**Principal’s Corner**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Graduation** is just around the corner (May 31)! We so look forward to celebrating with seniors and their families. Please make sure you are aware of timelines for completion of credits and service hours with your senior as those timelines often need support and reminders. Please see more information inside!

**Blended Learning Development**

Reuther has finalized a one year agreement with an education consultant group called Education Elements. Our Title I team including parents & staff learned about how they can help us grow at our February meeting (next Title I/parent meeting is May 8). Education Elements has experience working with schools to implement the tools and processes for effective Blended Learning classrooms. What are we blending?

Teachers can add more value to the instruction by carefully planning face-to-face instruction for large and small groups and effective use of technology. We have accomplished 1 to 1 computer access and implementing several new technology offerings. This spring Education Elements staff will review our school schedule, technology infrastructure and resources, classroom arrangements and instructional model. They are going to talk with student and teacher teams while they are here as we plan next the schedule and professional development for the next year. One of the new tools we will be implementing is Education Elements computer learning management system that captures what students are completing and helps the student and teacher to assess progress frequently. Next year you will be able to review this as part of your parent and student conferences.

Reuther’s goal: A state-of-the-art Blended Learning school, preparing our students for 21st Century school and workplace settings.

Professional development for teachers will take place this summer and just before school starts, with continuing support from Education Elements throughout next school year.

Yours truly in Education, Karen Walters, Principal

**BLENDED LEARNING 4th Quarter INTENSIVES (June 3,4,5 & 6th)**

Elective Intensives are a 4-day in-depth investigation where students and staff investigate specific areas of study from June 3, 4, 5 and 6th 2013. Spring includes classroom and camping options. To earn a spot in an elective intensive, a student must be complete all of his/her work from 2nd Semester. Students will receive .25 credit for attending every day, participating, and completing assigned work in choices including both classroom and camping options.

Academic Intensive: If a student has missing work from second semester they will be required to participate in a guided study hall with a certified teacher. Our goal is to ensure that your student is completing work to earn credit. Incomplete work will require summer school. However, if a student completes missing work in a timely manner he/she may have the opportunity to join an elective intensive.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/Dates:**
- No School — 4/26, 5/27
- No School—Blended Learning only 5/31
- Early Release—5/24 at 10:45
- 5K Walk/Run for the Cure — Honor of Vern Lott 4/27
- Academic Showcase at ITA—4/27 (9AM-2PM)
- Graduation (ITED) Test Registration—4/22-5/6
- Graduation (ITED) Test—5/7 & 5/8
- Reuther Prom “Sweet Dreams”—5/10/13 7:30PM-11PM (Permission Slips & Tickets $25.00—Obtained in Guidance)
- Last Day for Seniors—May 29th
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- Graduation Practice—May 31 10AM
- Graduation Ceremony—May 31 7PM
- Intensives—6/3, 6/4, 6/5 & 6/6
- Finals—June 7 & 10 & 11th (See Schedule on Page 4)
- Last Day of School - June 11th(at end of day)
Safe Schools
We are quickly approaching a season in which the weather can freeze pipes or cause tornadoes. You can hear your grandparents say, “That’s just weather in Wisconsin.” That history of weather has made us become better at creating a plan to deal with these type of emergencies. During the month of April, Reuther will be holding both a Tornado Drill and a School Safety Drill (both of which are required by law and good to practice). If there was a tornado, students would be safe in our basement which is also a former nuclear fallout shelter. Once the weather clears and you are coming to pick up your son or daughter, you will be directed to a place in the basement to sign them out with school staff. However, in the event of an emergency where we would be taking students out of the building we have designated Frank Elementary as our first reunification site. Frank is located at 1816 57th Street. Calling to get information is not advised because the phone lines may be tied up. Once again, you would be directed to Reuther personnel to sign out your child. In both the tornado or building evacuation scenarios only people on your signed emergency card would be able to pick up the students. Please make sure your emergency card has any updated information if it has changed since registration in August. If you have any other questions regarding our school safety procedures, please feel free to email Andy Baumgart at abbaumgart@kusd.edu.
Andy Baumgart – Assistant Principal

Summer School
It is hard to believe summer is just around the corner! While students are thinking about the long vacation, staff is beginning to focus on summer school! Many of our returning families know that we run summer school a little differently than the other high schools. We have two forms of summer school you can register your student for: AIS and Credit Completion. Credit Completion sessions are intended for students in the Blended Learning program that have an incomplete (I) on their report card during the school year. In an effort to ensure that they do not lose their intended credit students with incompletes are expected to attend summer school until all incompletes are done and credit has been earned. Reuther staff will be communicating to families of the students with incompletes as to start dates and expectations.

