



ROLLING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

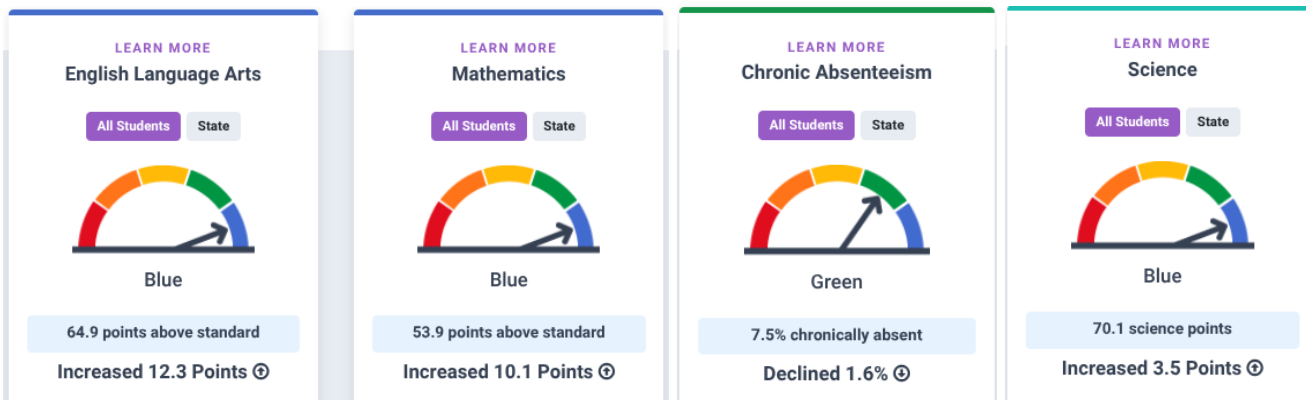
Home of the Bengal Tigers

December 2025 Parent Bulletin

Principal's Message

Wow, we sure did start the hustle and bustle of the holiday season earlier this year! November went out with a whirlwind of activities, culminating with awesome awards assemblies for all three grades. Congratulations to all who received an award for academics, ROAR, and positive behavior throughout the first trimester, and to those who know they worked their hardest and did the best they could. It was a great trimester, for sure, and we're thankful to all the friends and family members who attended the ceremonies.

We head into December ready for fun and frivolity and, of course, more learning! We've been looking closely at our state testing data from last year, and we're really proud of the growth we continue to make. Though it's a challenge to continue to grow when you're successful, we find a way to keep making it happen! Here is a snapshot of our results:



It's no wonder we had so many students to celebrate during the awards assemblies—they smashed our goal! Congrats to all, and so very proud to be part of the magic of RHMS!

At this point in the year they should be in a pretty good routine, but the holidays sure do throw everyone for a loop. We're here to provide any support needed.

Please note the school calendar included in this bulletin and try to schedule travel/appointments outside of school days, or at least have them come to as many classes as

they can on the day of an appointment. Notice our attendance graphic above; we want to keep decreasing that number—my goal is to get that number down to 5%. If you need to be absent, please contact us about a contract.

I am proud of the school climate we are creating together. We've had great fun through this first half of the year—learning, laughing, and just being silly middle schoolers. I look forward to a 2026 that makes our community even better, stronger, safer, and more fun for all who are a part of it.

Have a safe and happy winter break!

Debbie

School Hours

OFFICE HOURS:	7:00 am – 3:30 pm
LIBRARY HOURS: MON/TUES/THURS/FRI	7:00 am – 3:00 pm
WED	7:00 am – 2:15 pm
STUDENT HOURS: MON/TUES/THURS/FRI	7:50 am – 2:04 pm
WED - EARLY RELEASE DAYS	7:50 am – 1:10 pm
MINIMUM DAYS*	7:50 am – Noon
*9/22 – 9/26, 1/23, 6/1	

How Can I Stay Informed?

SCHOOL WEBPAGE <http://rhms.buckeyeusd.org/> Please save this link.

Alma	CJSF Info and Forms	Menus Breakfast/Lunch
Bell Schedules	Dress Code (p18)	Online Payments
Bulletins (Student /	GATE Info	Sports Info and
Parent)	Handbook	Schedules
Calendar (School year)	Homework Access	Suggested Supply List
Calendar (Student		Transportation Info
Events)		

[2025/2026 CALENDAR](#) is available on our school website and is included in this bulletin.

