



# ROSEMONT NEWS

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## WHERE EVERY STUDENT ROCKETS TO SUCCESS

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February 4, 2011

### Calendar Items

Monday, February 21  
Friday, February 25  
Friday, March 4

HOLIDAY – Presidents’ Day  
Science Fair, 7:00 p.m. (snow date is March 4)  
Early Release Day – Students dismissed at 12:35 p.m.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I need to share some not so pleasant news with you about next year. Rosemont will no longer be a Title I school during the 2011-2012 school year. The reason we will not be a Title I school is due to the fact that our poverty rate of 57% is not high enough for us to qualify. Our poverty rate would have needed to be at least 65% to qualify. So what does this mean for Rosemont? It means that we will lose approximately \$400,000 in funding from the federal government that pays for three teaching positions and two paraeducator positions. These positions were used to reduce class size during reading and math and provide reading and math interventions to students. Additionally, losing our Title I status means that we will not have our summer ELO program, consequently you will need to make other plans for your students this summer because they will not be able to attend summer school here. Losing our Title I status will not affect class sizes or the free breakfast program. I am obviously not happy about losing our Title I status, but I want to assure you that we will do everything possible to make the transition from Title I as transparent as possible and your children will continue to receive a top-notch education at Rosemont.

The school system is in the process of rebidding for our before and after school care program at Rosemont. Currently the program is run by Bar-T. However, five other programs have placed bids to operate the program for next year. I need a few parents to serve on a committee that will review the bids and select three finalists. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Sweeney, Principal

### Camps and Sports Programs

The City of Gaithersburg sponsors camps and sports programs for students. Gaithersburg City residents may apply for financial assistance to attend these activities to provide funds to help pay for camps during the summer and for students to play on a sports team during the year. Brochures and applications for financial assistance are available at the Bohrer Park Recreation Center near Gaithersburg High School, at Linkages at Rosemont, or by calling Mrs. Resnick, school counselor (301) 840 7123. Transportation must be provided by the parent/guardian and the activities are at various locations in the Gaithersburg area.

## PTA News

### **Upcoming events so mark your calendars:**

**Science Fair: February 25<sup>th</sup>, snow date March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**PTA Meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup>**

As always, we would like to thank all of our parent and teacher volunteers – it is only with your help that we can make great things happen for our kids!

We would especially like to thank **Bar-T at Rosemont** for their help and support with our programming. They have been a great support in all we do; donating items, time and supplies to numerous events. Please make sure to thank the staff at Bar-T for their generous support of our school.

**Mad Science** has started and the kids are loving it!!! Thank you, Melissa Colavito, for organizing this year's effort.

**KidStuff Coupon Books:** If you haven't done so already, please either return your coupon book or send in your payment of \$25. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Tench at [captench@aol.com](mailto:captench@aol.com).

### **Is Your Child Signed Up for the Science Fair?**

Entry forms were due this week. All students who have entered the science fair will receive a confirmation form next week. If your child has changed partners, changed the experiment or changed his or her mind, please make all changes on the confirmation form. Only students who return the confirmation form will be given a display board. The science fair will be held on **Friday, February 25** ( snow date is March 4). Set up begins at 7:00 pm. Please encourage your children NOT to wait until the last minute to work on their projects. If you have questions, please contact Jane Rice at [janericemail@msn.com](mailto:janericemail@msn.com).

### **Judges Needed for the Science Fair:**

If you have a scientific background and are good talking with children, please consider becoming a science fair judge. Since the PTA Science Fair is non-competitive, judges ask participants about their projects and encourage new areas of exploration. Judges are given table assignments and even a list of sample questions. To volunteer for this once a year opportunity, please contact Jane Rice at [janericemail@msn.com](mailto:janericemail@msn.com).

### **CALLING ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES!**

#### **Rosemont PTA needs You!! The children need you!!**

Help out by being involved. We have plenty of things that you can do; large and small. Please contact Rachel Carr [rachecarr@yahoo.com](mailto:rachecarr@yahoo.com) and/or come to a Rosemont PTA meeting and inquire.

### **Babysitters Needed**

We are looking for high school aged children and Rosemont adults who are interested in volunteering during PTA meetings to babysit. High school children can obtain Community Service Credit for their time. Please contact Rachel Carr at [rachecarr@yahoo.com](mailto:rachecarr@yahoo.com) if you know someone who would like to help out.

Please register your Silver Diner Card with your information and then separately to Rosemont at <http://www.silverdiner.com/eat-well-do-well>. Then next time you eat at Silver Diner, make sure to give it to your server and it benefits both you and Rosemont! They has now increased our portion from 1% to 5% of your total sale. In addition, they are still giving us 5% of any pre-loaded monies you put on the card.

**Remember to earn money for Rosemont while you shop! Ask your family members to register their store cards with Rosemont ES – grandparents, aunts, uncles; it's free for them, but we make money for our PTA and for Rosemont kids!**

**Safeway:** [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) or call 1-800-400-7878. Rosemont ID is 6671385.

**Giant:** [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) or call 1-877-ASK-APLUS. Rosemont ID is 0799.

**TargetRed:** [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) Take Charge of Education. Rosemont ID is 58187

**Bloom:** [www.shopbloom.com](http://www.shopbloom.com) or call 1-877-642-5666. Rosemont ID is 01486.

These programs run through the school year, so please go out and register your cards NOW

**Morning Announcement Awards**

Bruce Pahlavan, Sofia Villagran, Anna Outman, Ismael Hernandez, Stephen Lyons, Brandon Sison, Anna Morningstar, Yajaira Reyes, Christiana Garcia, Carlos Dos Santos, Jessica Toro, Dahjia Tuason, William Mata, Sergio Agbam, Justin Hicks, Kevin McClintock, Victoria Benitez-Cruz, Elizabeth Davis, Ayanna Hill, Nelson Fernandez, Brice Smith and Andrea Ricks.