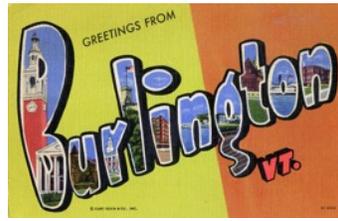


# THE ROOST REPORTER

The Newsletter of Record for Sixth Grade

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## Sixth Grade is Taking a Road Trip!

Following our chat with our expert panel, the students learned where the Four Cities trip will take them this year. Each group will be driving and visiting experts in **two** different cities (making this an Eight Cities trip!) to learn about successes and opportunities to make Rochester's food system more accessible and equitable. We are thankful that our local food policy experts could share their time with us and help us learn what's working well and what we need to focus on. Food waste is another topic that has been on our minds as our own school food system overwhelmed our composting system this week. Connecting people to food and reducing food waste has got to be a priority in any food system so it will be interesting to see how our destination cities are handling the issue. Thank you to all who applied to be chaperons and thanks to those who are helping with fundraising behind the scenes. We are grateful for all of your support. March 25<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it!

## Service With a Smile

It was a cold, wet, raw day for the East Avenue Grocery Run but 923 runners turned out anyway and our sixth-graders were ready to keep them hydrated! This is our fourth year taking on the finish line water table and each year it seems to kick off our "out of school" service season. Each student has already earned one hour as a result of our work at Foodlink, but students will need ten hours total to fulfill their community service obligation. We will send home service hour sheets this week (or you can download them from the class web page). Not sure what counts as service? Check in with a teacher!



# Romans of Britannia

For the next month, students will immerse themselves in a place far away and long ago – Hadrian’s Wall country in the first century. We did some background reading and research on the Roman class system and better understood the geography of the Empire. Inspired by Julius Caesar’s own words, “The die is cast!” students rolled a die to learn their social class and selected a Roman name for their character. We will be diving into narrative writing, looking at the role class and identity had in the Roman Era and making connections to our year-long focus of food access and equity. We will use informational texts to help us create historical fiction – reading and writing together to develop our literacy skills. First draft of Journal Entry #1 is due Monday, Nov. 5



Simon Says...

- ✓ **NO RCSD Busses** – On Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, RCSD will **NOT** be providing transportation to GCCS. Please plan accordingly.
- ✓ **SOTA Open House** - If you are interested in applying to SOTA, you’ll need to register by 11/9 for their 11/17 Open House event. [Click here](#) to sign up.
- ✓ **Fund Raising Update** – There is a Parent’s Night Out event taking place Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and kids can earn some \$\$\$ with their crafts and goodies at the Munchkin Fair, 12/1 at the Village Gate.
- ✓ **No School Friday, 11/9 & Monday, 11/9**
- ✓ **Khan Academy** – Students can access this math site from home through their school Google accounts. Kids have time weekly in math class and during study hall to complete assigned tasks. Many choose not to, but it’s a great way to review lessons we’ve already covered.

# New Strings for GCCS!

We took a walk last week to Bernunzio’s Uptown Music to learn about the history of the ukulele and listen to a tiny concert featuring different types of ukuleles. We are grateful to the Wilton Family for their very generous donation of 20 Makala ukuleles to the GCCS music program. Our sixth-graders will be the first class to learn how



to play them! It’s a great instrument to help bridge the transition from Orff instruments to more “formal” instruments like guitars. We can probably expect a future Community Circle (and maybe even a piece of two at Passage!) featuring our new ukuleles.

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