FACEBOOK: This is a fun way for us to share photos from day to day activities and other events. [RHMS Facebook](#)

Important Information:

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL: Students arriving to school after 7:50 am, for any reason, need to sign in at the office and obtain a pass to class.

CHECKING YOUR STUDENT OUT EARLY: Students may only be checked out early by an adult whose name is listed on the student's contact tab in Alma. **An identification card must be shown since we will not know every adult listed in Alma as a contact or an emergency contact.** Please allow enough time to follow this procedure as it will not be waived because people are in a hurry.

ABSENCES: If your child is absent, please call the school at 916-933-9290, extension 4 or by using the on-line [absence form](#) (Bookmark this link), first thing in the morning. **Please know that students are considered to be chronic absentees if they are absent more than 10% of the school year to date, whether absences are excused or unexcused.**

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS: The state of California requires that Independent Study Contracts may only be set up for students who will be out of school for three (3) or more CONSECUTIVE days not to exceed 15 days per year. Please note you must give the school a minimum notice of five (5) school days to take out a contract! We thank you for planning ahead. **Please be aware that contracts cannot be taken out due to illness, and interdistrict students do not qualify for contracts.**

Notices:



Hands 4 Hope: Youth Making A Difference

December meeting will be Wednesday December 10th, 1:15pm-2:00pm in Mrs. Robert's Room - J1. Our Club is currently full with a waitlist and not taking any applications at this time. Check out more information about Hands4Hope on our [website](#) and the [Rolling Hills Club page](#).

GATE News:

On Tuesday, December 9, 2:05 - 3:30, in room L6, we will offer our 2nd annual Problem Solving Challenge! Students will receive an email invitation with a Google Form to RSVP.

Library News:

Battle of the Books (BoB) Update:

The BoB students are working very hard to prepare for the “Battle of Buckeye” BoB Competition which will be held this year at RHMS on Tuesday, March 3. We are meeting weekly on Wednesdays during all three lunches, and recently began practicing with the competition buzzers. I am constantly amazed at their knowledge, especially since we still have three more months of practice to go. Great job, BoBsters!

Library Assistants (LA) Update:

The LAs bring a lot of excitement and joy to the library. They are busy every day welcoming students into the library space, helping them find books, decorating and organizing their shelves, and doing their best to make the library the true hub of our campus. I’m so grateful for their help!

2nd Trimester Reading Goals:

The 2nd trimester is underway and many of our students need new reading material to meet their ELA goals. Brand new books arrive every month in the RH Library and students are encouraged to come by and browse the selection. If a student doesn’t have time to make it to the library during the school day, I am happy to fill book requests via email (lleszinske@buckeyeusd.org) or through the [Book Request Form](#).

Helping Your Child Find the Right Book:

The best part of being a librarian is helping a student find the perfect book. Our fiction section is divided into different genres - mystery, romance, fantasy, etc. The research is clear that “genre-fying” the library helps students find what they are looking for, but nothing beats a personal recommendation from another student, a teacher, family member, or librarian. I’m here to help if your student is struggling to find the right book. Please do not hesitate to reach out and ask me to work with your student. I can provide you with a list of reading suggestions that you can discuss and share, and/or meet with your student in the library.

Jolabokaflod:

Looking for a fun and rewarding holiday tradition to start with your family? Jolabokaflod is a wonderful Icelandic holiday tradition in which books are given as gifts and enjoyed on December 24, often with a mug of hot cocoa or a piece of hot chocolate. Happy Reading!

Library Hours:

The RHMS Library is open 7:15-3:00 pm daily (Wednesdays, until 2:15). Students may come to the library before and after school, or during the school day, if a teacher permits. In order to come to the library during lunch, students need to request a library pass from yard duty.

Laura Leszinske, RHMS Library Associate

[***lleszinske@buckeyeusd.org***](mailto:lleszinske@buckeyeusd.org)

916.933.9290 ext. 3040

CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation/Honor Society):

Congratulations to the 125 students who qualified for membership for the 1st trimester of the 2025-2026 school year! Their academic excellence and motivation to serve others is so inspirational!

The 1st trimester qualifiers **WITH** service are invited to attend a Dessert Party on Friday, December 12th at 2:05 in Mr. Crowson's Room (J4). Students can come by to grab a treat before they go or hang out until 2:30 with other qualifiers with service. You will receive an email invitation to attend IF you qualified **WITH** service. Attendees will enjoy hot chocolate and a variety of sweet treats while celebrating their hard work this trimester.

