



Pioneering Adventures

Rose Pioneer Elementary
Michael J. Beattie, Principal
September 2, 2008

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

The start of school is one of my favorite times of the year. Seeing everyone dressed up, smiling and excited about school energizes my day. If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet, please stop by my office and introduce yourself when you get a chance.

The entire teaching staff and I spent a day in retreat during August reviewing our mission and vision for learning. We also set individual and collective goals for this year. Our goals are constructed around research on effective instruction and professional learning communities. We are committed to providing an unparalleled learning environment for your child. The entire Rose Pioneer staff has high expectations of one another as professional educators and I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to lead such a fine community of learners.

The statement, "Today's Choices Shape Tomorrow" is our theme for this school year. Throughout the year, we will have special events, assemblies, and learning experiences to teach our students about the qualities necessary to "build" a successful future.

If your child completed a Summer Learning Packet, please be sure it gets returned to his or her teacher. Each student who completed summer learning opportunities also is asked to complete and return the attached Summer Learner Celebration form to let us know. Those students who took time over the summer to keep their skills sharp will be rewarded, as promised.

Come join the adventure as we build a blueprint for success with our learners.

Professionally,

Michael J. Beattie, Principal

News You Can Use

This folder contains information that you will need to grow in your understanding of your child's experiences at school. The forms in the left inside pocket need to be filled out and returned to school in the folder as soon as possible. A Family Handbook is in the right hand pocket. You will also find a calendar of events for the school year. Please keep the calendar and handbook at home for future reference. Each Friday, beginning Friday, September 12th, a "Pioneering Adventures" will come home in your folder to keep you updated on the latest happenings and events at Rose Pioneer. This will assist you in continuing to be an active partner in your child's education. Each week, Pioneering Adventures will contain updates, additions and changes to the district calendar, articles about school and Family Council activities, and a letter from me. It is the primary communication tool for keeping our home/school partnership intact. As always, please do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Your Calendars

Three important events are coming up in the next two weeks. More information will come home in upcoming Pioneering Adventures. Please mark your calendars.

- ✓ Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. we will have **our first Family Council meeting of the new school year.** We will be meeting once a month—typically the second Tuesday. Make this the year you join our dedicated parent/teacher organization. *WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INVOLVEMENT TO MAKE ROSE PIONEER THE BEST IT CAN BE FOR OUR CHILDREN!*
- ✓ Thursday, September 18, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.—**Open House**—Meet the teachers who will communicate important information such as grade level curriculum and expectations for learning, study skills, and conduct.
- ✓ Friday, September 19, 2008—**Family Council sponsored Frankenmuth Fundraiser begins.** Please watch for information coming home with your child.

Did You Know?

Every teacher at Rose Pioneer is highly qualified to teach at the elementary level. Federal law gives each parent the right to know certain information about his or her child's teachers, including professional qualifications. Should you ever find it necessary or desirable to learn more about your child's teachers, please contact Margaret Hazlett, Director of Human Resources at 248.328.3104.

Summer Learner Celebration

It has become a tradition at Rose Pioneer to celebrate summer learning. This year, we will celebrate with a pizza party toward the end of September. All students who participated in a library reading program, educational camps, tutoring, worked on summer learning packets or any type of educational learning opportunity are invited.

If your child was a summer learner, please fill out the form below and send it in by Friday September 12, 2008.



My child _____ participated in the following summer learner activity:

- Summer Learning Packet
- Tutoring
- Library Summer Reading Program
- Other _____

Parent Signature: _____