

Fossil Ridge

Newsletter

August 2009

Let me be the first to WELCOME YOU TO FOSSIL RIDGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL! It has been exciting to meet the many energetic students and parents who have visited our tremendous school for registration and Back to School Night. We have had some exciting changes to Fossil Ridge Intermediate as we have added new some teachers, new students, new secretaries, and a new principal to our school. We are excited for the new energy and excitement each of these people brings to an already excellent school. We are prepared for great things to continue to happen at Fossil Ridge!

For your information, there a few items which will help as we start our 2008-2009 school year:

Our school theme for this year is "Make a Difference" which is a philosophy that we will instill in each of the students who walk through our doors.

During the first two weeks of school, we will be ASSESSING STUDENTS in reading and math in order to make sure that they are placed in the appropriate classes.

Please make ATTENDANCE to school a priority for your student. If your student does need to miss school, make a point to contact the school immediately so we can begin to make arrangements for make-up work.

We will have a number of ways for STUDENTS TO BE INVOLVED in Fossil Ridge along with their functional academics. (Student Council, Ambassadors, intramurals, yearbook, etc.) Please encourage your student to get involved in Fossil Ridge!

I expect this school year to be one of the best ever in terms of student learning and engagement. Our professional teachers have extensively prepared and are focused and ready to engage each student in powerful learning. Again, THANK YOU for all of your wonderful support, encouragement and patience as we work with your students. It truly is a privilege and honor to be associated with such a tremendous school community.

Principal Sonju

Welcome back! The summers seem to fly by. We are so excited to welcome a new class of sixth graders! This year is going to be a great one. We hope your child will embrace this year's theme "Make a Difference" and will choose to make a difference in their own life or that of another.

Research shows that students that get involved in school activities do well in their academic studies. There are many ways that your student can get involved at Fossil Ridge and "make a difference". Leadership and friend shipping opportunities include Student Council and Student Ambassadors. Students may also participate in other school activities including intramurals, tech crew, announcements, and competitive after school sports programs. If you have any questions about these activities please call Ms. Bryner, the sixth grade counselor. We look forward to getting your child involved!

We are off to a great start at Fossil Ridge Intermediate School!!!! It's wonderful to have our students and teachers back, the school was a little lonely this past summer. We have the best students and teachers on the planet and are excited for the upcoming school year. Please remember to have your student to school on time each morning. The first bell rings at 7:40 am and the late bell rings at 7:45 am. Students should arrive at school around 7:30 am. This allows time for them to see teachers before school if necessary and visit with friends. Remember cell phones are to remain off at all times during the school day and may be used only after school is dismissed. On the first day of school each student received a REAL Planner which they need to have with them at all times each day at school. We suggest you take some time with your student and review school and district policies, calendar, and general information. Once this has been completed students and parents are asked to sign on the front page. This will help keep all of us on the same page. Safety and powerful learning are the priorities at Fossil Ridge, we appreciate the opportunity of having your student at our school.

Sincerely,

Steven Gustaveson

Calendar of Events:

August 25-Emergency Drill

September 1-School Pictures

September 4-No School

September 7-Labor Day

September 8-School Community Council Meeting

September 15-Emergency Drill

September 25-Mid Trimester Reporting

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Thanks to everyone, this school year has begun very smoothly; In fact, I can't remember a better start. Students appear excited and ready to learn. I know our administrators, teachers, counselors, and support staff are ready to meet the challenges of this new school year.

While the major focus at Fossil Ridge is to prepare students with the academic skills and knowledge necessary to effectively meet the challenges of life, there are also many other opportunities for students to grow and develop other important talents and skills. For example, Technical Crew applications are now due in the office for students interested in working behind the scenes to produce our morning news program. Student Council applications are available in the office and due on Friday for students who are interested in serving in this service and leadership capacity. City or community recreation programs offer fall sports for boys and girls interested in developing athletic and teamwork skills. Student Ambassador applications are now available in the office for students interested in joining this leadership and service program. Morning news anchor position tryouts are now available for students who want to audition for these positions. Throughout the year, dozens of other opportunities will become available for students. So you see, in addition to academics, there are also many other opportunities for students to develop skills and interests and to get involved in meaningful activities.



As parents, you should know that these student opportunities are announced via the morning announcements each day. Often, the announcements are made repeatedly and information is also available for students and parents in the office. It is vital for students to listen carefully to the announcements in order to stay informed about opportunities available at school. Please call city offices to inquire about sports and other after school opportunities for your children. Please also remember that you as parents are always welcome to call or come in and inquire about any of these or other opportunities.

We are confident that all of our students will make significant progress this year, not only in academics, but in many other important aspects of their lives.