying our students.



Best wishes to our skiers. We hope you have FUN!

Important Info For Parents



CSAP is COMING!!!

CSAP is coming and we are preparing for a successful showing of what our students have learned!

We would like to see ALL STUDENTS present on CSAP days. Please make an effort to have your student here EVERY day listed below.

CSAP DATES:

Feb 17-18: 3rd Grade reading

*March 1-12: 4-8 grade reading/writing/math/science
& 3rd grade writing/math*

THANKS!

Board Meetings

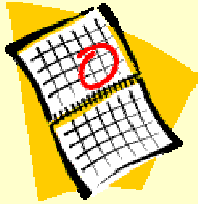
Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in the monthly Board meetings held at Rocky Mountain Deaf School.

This month the meeting will be on **Thursday, February 25, at 6:00pm**. You may view the meeting agenda one day prior at the front desk or online.

You may also contact our Board Members anytime with questions or concerns. Our Board President is Christine Pendley, and her email address is christinependley@comcast.net.

Looking Forward...

Upcoming Events



March 1-12 - CSAP Testing

March 29-
April 5 - SPRING BREAK

April 8 - Spring Benefit
Dinner

April 19 - Middle School
Fun Night

May 24 - No School
Memorial Day

June 3 - Last day of
School

How Do I Know If School Has Been Cancelled or Delayed?

1. Watch television channels 2, 4, 7 or 9 for up-to-date information regarding school closure. Rocky Mountain Deaf School will be listed on the captions.

*Even if we are open, evaluate your decision to bring your child to school based on the road conditions near your house, temperature, etc. Our highest priority is for you to be safe!

We have three additional days built into our calendar, so that we would not have to make up days for closing due to weather. If we have more than 3 snow days, then we may need to revise our original calendar.

Early Years Program and Parent Group at RMDS



The Early Years Program provides a place for families to come together to build relationships with other families, adults who are Deaf / Hard of Hearing, and professionals. The Early Years Parent Group provides support to families and creates networking opportunities within their community.

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, February 4, 2010 from 5:00-7:30

Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 5:00-7:30

Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 5:00-7:30

Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 5:00-7:30

Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 5:00-7:30