8th Graders - Qualifiers with Service:	7th Graders - Qualifiers with Service:	6th Graders- Qualifiers with Service:
• Hana B. • Maanya B. • Andy C. • Wyatt C. • Nathan D. • Sofia D. • Delainey F. • Noah H. • Morgan J. • Kritika K. • Sohum K. • Hrishan P. • Sahana P. • William P. • Aydin Q. • Abby R. • Sophia R. • Devin S. • Ricky S. • Brayden T. • Bryce T. • Rivaan T. • Constantine V. • Hamna W. • Brody W.	• Giacomo A. • Ian B. • Katie B. • Nofar B. • Lucas C. • Logan C. • Reagan H. • Mia H. • Emma K. • Tony K. • Mannat K. • Noe L. • Aubrey M. • Katelynn M. • Claire M. • Reagan M. • Aysha M. • Lucas O. • Miles P. • Matisse P. • Taara P. • Cooper P. • Karina P. • Ananya R. • Arihaan R. • Dillon S. • Logan S. • Cara S. • Owen T. • Brayden T. • Jackson T.	• Nora B. • Allie C. • Alexandru C. • Sloan C. • Akul D. • Clara E. • Josephine J. • Carson L. • Delaney M. • Raven N. • Hannah P. • Carter P. • Finley P. • Tegan P. • Peyton S. • Ruwan T. • Jeren T. • Zachary T.

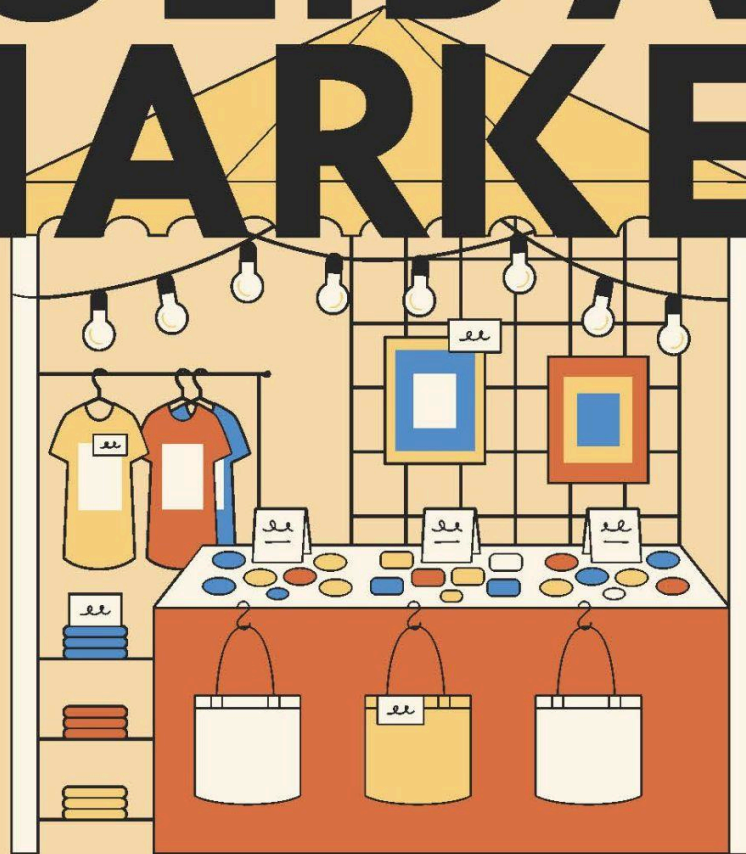
	• Gianna T. • Madelyn T. • Zellio T. • Hazel T. • Isabelle W. • Martin X.	
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8th Graders - Qualifiers without Service:	7th Graders - Qualifiers without Service:	6th Graders- Qualifiers without Service:
• Abigail A. • Maverick A. • Sneh B. • Alex C. • Ganeev K. • Dean N. • Benjamin N. • Jake N. • Sachi N. • Regan S. • Derick T.	• Emma A. • Bradley H. • Leo I. • Matthew J. • Avery J. • Sydney L. • Brady P. • Emma S. • Azaad S. • Karina T. • Noah W.	• Grace C. • Sebastian C. • Justin C. • Jack D. • Gwen E. • Kaitlyn E. • Steven F. • Annabelle G. • Genevie G. • Cole G. • Scout H. • Caleb H. • Abigail I. • Nicholas K. • Nico L. • Avani M. • Giana N. • Maxwell O. • Arya Q. • Zoey P. • Zafirah R. • Oliver S. • Shelby V.

