

Roland Park Elementary/Middle School Colorado House Newsletter

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4th Edition

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Assistant Principal's Message

Dear Roland Park Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a healthy and prosperous New Year! It is hoped that you had a well-rested and enjoyable holiday season. Now that we are back to school, we have so much to look forward to in the days ahead. Would you believe that 2nd quarter ends January 22nd and 2nd semester begins January 25th ... How time flies! Report cards will be issued February 5th.

Continue to encourage your child to maintain good grades. The 8th grade final report card must reflect excellent grades for every marking period! The high school to which your child is assigned will see these grades. High school is **very challenging** and your child must be well prepared for the adjustment to 9th grade by being diligent in her/his studies.

During the first week in February, I will have a mid-year meeting with our 8th graders and share requirements for participation in the 8th grade closing activities. You will receive a letter outlining these requirements. The date for our 8th Grade Closing Ceremony is **Monday, June 7th** at the Polytechnic Institute. Additional information will be forthcoming.

It is truly a pleasure working with you and I continue to look forward to our partnership the remainder of the school year to make this a successful and fun year for our 8th graders. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,
Maxine Brooks
8th Grade Assistant Principal

High School Choice Process

Congratulations 8th graders and parents/guardians! You made it through the stressful process of making your high school selections and submitting your high school application! The BCPSS Office of Student Placement will be notifying you of your high school assignment by mailing a letter to your home by the end of March 2010.

Do you have a NEW ADDRESS? If you have moved to a new address, we need 2 current proofs of address. 30 students are being notified for proofs of new addresses. Thank you to all of those who came in the next day with their proofs. This is urgent...as your high school assignment letter will be delayed without a correct address!

Upcoming Field Trips

**Wednesday,
January 20th**

Mrs. Magill

Team D

Baltimore Museum
of Industry

**Thursday, April
22nd**

Mrs. Grizzard and
Ms. Lopez

Teams N & D

Baltimore Museum
of Art

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School for the Arts (BSA)

Baltimore School for the Arts auditions will be held Tuesday, January 26th - Friday 29th. If your child misses the audition, you must call BSA at 443-642-5165 immediately to see about rescheduling.

Student Service Learning (SSL)

All students in the state of Maryland must complete 75 hours of Service-Learning in order to graduate from high school. All service-learning projects must be PRE-APPROVED by your school counselor using the "Pre-Approval Form." Visit www.bcpss.org and select "Service Learning Resources" on the front page. Then select [SL Service Learning Agencies Updated.xls](#).



Parent/Teacher Conference Days

Conferences are held quarterly on the MID-QUARTER progress report distribution dates. Routine teacher/team conferences are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (by appointment only). Call the 8th grade office to schedule a conference 410-396-6010.

Student Support Team (SST) letters will be attached to report cards of students who failed a class for the second quarter. SST offers strategic interventions to help improve their grades and pass 8th grade.

Private Schools:

All requests for transcripts and records were sent out *before* December 18th. Any requests received in 2010 will be handled within the week of the request.

Roland Park's Annual Science Fair is quickly approaching. The fair will be held on February 11, 2010 from 5 - 7pm. Please plan on coming to see all of our students' excellent work. Mrs. Magill, 8th Grade Science Teacher

D-Team Field Trip

The field trip to the Baltimore Museum of Industry will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Our students will leave school at 8:50a.m. and return around 1:45p.m. All students who did not sign up for a cafeteria bag lunch need to remember to bring a lunch. Mrs. Magill, 8th Grade Science Teacher