

Richardson Olmsted Newsflash

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School News Hour of Code

Upcoming Events:

12/4-12/8 Class visits to the Book Fair

12/6 Report Cards Issued

12/7 & 12/8 ½ day early dismissal @ 11:35am & Parent-Teacher Conferences

12/11-12/15 Hour of Code

12/12 RO PTA Meeting 7pm in the Teacher's Lounge

12/20 Grade 5 Richardson Heritage Day

12/21 Grade 5 Olmsted Heritage Day

12/22 ½ day early dismissal @ 11:35am

12/25-12/29 No school – Winter Break

1/1 No school - New Year's Day Holiday

Students are so excited (really!) about their ratio tables! Our students are learning to multiply the traditional way but they are also learning the distributive property and how to multiple larger numbers mentally and accurately. This builds number sense!

From December 4-15th, ten percent of students around the world will celebrate Computer Science Education Week by doing an Hour of Code event at their school. It's an opportunity for every child to learn how the technology around us works.

RO is running an Hour of Code event for each classroom at our school the week of December 11th. Students will create their own apps or games which they can show their parents, and we'll also print Hour of Code certificates they can bring home. And, it's fun! With interactive, hands-on activities, students will learn computational thinking skills in an approachable way.

Computers are everywhere, changing every industry on the planet. But fewer than half of all schools teach computer science. The good news is...we're on our way to change this! If you've heard about the Hour of Code before, you might know it made history - more than 100 million students around the world have tried an Hour of Code.

Thanks to the Hour of Code, computer science has been on homepages of Google, MSN, Yahoo! and Disney. Over 100 partners have joined together to support this movement. Every Apple Store in the world has hosted an Hour of Code, and even leaders like President Obama and

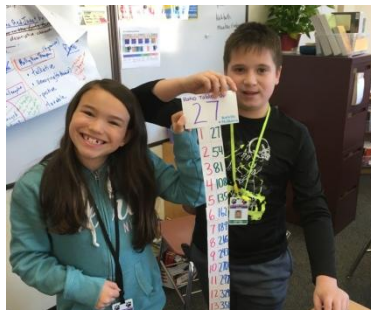
Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wrote their first lines of code as part of the campaign.

You can read more about the event at <http://hourofcode.com/>.

You can even get your children started early, before the event at school, by accessing these websites for the following grade levels! It is free and FUN!

- Kodable for Grade 3 kodable.com/hour-of-code
- Angry Birds for Grade 4 studio.code.org/hoc/1
- Run Marco allcancode.com/runmarco

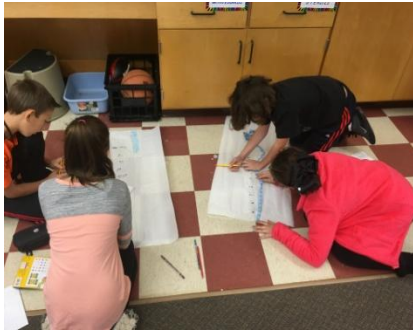
We are also looking for volunteers to help facilitate The Hour of Code during classroom visits to the computer labs the week of December 11th. There will be staff members including myself, there to show you how to help our students. It's easy! The websites (listed above) guide the students to work/code at their own pace. If you would like to volunteer one day that week please email me as soon as possible. Thank you!



Our teachers monitor the individual reading progress of their students. This information will be shared with parents at the upcoming conferences. Pictured here is Mrs. Lewis reading with one of her students.



Students experience "maker spaces" at Library as part of the STEM program where they can work collaboratively to design, build, and create.



5th grade students apply math concepts - measurement, fractions, division and multiplication during their trail mapping project...applying what they've been learning to solve real-world problems!



4th grade students are working together to read about the Great Horned Owl. Our teachers use both fiction and non-fiction to have students make connections and comparisons between the two genres.

REMINDER

Thursday, December 7th and Friday, December 8th are ½ days. Dismissal is at 11:35am both days.

Report Cards and Parent Conferences: Next Week

Our first term report cards will be distributed to students in sealed (stapled) envelopes next Wednesday, December 6th. There will be a letter that accompanies each report card explaining our standards-based grading and how to interpret your child's report card.

We are asking students not to share them with peers on the bus or on the way home. These report cards are private and are written for parents only. Parents are asked to sign the report card envelope and return only the envelope to school.

Please note: Thursday and Friday (Dec. 7th & 8th) are early release days for Parent-Teacher Conferences (dismissal at 11:35am).

During your scheduled time, you will meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress - both academically and socially - and to have any questions answered that you may have about the report card or anything related to your child's overall school experience.

"Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give."

- Unknown

ChromeBooks

Some parents have expressed interest in buying their child a device for the holidays and have asked what devices are most commonly used in grades 3-12. The simple answer is Google Chromebooks. The Easton Public Schools predominantly uses Chromebooks in classrooms. These are relatively inexpensive (ranging between \$100-\$200) and allow unlimited storage and full access to the Google Suite,

including Google Classrooms. More and more classrooms are utilizing Google Classrooms as a way for students to share documents, present what they have learned, share resources, communicate between home and school and submit assignments electronically. As your child moves through the next few years, their use of Chromebooks in school will increase.

Book Fair: Next Week

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to R-O next week and will be open from Monday, Dec 4th - Thursday Dec 7th during parent teacher conferences. Your children will be scheduled to visit the book fair as designated below. Be sure to look through the Scholastic flyer and send money in with your child if you would like them to buy any books. The book fair will also be open Thursday evening in order to give parents a chance to visit either before or after their evening conferences.

Remember that books make a great holiday gift and that; "Today's READERS make tomorrow's LEADERS."

Time	Monday, December 4th	Tuesday, December 5th	Wednesday, December 6th
9:05-9:45	Almonte & Schwarz	E Chase & Markell	Dorment & Johnson
9:50-10:30	Soccorso & Davidner	Prisco & Segill	Maffeo & A. Chase
10:35-11:05		St. Martin (Williams)	
11:10-11:50	Luke & Pastore	Brodeur & Cunha	Lolonga
12:53-1:33	Hall & Deehan	Murphy & Kerner	Caulkins & McParland
1:35-2:15	Egizio & Lewis	Stern & Bowers	Harrington & Skehan
2:20-3:00	Cormier & Athanasiou	Presentato & Fine	Louko & Gay