We are in the process of planning a field trip for the 3rd trimester. A reminder that you must qualify **WITH TWO TRIMESTERS OF SERVICE** to attend the field trip (3rd trimester of 24/25, 1st trimester of 25/26, and/or 2nd trimester of 25/26). The [CJSF Service Verification Form](#) is linked for you to save for verifying your hours. Keep up the great work volunteering in our community! Check our CJSF Google Classroom for any additional volunteer opportunities, including campus clean up!

HOLIDAY MARKET

DEC
15
2025



DEC
19
2025

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR DONATIONS!

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKET IS FOR STUDENTS IN NEED TO SHOP FOR THEIR PARENTS. IF YOU'RE WILLING TO DONATE NEW ITEMS (IDEAS BELOW), WE'LL TAKE THEM! WE'LL ALSO TAKE WRAPPING SUPPLIES, AS WE TEACH THEM HOW TO WRAP THE PRESENTS AS WELL.

DONATE BY DEC 3 TO RHMS OFFICE

Coffee • Fuzzy Socks • Jewelry • Candles & Scents • Plants
Gift Cards • Craft Supplies & Stationery • Cozy Blankets

Student Council NEWS



DECEMBER 2025

A Note from Student Council

Our campus is getting into the holiday spirit with a variety of activities this month. We hope everyone joins in to spread cheer and build community with dress-up days, candy grams, tree decorating and more to make the season bright.



Countdown

12 DAYS UNTIL BREAK

Get into the holiday spirit and dress up for the 12 Days Til Winter Break. Each day from 12/4-12/19 has a different theme! Details in GC!



Grateful!

Thank you for your generous donations during our food drive! Your kindness will make a real difference for local families in need this season. We are so grateful for your compassion and community spirit.



Candy Grams

Spread holiday cheer by sending a candy gram to friends and classmates! Candy grams will be sold for \$1 each in Room F2 during Focus and lunch from December 8th to 16th. Deliveries will be made during Focus from December 17th to 19th.



Holiday Countdown: 12 Days Until Winter Break

12 Days Thursday, December 4 Candy Cane Day Dress in Red and White 	11 Days Friday, December 5 Festive Feet Friday Wear holiday socks 	10 Days Monday, December 8 Merry Monday Wear Red and Green 
9 Days Tuesday, December 9 Holiday Hats Day Wear your favorite holiday hat or headband 	8 Days Wednesday, December 10 Winter Wonderland Wednesday Wear all white 	7 Days Snowman Day Do your best to dress like a snowman...top hat, beanie, scarf, button nose? 
6 Days Friday, December 12 Flannel and Frost Friday Wear flannel or plaid 	5 Days Monday, December 15 It's Christmas Vacation! Wear your favorite vacation clothing! Hula skirt, ski goggles, flippers, etc 	4 Days Tuesday, December 16 Grinch Day Wear green or dress like a citizen from Whoville! 
3 Days Wednesday, December 17 Warm and Cozy Wednesday Wear cozy pajamas or slippers 	2 Days Thursday, December 18 Holiday Spirit Day Go ALL OUT and dress head to toes in all of your holiday favorites! 	1 Day Friday, December 19 Ugly Sweater Day Wear your worst or best holiday sweater 

