

Rawlings Rockets News

M.K. Rawlings Center for the Fine Arts

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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Rawlings is a **PBIS** school which means we strive to focus on the positive and look for ways to encourage good behavior. With **PBIS**, kids learn about behavior, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. The key to **PBIS** is prevention, not punishment. We have a token economy in which students earn Cosmic Cash. The cash can be earned by demonstrating the traits of our mantra; Respect, Responsibility and Safety. Students then use their cash to purchase items from the school store or pay their way into school-wide events such as; dances, bingo, non-uniform day, sporting events, slushy day, etc. Teachers also collaborate to plan grade level rewards regularly throughout the year.

Consequences & Resolutions

When faced with student issues, the team at Rawlings works on finding ways to correct the problem through restorative practices. Questions asked in a restorative conversation are: **Who was harmed?**, **What are the needs of the harmed?**, **How can things be made as right as possible?** and **How can things be changed to create a better future?** Consequences for behavior infractions can include anything from one-on-one conversations, peer mediation, time out, or corrective measures (i.e., cleaning up a mess they made, replacing the lost/broken item, etc.) to restorative circles or conferences, in school detention or suspension. More details about the behavior guidelines utilized by our school can be found in the 2018-2019 Elementary Code of Student Conduct which was given to every child by our BRT, Miss Everett.

Dates to Remember

- September 4-Labor Day (No School)
- September 11-Health Screenings
- September 13-SAC meeting at 3:15,
PTA meeting at 4:30,
Family Game Night
(5:30-6:30)
- September 18- 2nd Grade-Camp Crystal
Field Trip
- September 19-21: 5th Grade Camp Crystal
Field Trip
- September 21--Interim Reports Go Home
- September 26-Dads Take Your Child to

School Day

Student Spotlight



Meet Chilly the Penguin!

Chilly is one of our favorite Success for All characters. He helps us recognize how we are feeling and helps us stay cool.

When we feel like we are **losing control** we **stop**. We give ourselves a **Chilly hug**. We **breathe** in and out for 5 counts. Now we're ready!

Vision

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Free Careers Field Trip to Santa Fe College (5th Grade)

On Friday, September 7, 2018, the fifth grade is all invited to a field trip at Santa Fe College! The trip is free for Rawlings students, and permission slips have been sent home. We are going to tour many of the medical, technical, and other programs that lead to certification or degrees in high demand careers that pay well. There are dozens of careers accessible with two years of training after high school. Family members who would like to attend are welcome and need to complete the school board background check on the school district web page. Please return your child's form and contact Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Tennell, Ms. Blaine, or Ms. Collins if you would like to help chaperone the students for this trip. We plan to leave school at 9:15 AM and return by 1:00 PM.

Family members who are interested in any of these careers are also welcome to come by and chat with Ms. Pettit, our school counselor. The Career Resource Center at Santa Fe College is also open to members of the community, so give them a call at 395-4121, or drop by Mondays – Fridays between 8 AM and 4:30 PM.

Trait of the Month

Celebration of Character: Respect

September's character trait is Respect. Respect is treating others the way we would want to be treated. It means treating our peers, as well as staff and teachers at the school, appropriately. Active Listening is a skill your student has been learning in class that helps them show respect in a way others notice. You can help us teach active listening by asking your son or daughter how to show that they are actively listening.

(Active listening is shown by watching the speaker, being quiet while others speak, and having a quiet mouth, hands, and feet while listening.) Our Character Ceremony, celebrating Respect and honoring some students who have exemplified respect, will be held Friday, September 28th, at 8:00 AM in the second stage area at Rawlings.

Welcome from Student Services at Rawlings!

This is going to be a terrific year for Rawlings Rockets! Last week, Ms. Everett, our Behavior Resource Teacher, Mrs. Pettit, our school counselor, Ms. Rutherford, our school counseling intern, and Officer Teasley, visited classrooms to talk with Rawlings students. We are here for your child, as they work to meet our Rocket expectations each day – We are Respectful, We are Responsible, We are Safe!

We sent home the Code of Conduct, which helps us know how to be successful, for you to review with your child. The first class to return the signature page will receive a prize from Ms. Everett. We also encouraged your student to talk with us, especially if your student is having difficulty with solving problems with other students, or focusing on their work, or if they witness bullying happening.

Bullying is when someone hurts someone's body or feelings, over and over, on purpose. If a student sees bullying or any other unsafe situation happening, they are asked to get help from an adult as soon as possible. There are also other ways that Rawlings Rockets can be an "upstander," or someone who helps stand up for treating others appropriately. Students can invite excluded classmates to join in their games or activities, they can speak up and tell students who are insulting others, to stop, and they can talk to their friends who may be mean to others and ask them to stop. However, the most important part of being an upstander for students to remember, is that getting help to keep someone safe is called reporting, not tattling or snitching, and that it is a brave and right thing to do.



We are **Rockets!**

We are Responsible

We are Respectful

We are Safe

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