

Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Back to School!

September 2011



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 5	<u>NO SCHOOL</u> HAPPY LABOR DAY!
Sept 14	<u>Back to School</u> <u>Night</u>
Sept 9	<u>Assembly: Golden</u> <u>Community Garden</u>
Sept 27	<u>Deaf Children's</u> <u>Festival</u>
Sept 28	<u>Early Release</u>
Sept 29	<u>Family Night</u>
Sept 30	<u>NO SCHOOL</u> Professional Development Day

Happy September!

It's great to see the excitement from our students to be back in school! Our staff is rejuvenated from a summer off and the great news of the BEST grant, which will allow us to finally build a new school! They are ready to dedicate themselves to the success of our students academically, physically, and emotionally.

This year we have several returning staff, including some returning from previous years, as well as several new staff. We hope to see you at Back to School night on Sept. 14th, so that you will have a chance to meet everyone.

We are really looking forward to setting up a Parent Teacher Organization this year, so please contact us if you are interested in being involved. We know that parent involvement is valuable to the student's success and the success of the school.

Nancy Bridenbaugh
Interim Director

ASSEMBLIES

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:

September 9th, 2-3pm
Golden Community Garden



A community volunteer will speak to students about the purpose and benefits of community gardens as well as some gardening tips!

BIG NEWS



**Rocky Mountain Deaf School
has received the
BEST GRANT for
13 MILLION dollars!**

**Our Vision of a new school
is coming true!**

**We have already begun
preparations for construction!**

**Thank you to all of our dedicated
supporters who made donations
and were involved
with the application process!**



RMDS STAFF

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



ASL Specialist:	Joyce Brubaker
High School Teacher:	Nancy McAnlis
Elementary Teacher:	Lindsay Crawford
Elementary Teacher:	Patty Germundson
Elementary Teacher:	Lisa Hann
Middle/High School Para Professional:	Shane Lavin
Elementary Para Professional:	Kenzie Davison
ECE Para Professional:	Marla Jo Rabenstein
Para Professional in the Plus Program:	Terri Austin-Bazalewski

RMDS Website

www.rmdeafschoo.net

We encourage parents to check out our website and use it as a resource for information.

The site includes:

- A classroom page with info about your child's individual class activities and updates
- An up-to-date school wide calendar
- Each month's hot lunch menu
- Current announcements and events
- A photos of school events



We hope that the parents find the website useful in addition to Monday folders and regular communication with teachers.

What's Happening at RMDS

WHERE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEAF SCHOOL

1921 Youngfield St., Golden, CO 80401

Deaf Children's Festival

In honor of George Veditz's 150th Birthday

RMDS Presents:

ASL POETRY

SCHEDULE

10:00am-11:00am

Performances by RMDS Students for visiting schools

11:00am-12:00pm

Group Activities

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch and Recess

(Pizza and baked goods for sale by the Student Body Government)

1:00pm-2:00pm

Performances for Parents and Community

DATE

Tuesday, September 27th

303-984-5749 or Joyce@rmdeafschool.net

RSVP

What's else is coming up?

Back to School Night



**Wednesday, September 14th,
5:30pm-7:30pm**

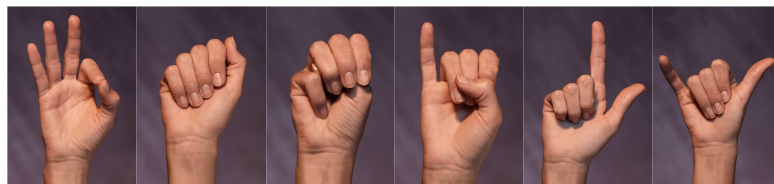
Meet your child's teachers, paras, counselor, and other RMDs families. You will also learn about your student's daily routines, schedules, goals, activities, homework policy, and discipline plan.

Interpreters will be available

Family Night

**Thursday, September 29th,
6:00pm-7:30pm
Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30-6:00pm**

Parents and students are invited to join us in an ASL Exploration! Learn how teachers are implementing ASL curriculum in the classroom and strategies you can use at home to support your student's language development.



Interpreters will be available

What's Happening at RMDS

MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS 6-10th Grade



FALL SESSION: COED FLAG FOOTBALL

September 1- October 12, 2011

Game Schedule To Be Announced.

Games will be held on Tuesday or Thursdays and locations will alternate between 4 Lakewood Middle Schools (Creighton, Carmody, Dunstan, O'Connell).

GO Mountain Lions!



Early Release Days

This year there will be 6 Early Release days scheduled throughout the year that occur on Wednesdays.

The purpose of these days are to provide teachers and staff with collaboration time.

Students will be released 2 ½ hours early. Buses will run on early release days

Mark these dates
on your Calendar!

Wednesday, September 28

Wednesday, October 26

Wednesday, January 25

Wednesday, February 29

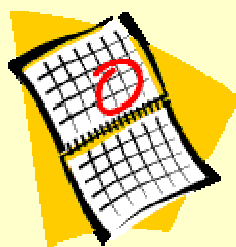
Wednesday, April 25

Wednesday, May 16

On these days, school will be released at 12:30pm.

More RMDS news

Upcoming Events



October 26	Early Release
October 26	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 21	Honor Roll Assembly
October 31- November 4	Spirit Week
October 29	Fall Festival
November 16	Thanksgiving Feast
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Break

RMDS Fall Festival Saturday, October 29th, 2011 10:00am – 2:00pm



**Ghost, ghouls, Superheroes,
Princesses, Witches and more are
invited to our**

Halloween Themed Festival

**So put on your masks and join us
for games, raffles, jumpy castles,
and entertainment. This is one of
RMDS's favorite annual events!
Mark your calendars now!**