

C. E. ROSE K - 8

Happy New Year!

January 13, 2012

We hope each of you enjoyed a restful holiday break with family and friends. As we are all aware, 2011 has been a challenging year in many ways. In spite of this, we continue to be excited and optimistic for the bright future we are creating together with each of you for the students at C. E. Rose K - 8.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who help in the library, cafeteria, in the classrooms, on field trips, on site council, with special events, and fundraisers. Most of all, thanks to the parents who love to help because they know their children are working hard in school and they want to help them succeed in the future.

Thanks to Tucson community members and the Rose Optimist Club who blessed the lives of some of our C.E. Rose families during the holiday season. Special thanks to the teachers and students who took time to serve those in need in our community and in other countries.

As a result of our dedicated families, Rose Staff, and community, many great things are happening at C.E. Rose. Our school has had consistent gains in student achievement and exemplary student behavior in spite of the decreasing funding over the past nine years. We became one of only five elementary and middle schools in TUSD to receive an "A" rating from the Arizona Department of Education. We were recognized by the Arizona Daily Star as a Golden School in a very positive article in October. We received news last month that we are a finalist in National Excellence in Urban School award program. We hope you noticed the new displays down 7 Habits Parkway. We want to thank Eagle Scout Candidate, Aidan Kennedy, and all the community volunteers who helped on this very intensive work project that took place during the Holiday Break. Please pay special notice to the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families display. See Ms. Cece as to how you can help in the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families program and also help us to become a "Leader in Me Lighthouse School."

The C. E. Rose attendance was very good during the last two weeks in December, thanks to our dedicated parents. Unfortunately, 65 students missed out on all the fun and learning that happened on the first day back from the Holiday break. Please make sure that your children return to school on Tuesday, January 17th after Martin Luther King Day. We have a special "Leader In Me" student assembly planned for the 17th. Our sincere appreciations to all the parents in the C. E. Rose Community who are committed to helping their children arrive and attend school everyday.

Our teachers are able to provide your children with an excellent education and a beginning to a very bright future when your children are present and ready to learn every day. We ask for your whole-hearted commitment to continue to make sure your children attend school everyday, on time, **unless they are truly sick**.

In December our students completed the (DIBELS) reading assessment and benchmark writing assessment. In November our students completed the district benchmark (ATI) assessment in Reading and Math. Our teachers consistently assess our students to understand and acknowledge the progress they are making. We also use this information to determine the additional assistance (interventions) that students need to help them achieve their academic potential and prepare them for the upcoming state assessments.

We hope you enjoyed our Kinder & Preschool Holiday presentation and our 4th / 5th / 6th grade, "Dance Dance Dance" presentation, at Pueblo High School. We need your continued support to make all of our programs for C. E. Rose students successful.

Please participate in your child's education in 2012 by:

1. Talking with your child about school each day to let them know how much you care about them and their education.
2. Reading at least 20 minutes a day with your child, signing their 20/20 reading calendars and practicing with them to become a C.E. Rose Math Master.
3. Letting them know how much you care by helping them with their homework and limiting their T.V. and video game time.
4. Attending the Parent Classes, Parent Workshops, the C.E. Rose Site Council and the Neighborhood Association Meetings.

With your help and support, 2012 will be the best year ever for the children of C.E. Rose K-8.

Sincerely, Stephen Trejo – C.E. Rose K-8 Principal