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September 2010 Rex Patron Bulletin

Welcome Back to School

Welcome back!

The school year is off to a great start. We are continuing to grow so we added a section in first and fourth grade. Our new first grade teacher is Savannah Mahlandt. She is a Wichita State graduate and Rose Hill native. After a one year stop in Hutchinson Mr.

Mason returns to Rex as a new fourth grade teacher. While we recognize the difficulty of adding staff after school has started, I want to thank the district office for putting kids first and not letting our classes be so big. Not every district thinks like that. My wife teaches in a district, left unnamed, where her classes are over 35 students! So thank you Dr. Burke

and the district office.

We have new curriculum this year as well. Our students are doing Literacy First for Reading and Everyday Mathematics. This is a big change but so far things seem to be going well. One of the important aspects of Literacy First, we are doing that just K-2 this year, is an extensive test to see where their reading strengths and weaknesses are. So we are getting lots of good information.

As always, it's a pleasure to work with your kids!

Brian Howard, Principal



Notes from Mrs. Busby in the Health Room

Welcome back to school everyone and it is so good to be at Rex another year.

I missed your child/children and am very glad to see everyone again, along with all the new faces who have joined us this year. We have completed our school-wide head lice checks and it went very smoothly. I've given the teachers the Fluoride permission slips for the third and fourth grade students. Fluoride will start the first Wednesday in October and go through the end of March 2011. The permission slips need to be returned by September 17, 2010. Also another reminder not to send your child/children to school

ill or running a fever. School policy states a child/children should not attend school if they have a fever of 100 or greater. The also must be fever free 24 hours before returning to school. Feel free to call me anytime you have questions regarding your child's/children's health. Looking forward to another great year at Rex.

Thank you for your support.
June Busby, LPN

Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents or Guardians, Welcome to Rex Elementary School. I am Abby Thrash, the elementary counselor at Rex. This will be my second year here and I will work hard to make sure every student's needs are met. I would like to take a few moments of your time to briefly summarize my job and its role in your child's education.

As a school counselor I feel it is my responsibility to help every student succeed socially, emotionally, and academically. For this reason I take a very active interest in all students. I prefer to be a person they know and feel comfortable with-often before they have a problem or concern. I have monthly guidance lessons for students in

Kindergarten through fifth grade. My lessons will be linked with the district PRIDE program. I will highlight Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence. Topics will range from being prepared to learn through study skills to communication, cooperation, conflict management, bully proofing, and character education. Between CIS and myself, we hope to provide small group services this year as well. Group topics include anger/conflict management, family changes, friendship/social skills, and leadership training. Groups will be offered throughout the year based on need. Parental permission is required for participation in group. Please watch for more details as the year progresses. Individual counseling is available too. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.
Abby Thrash

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6 Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	7	8	9	10
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Communities In Schools Rex Elementary

Helping kids stay in school and prepare for life

Welcome back! My name is Shaye Ferguson, and I am the Communities In Schools (CIS) Site Coordinator for Rex Elementary! I have been providing support to Rex students and their families for four years now! The Mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. CIS is the nation's leading community-based organization since 1990, and helps local students choose success by ensuring their access to the "Five Basics": (1) A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, (2) A safe place to learn and grow, (3) A healthy start and a healthy future, (4) A marketable skill to use upon graduation, (5) A chance to give back to peers and community.

Last school year we had a fun time boosting our Rex pride! Students were able to participate in CIS groups and activities during their lunch and lunch recess which increased their self-confidence, improved their grades and behavior, were able to make new friends, and were given the chance to give back to their community through community service projects. The following groups will be offered this year for your students to participate in: My Changing Family, Making Better Choices, Girl Power Group, Boy Power Group, Community Service Club, and many more! Groups will be starting soon! Please sign your student up by filling out a CIS parent permission form located in your students backpack or you can stop by the CIS Room D-33 and pick up a form! I am excited to begin the school year and invite you all to please stop by my room if there is anything I can assist you with!

Volunteer Opportunities at Rex Elementary!

Mentor: Have lunch with a child once a week! Quality time in this one-on-one relationship can help students in many areas that affect life at home and at school!

Tutor: Help a child be successful in school by tutoring them during the school day.

Student Interest Group: You can share a talent or a special interest with a group of students such as sports, crafts, or you can talk about topics of interest to the students. Usually this is a once-a-week commitment for six weeks during the students lunch and lunch recess (40 minutes).

Guest Speaker: Visit a classroom of students to give a presentation and answer questions about careers or your topic of interest. Share your knowledge and guidance with our future workforce!

Supplies or Drives: You can also help our Rex students and their families by participating in our school drives by donating much needed miscellaneous items such as backpacks, school supplies, clothing, food, etc.

Special Events: Help Communities In Schools and Rex Elementary with school wide events!

Donate to Communities In Schools: If you would like to contribute to CIS in a way other than volunteering, donations are always welcome!

Thank you for supporting our students!

www.ciswichita.org

Donuts with Dad!

Hey, Dads! Would you like an opportunity to spend more time with your child? Join us in the Rex Elementary cafeteria on **Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 7:30-8:20 a.m.** to enjoy donuts, milk, and juice provided by Communities In Schools and Rex Elementary School. This event is for Rex students, dads, and other positive male role models!

The RSVP forms will be sent home in your child's backpack on October 8th. If you wish to attend, please return the completed RSVP form with the number and names of all adults and students who will be attending. We hope to see you there!

Please R.S.V.P. by November 2nd