Credit Recovery summer school or AIS is a computer based curriculum that your student can take if they are at least 16 years old and behind in credits. There is a 7:30am-10:30am session and a 10:45am-1:45pm session. Students are taken in order of graduation date and completed registration forms.

Summer School (Continued)
Registration for summer school opens on April 15th this year and applications can be found on Reuther’s website, the KUSD summer school website, or picked up in the Main Office. Summer school will begin on June 17th and end on July 11th (with no students reporting on July 4th). AIS students would attend the whole 4 weeks and Credit Completion students will only attend until they have completed their work. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Alyssa Sigman at 359-7583.

June 17th thru July 11th (Monday—Thursday)

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Safe School Update & Summer School Information

Changes at Reuther are about improving opportunities

Update on TITLE 1
Parents are invited to our Final Title 1 Meeting on May 8th from 8AM—10PM.
Please RSVP to Mechelle in the Main office by 5/1/13 (262)359-6160

Parents’ Right to Receive Teacher Information
The recently reauthorized federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the “No Child Left Behind Act of 2001” requires additional reporting by both the state and the local education agencies. Among some of those options that every parent has a right to know is the following:
- Attends school which has been identified form improvement
- Attends school which is considered safe
- School has been identified as limited-English proficient and is or will be participating in a language instruction program
The “No Child Left Behind Act” says parents have the right to request the following informational qualifications of their children’s teacher:
- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level and subject area he or she teaches
- Whether the teacher has an emergency of provisional license
- What degrees the teacher holds and the field of discipline or his or her certification or degree
- Whether the child is being provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications
Any parent or concerned individual may request any of the above information. Simply send in your request in writing to Reuther Central High School and the
Guidance Department

Guidance Staff

Listed below is the Reuther Counseling Staff. Please feel free to contact your child’s counselor if you have any concerns. We are now located in Room 156.

Sue Nighbor  (Secretary/Registrar)  359-6134
Char Stachon  (Sec/Immunizations)  359-5911
Maria Del Real  (2013/2014)  mdelreal@kusd.edu  359-6102
Missy Werner  (2015/2016/Transition) mwerner@kusd.edu  359-6113

Information for Seniors

Community Service Requirement

Starting with the 2013 graduating cohort, all students will be required to complete at least 10 community service hours as part of their graduation requirements. Students will not be allowed to graduate until these hours are documented. The Community Service Hours Verification Form can be found on our website or in Guidance and should be turned in to your counselor. Please visit our website for a list of volunteer opportunities available in our community. You may also contact our Reuther Coordinator who has some Volunteer Opportunities still available at Local Nursing Homes—Rose Colwill at 262-359-7859 to sign up to complete your service commitment after school Monday—Friday from 3:30-5:30.

Cap and Gown Orders

If you have not ordered your Cap & Gown, please stop by Guidance and place your order. Cap and Gown is required to participate in the graduation ceremony. The current cost is $40. Acceptable forms of payment include cash and money order (made out to Josten’s). If you prefer to pay by credit card, please contact Josten’s directly at 414-425-4012.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Reuther Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 7:00pm. The Auditorium doors will open at 6:00pm. Please be aware that balloons are NOT allowed in the auditorium. Seating availability is first come, first served. Please note that there are no tickets issued for this event! We do not limit the number of friends or family who want to celebrate the graduation of their student.

Graduation Rehearsal of the Graduation procession will be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 10:00am. Please report to the Auditorium. (Only students who have completed ALL of the graduation requirements will be allowed at practice.)

ACT TESTING

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS:

Seniors planning on attending college should register for the ACT to either take the test for the first time or to re-take it. Juniors should plan to register to take the ACT in April.

**NOTE: Reuther SCHOOL CODE: 501-014

Test Date  Reg. Deadline
June 8, 2013  May 3, 2013

The ACT website at www.actstudent.org allows you to register online and to view sample test questions.

SIGN UP FOR ….

2013-14 CONTRACTED SERVICES

There is still time to apply for these Gateway courses for first or second semester next year. Students who are sophomores or juniors in good standing are eligible to take these courses for college credit and high school elective credit. Please see your counselor for applications and to confirm your eligibility for any of the following courses:

C.N.A (Tremper and Indian Trail)
Medical Terminology (Tremper)
Automotive Technician (Horizon Center)
Early Childhood Education (Reuther)
Criminal Justice (Indian Trail)
Emergency Services (Indian Trail)

Your Student’s School Supplies May Be Running Low!
Please check with your student or his/her teacher to see if items such as, pencils, pens, folders, paper, etc. may be needed.

