

Oct. 1, 2009

Dear Families,

Thank you for such wonderful attendance during our Curriculum Nights. It was great to see everyone and catch up after our summer break.

As you know, our parking lot is small. It takes a little extra time, caution and patience to maneuver through. We need everyone to drive responsibly while in our lot to assure our students are safe and parked cars don't sustain damage. As adults we are modeling constantly for our children. Our actions teach far more than our words. Thank you for being strong role models of safe, responsible driving behavior. In a few years, when your kids have their license, you'll have great insurance rates!

Rockwell has a busy October ahead. We are Celebrating Us! Learning about each other, how best to work together and how we fit into the world. We have assemblies, special class presentations, and social curriculum planned throughout the month.

Oct. 13 Grades 3, 4 **Ask Me About Autism** classroom presentations

Oct. 22 Grade 4 **Disability Fair**, a six station event held in the library

Oct. 27 All Grades, **The Ned Show**, an anti-bullying assembly

Fifth and sixth graders also have special presentations by our counselor, Brenda Day. Fifth graders will view and discuss the video, **I'm Tyler**, a story about an avid basketball player who is confined to a wheelchair. **Intricate Minds**, a video presentation describes what it feels like to live with autism, is scheduled for sixth grade. Mrs. Day will be teaching **Steps to Respect** to intermediate ages and **Kelso** to primary level students. Both programs focus on responsible behavior, anti-bullying, and how to access help when you need it.

Mrs. Davenport will feature books that support the Celebrate Us theme.

I wish to thank our PTA for the support and leadership they've shown in planning this month long focus.

As a final note, **Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> is a non-school day for students** but a busy one for teachers. We'll be attending two classes on Friday. OneNote training is scheduled in the morning and Inclusion Strategies for students with disabilities in the afternoon.

Tina Livingston, loving this fall weather