CANDY GRAMS

TO: _____ FOCUS: _____

HAPPY
Holidays

Message



limbo



ON SALE DEC. 8-16

for \$1 each in Room F2
during **Focus** or **Lunch**

*Candy grams will be delivered
during Focus December 17-19*

★ Want to start a club? Click [here](#) for more information. ★

STUDENT CLUBS 2025-2026

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
VIDEO GAME CLUB with Mrs. Carey in Room L4 from 2:04-3:00  PAWS FOR THE PLANET CLUB with Mrs. Boggini in Room J3 from 2:15-3:00  MT. BIKING CLUB with Mr. Crowson Meet at the basketball courts; Rides are off campus from 2:20-3:20 	MUSICAL THEATER CLUB with Mrs. VanCamp in Room G3 from 2:04-3:00  Paused 12/19 - 3/20 PICKLEBALL CLUB with Mr. Nowag at the Pickleball Courts from 2:15-3:00  BOARD GAME CLUB with Mrs. Kamman in Room G1 from 2:15-3:00 	HANDS4HOPE with Mrs. Roberts in Room J1 from 1:15-2:00  BATTLE OF THE BOOKS with Mrs. Leszinske in the Library during Lunches  HARRY POTTER CLUB with Mrs. Leszinske in the Library Zen Den from 1:15-2:15 	QUIZ BOWL with Mrs. Clark in Room F1 from 2:15-3:00  CHESS CLUB with Mr. Price in Room H5 from 2:15-3:00  DUEL MASTERS (Yu-Gi-Oh) CLUB with Mrs. Kamman in Room G1 from 2:15-3:00  RUNNING CLUB with Mrs. Pickett outside gym from 2:15-3:00  Runs from October 26 to March 1	CREATIVE WRITING CLUB with Mrs. Carey in Room L4 from 2:04-3:00pm  "PROBABILITY" POKER CLUB with Mrs. VanCamp in Room G3 from 2:15-3:00pm coming soon 



Birthday or Half-Birthday

DISPLAYED ON THE RHMS SIGN

\$10 PER POST

**Submit the
Google Form
and payment
at least one
week in advance.**



FIND INFORMATION ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL [WebPage!](#)

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Spirit Day Wear Orange & Black	4 Dress Up Day Candy Cane Wear Red and White	5 Dress Up Day Festive Feet Wear festive socks
8	9	10	11	12
Candy Gram Sales During Focus and Lunch in F2				
Dress Up Day Merry Monday Wear red and green Auditions for Theater Production 2:15 - 4:15pm	Dress Up Day Holiday Hat Auditions for Theater Production 2:15 - 4:15pm	Dress Up Day Winter Wonderland Wear all white Dine Out Sellands Online Only	Dress Up Day Snowman Day Dress like a snowman Auditions for Theater Production 2:15 - 4:15pm	Dress Up Day Flannel & Frost Wear plaid or flannel
15	16	17	18	19
Dress Up Day Xmas Vacay Wear your favorite vacay clothes Candy Gram Sales During Focus and Lunch in F2	Dress Up Day Grinch Wear green or be a Whoville citizen	Candy Grams Delivered in Focus		
		Dress Up Day Warm and Cozy Wear holiday pjs	Dress Up Day Holiday Spirit Wear head to toe holiday clothing	Dress Up Day Ugly Sweater
22	23	24	25	26
Winter Break				
29	30	31		
Winter Break				

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Winter Break	2
5	6	7 Spirit Day Wear Orange & Black	8 FORH Meeting 12:45-2:00pm	9 Fun Friday- Dress as your favorite book character
12	13	14 Spirit Day Wear Orange & Black Dine Out Relish Burger Bar 11am- 8:30pm	15 Drug Awareness Parent Education Night 6:30-8:00pm	16
19 <u>No School</u>	20	21 Spirit Day Wear Orange & Black	22	23 Minimum Day Parent Conferences
26	27	28 Spirit Day Wear Orange & Black FORH Parent Social 6-8pm	29	30

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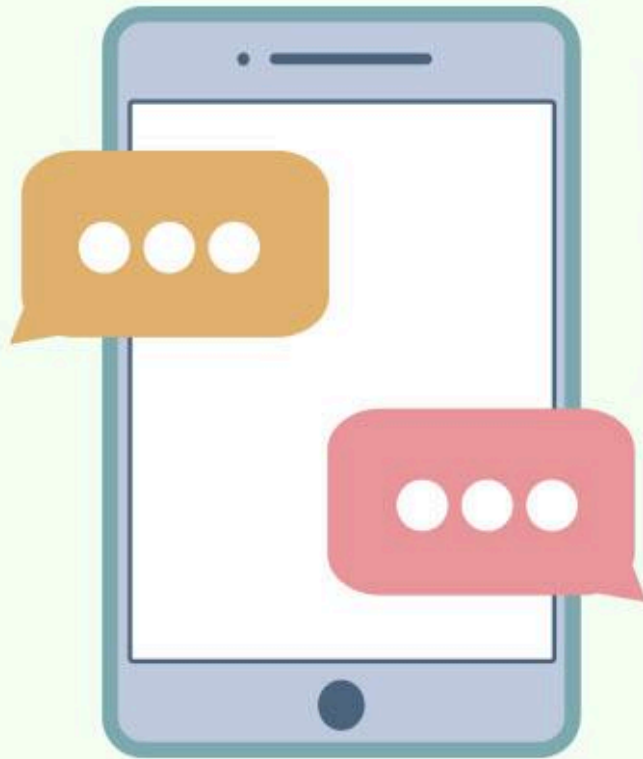


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STOP IT!



