

THE ROOST REPORTER

The Newsletter of Record for Sixth Grade

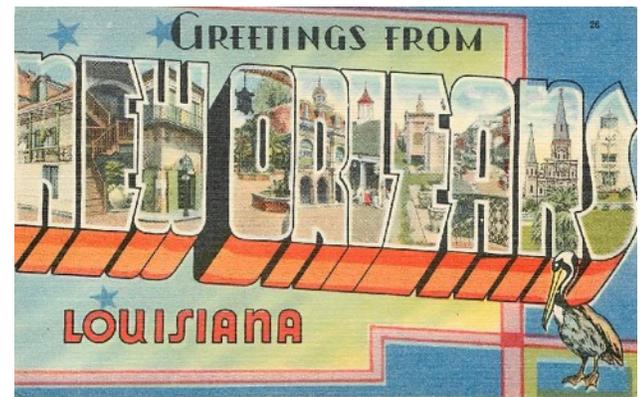
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Four Cities Revealed!

There was some definite excitement during the final five minutes of exhibition nights as teachers announced this year's Four Cities destinations. Our year of Bridges and Barriers provided no shortage of potential communities struggling with reinventing themselves, but we had other criteria to consider as well. We wanted to find communities that were similarly sized to Rochester (no million plus cities, thank you!), had programs that empowered youth voices, and also had public mural projects (our year kicked off with a look at Rochester's murals and how art can serve as a bridge in a community).

As the class explored last week, each of these cities is experiencing an urban rebirth, often jump-started by the people of the cities themselves. We want to explore how downtown development is bringing people back to these communities but also explore how they are making sure the comeback is equitable and reaching beyond the downtown area. We will be taking a closer look at Rochester's own "renaissance" and applying the lessons from our Four Cities trip to understanding how everyone can benefit from revitalization.

Our Barnes and Noble fundraiser will take place Monday, Dec. 4th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Students will have tasks that evening and are serving as ambassadors for our class and for GCCS. Five Guys has also agreed to pitch in by donating 20% of their sales from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Please share with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers!



FIVE GUYS
BURGERS and FRIES

FUNDRAISER NIGHT!!!

The GENESEE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL / GCCS are holding a Fundraiser on MONDAY DECEMBER 4, 2017.

Five Guys in Pittsford will donate 20% to GENESEE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL from all the sales we bring to the fundraiser night.

No need to bring in a coupon. Just let the cashier know that you are here to support our fundraiser.

If you are new to Five Guys, check out their menu at www.fiveguys.com.

Five Guys was just voted "41 Burger in the Country" by the Zagat Survey.

Date: December 4, 2017
Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Five Guys Pittsford
3349 Monroe Ave Pittsford, NY 14534

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH 2017
5:00PM to 8:00PM

PITTSFORD PLAZA
3349 MONROE AVE

GENESEE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

CRAFT TABLES FEATURING SLIME, ORNAMENTS AND PENCIL TOPPERS
GIFT WRAPPING WITH DR. WING
STUDENT PERFORMANCES
SCAVENGER HUNT
STORYBOOK READINGS

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?
Visit barnesandnoble.com to support our school from DECEMBER 4 THRU DECEMBER 11TH by entering Bookfair ID 12175767 at checkout.

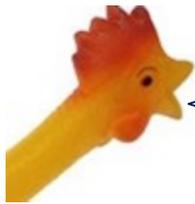
A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchase will benefit our school program.



Service Opportunities Abound



Our class hit the Back 40 last week to help the RMSC keep the park tidy with a little leaf raking action. Small acts of service like these not only help chip away at the service requirement for sixth-graders, but it also helps to prime the pump for what we hope will be a lifetime of service. Time is a precious and finite commodity, but donating time to help others is what builds community, empathy, and meeting the needs of others. We will be doing more service on Friday, Dec. 15th at Food Link (8:30 am – 12:00 pm). If you are available to help us, please let us know. There are many holiday service opportunities (see flyer sent home this week) but we hope that students are able to keep the momentum going after the holiday glow has left. Our community needs us to help out all year round!



Simon Says...

- ✓ **Snow is in the forecast...** - Not that sixth-graders care all too much for weather predictions, they would wear shorts to school all winter if they could! We are enforcing our coats/ jackets for recess expectation. Please make sure your child leaves the house with gear appropriate for the weather. We're also dealing with kids who don't change shoes - is yours one of them?
- ✓ **Conference Day, Thursday, 12/7** - Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.; all slots are full, but we can arrange other dates and times. Let us know what works for you and we'll try to find a mutually agreeable time.
- ✓ **Progress Reports** - These will be sent home the last week before break. If you need an ID # for RCSD applications, let us know and we can share with you.
- ✓ **Snack** - We are running low. Please consider a box or bag of something crunchy for working tween brains!

Exhibition Success



We are so proud of the sixth grade class and their performance during our Bridges & Barriers dance concert. Being able to send a metaphorical message isn't always easy, but under the artistic direction of Mrs. Johnson, our sixth graders shared their understanding of movement and social justice. Empathy is often developed through the arts and our work this fall allowed students to see themselves, their peers, and by extension, the world at large, in a new light. We will be building on this work in the winter expedition as we explore identity, race and class in Rochester.

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