

*Rock Creek Community Newsletter*

# Eagle Updates

April, 2024

## I am an Eagle and I Soar



### A Note from the Principal: April 2024

Rock Creek Community,

Our Eagles have had a wonderful week. So many great things are happening on campus in our classrooms and around our building. We are excited for zero hour events to pick back up and a few new opportunities for our students. Students in 4th grade had an opportunity to visit Shadow Lake Bog as a district supported field trip and our 2nd graders had amazing science lessons from Nature Vision.

As a reminder, Election Day is April 23: Remember to vote! The Replacement Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy is on the ballot, which will maintain funding for many of the student experiences and staff at our school. The programs shared above and many more are supported by our Levy. [LEARN MORE](#)

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend,

Marianne Norman

Principal

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### **-Kindergarten Assessments: May 21st & 22nd 4:30- 7:00**

Please sign up your incoming kindergarteners for Kindergarten assessment using the following link [Kindergarten Assessment Sign Up](#)

### **-Inclement Weather Make-up days:**

Due to School closers in January, May 24th will be utilized as an inclement weather make-up day.

- **Friday, May 24 is an early release day, students will be dismissed at 1:50.**

### **-Nutrition Services:**

For weekly menus and more, visit the [Nutrition Services](#) website or phone 425-413-3450 or 425-413-3452

### **PE SAFETY REMINDER:**

Please encourage your child to wear tennis shoes on PE days to prevent injuries. In spring, we see more students wearing Crocs, sandals, slides, and flip-flops which are a safety concern when running, jumping, kicking, and moving.

Thank you!! Wendy Ward & Kelly Rademacher



### **A Message from the PTO:**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Mariners Night! April 27th:**

Join us on Saturday, April 27th for our next Sports Night as the Seattle Mariners take on the Arizona Diamondbacks! Tickets are only \$12 for Rock Creek families and friends! Look for order forms to come home with your student soon! Orders will be due April 1. See you at the ball game!

**Bookfair:** April 29 - May 2, 2024

**Carnival:** June 7, 2024 - Save the Date

**Yearbooks:** Available to purchase if you haven't already done so! Visit our website to purchase: <https://www.runpto.com/u/rockcreekpto/> If you already ordered, you will have received a confirmation email from: mail@runpto.com

We appreciate every one of you!

Amanda Westendor, Rock Creek PTO President

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## Important Information about the Levy:

### FACTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT:

- Prop. 1 Replacement of Educational Programs & Operations Levy is on the ballot.
- **Election Day is April 23**
- Ballots must be postmarked by April 23 or put in a ballot drop box by 8 PM on Election Day (there's a drop box in the Rock Creek parking lot!)
- The state funds "basic education." The actual cost to operate our schools is more than what we receive from the state. Local levies close the funding gap.
- Our replacement levies will maintain funding for our existing staff, programs, technology, and resources. Some of those include special education, safety and security, sports, clubs and activities, mental health programming, a portion of every teacher's salary, and hundreds of education support staff.
- A loss of levy funds would result in significant cuts to staffing and programs.
- The replacement levies on the ballot are 2-year renewals (2025 and 2026). Unusual trends in property values led the board to propose a shorter levy cycle because there is uncertainty in projecting property values 3-5 years from now. The board will continue evaluating what the right need is for our levy.

### *Important Dates to*

## Remember

April 22	Zero Hour Track
April 23	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> - Ballot drop box located in the Rock Creek parking lot
April 24	Zero Hour Track
April 25	1st Grade Music Concert- 6:00 Pajama Party
April 25	2nd Grade Music Concert- 7:00 Hats
April 27	Mainers Night
April 29	Zero Hour Track
April 29	Book Fair (ends May 2nd)
May 1	Zero Hour Track

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May 6	Zero Hour Track
May 13	Zero Hour Track
May 15	Zero Hour Track
May 17	Track Meet at MVMS
May 21	Kinder assessment 4:30-7:00
May 22	Kinder assessment 4:30-7:00
June 17	Field Day 2nd & 4th Grade
June 18	Field Day Kinder & 1st, 3rd, 5th Grade
June 7	Carnival
June 20	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