Anonymous Reporting

For several years we have used a program called StopIt, which allows for anonymous reporting of any safety concerns, while also allowing two way communication for admin to act accordingly. You can download the app or go to the "Student" tab on our Rolling Hills website.

Contact: sgallagher@buckeyeusd.org with any questions

BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved
9/18/2024

"Expect the Best Today for a Better Tomorrow"

2025-2026 Student Calendar

AUG				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

4-5 Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
6 ***FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
29 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)

DEC				
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12/22 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)

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27	28	29	30	

1-6 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

SEPT				
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 Labor Day Holiday
22-26 Minimum Days—Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

JAN				
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

1-2 Winter Break Cont. (Non-Student Days)
19 M. Luther King Jr. Day
23 Minimum Day—Only RH and CSMS

MAY				
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25 Memorial Day Holiday

OCT				
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

13 Staff Development Day—Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
31 End of 1st Trimester

FEB				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

13 End of 2nd Trimester
13 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
16-20 Mid-Winter Break
16 Presidents' Day and Washington's Birthday
20 Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 CSMS Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)
1 RHMS Late Start (10:00 a.m. Student Start)
2 ****LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MINIMUM DAY—ALL SCHOOLS**
19 Juneteenth (ESY Staff Will Observe on Alternate Day 7/2/26)

NOV				
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3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

10 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
11 Veterans Day
24-28 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)

MAR				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

5-6 Minimum Days—Only Elementary Parent Conferences
16 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)
30-31 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

- First Day/Last Day of Classes
- Staff Development Day (Non-Student Day)
- Minimum Days
- Holidays or Breaks
- Early Release Days
- Per Site: Emergency School Closure Days, If Needed

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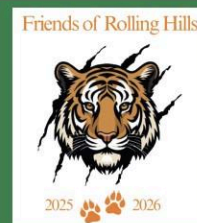
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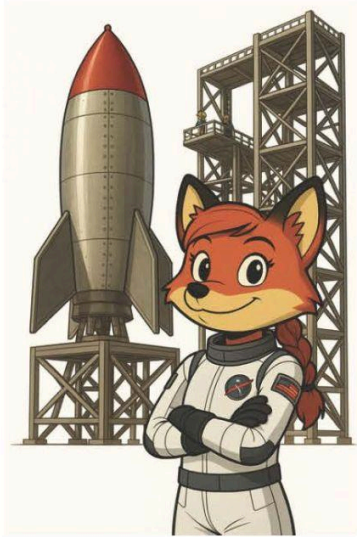
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STEM COURSES IN DECEMBER '25



ROCKETFOX STEM

DECEMBER 1ST-15TH MONDAYS 2:15PM-3:45PM

IN THIS EXCITING 3-WEEK STEM PROGRAM, STUDENTS BECOME REAL-WORLD ROCKET DESIGNERS AS THEY CREATE, TEST, AND LAUNCH THEIR OWN PROTOTYPES. FROM SKETCH TO SKY, THEY'LL EXPLORE SAFE CHEMICAL REACTIONS TO LEARN HOW THRUST WORKS, ANALYZE PERFORMANCE, AND REFINE THEIR DESIGNS. THE COURSE BUILDS TOWARD AN EXHILARATING LAUNCH DAY COMPETITION WHERE STUDENTS TEST WHOSE ROCKET FLIES THE FARTHEST!

INTRODUCTION TO A.I.

DECEMBER 2ND-16TH TUESDAYS 2:15PM-3:45PM

DESIGN FOX IS EXCITED TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW 3-WEEK INTRODUCTION TO AI COURSE, WHERE STUDENTS LEARN TO USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY TO BRING THEIR CREATIVE IDEAS TO LIFE. THROUGH HANDS-ON PROJECTS, THEY'LL EXPLORE DESIGN, BRANDING, AND INNOVATION WHILE DEVELOPING IMAGINATION, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND TEAMWORK SKILLS.



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