“My Sweet Dreams” Prom 2013

When: Friday, May 10th, 2013
Time: 7:30-11:00 pm
Cost: Tickets $25.00 (No admission after 8:30PM )
Where: Cortese’s Restaurant - 1300-Sheridan Road Kenosha,
* Tickets may be purchased in Guidance *

Please visit the Reuther Website at http://reuther.kusd.edu/ for updated information and also to sign up to receive future communications via e-mail

FAFSA Fridays at Gateway Technical College. Receive one on one help filling out the Free Application to Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the Kenosha Campus at 3520 30th Avenue. March 15th (1:00-4:00pm) and March 22nd (9:00-12:00am). Fill out FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
What are the Common Core State Standards

- Are aligned with college and work expectations;
- Are clear, understandable, and consistent;
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills;
- Build on strengths and lessons of current state standards;
- Are informed by other top-performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in global economy and society; and
- Are evidence-based

How will the standards be assessed?

- Two consortia of states—SMART-ER Balanced Assessment Consortium and the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers—have been awarded federal funding to develop an assessment system aligned with the CCSS.
- Different types of assessments to measure students’ progress during and at the end of the school year will be designed for students in grades 3-12.
- These assessments will be used by states adopting the CCSS beginning in the 2014-2015 School year.

Common Core State Standards

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School Board Policies Attendance

1. The Executive Director of Educational Accountability is designated as the District attendance officer. The building principal/designee is designated as the school attendance officer.
   a. Absence Reporting
      a. An excuse from a parent/guardian is required for any student absence from school. For extended or excessive absence because of illness, a statement from a physician, dentist or other qualified professional may be required.
      b. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school during the morning of the day that the student is absent.
      c. Students of legal age shall be responsible for providing absence excuses and school notification of such absences themselves.
      d. Unusual or frequent absence by a student shall be reported to the principal and/or school attendance officer; and/or the Executive Director of School Leadership.
      e. A record of attendance for each student will be kept and will be noted on the permanent record in accordance with established District procedures. Each teacher will keep an accurate daily record of each student’s attendance including tardiness, and shall submit a report as directed by the principal. A student sign in log will be maintained by the office staff or those students arriving to school tardy.
2. Under state statute 118.15 (3) G., any child excused in writing by his or her parent or guardian before the absence. The Board shall require a child excused under this paragraph to complete any course work missed during the absence. A child may not be excused for more than 10 days in a school year under this paragraph.
3. Extended absence is an absence that is four or more consecutive days. For extended absences, due to illness, a statement from an authorized medical professional may be required by the principal.
4. Excessive excused absences are ten or more cumulative days of absence, consecutive or non-consecutive within the school year. Principals may require medical documentation for any excessive absence to be excused. If appropriate medical documentation is not provided, the absence will be unexcused. Unexcused absences will be considered truant.
5. The time period for which any medical certification is valid may not exceed thirty (30) Days.
6. Habitual Truancy: Students who miss part or all of five (5) or more days with in a semester, without an acceptable excuse will be considered habitually truant. School officials will initiate District truancy procedures for those students identified as habitually truant. School officials will meet with parents/guardians, develop an intervention plan, evaluate the education learning status of the student and recommend appropriate interventions. Legal action including referral to Kenosha County Juvenile Court and/or City of Kenosha or Village of Pleasant Prairie Municipal Courts may be considered.
REUTHER THANKS CARTHAGE COLLEGE FOR UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP FOR LITERACY

The Carthage College Women’s Faculty Learning Community and Reuther Central High School came together in a unique partnership beginning last school year aimed to create an intergenerational collaborative connection to support literacy. Initially the group has formed around a women and girls’ book club. This year key events have focused on a Voices of Diversity January Intensive and Writing Contest in conjunction with the Carthage College first annual Diversity Summit. Activities allow high school students to be mentored and in conversation with college students and professors, while Carthage College students have the opportunity to interact with students from wonderfully diverse backgrounds in Kenosha in mentor roles focused around literacy.

Special thanks go to Carthage College Writing Center Director Jean Preston, Carthage College Asst. Professor Sandra Biscigia and Carthage College students who reviewed the over 100 writing pieces. Seven Reuther student winners are receiving cash scholarship prizes provided by the President of Carthage College, Dr. Gregory Woodward in a special celebration on May 1 at Carthage College with parent/guardians invited. All writers in the contest were recognized in a special Carthage/Reuther handshaking ceremony and assembly featuring special guest speaker Leonard Pitts Jr. (2004 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary). Writers will be recognized publicly for their work in displays at Carthage College and at the KUSD Academic Showcase. This special event would not be possible without the extra efforts of Reuther teachers Mary Limbach and Pat Thompson and other language arts teaching staff. The generosity of Carthage College for their time and funding is appreciated by the entire Reuther community.

Congratulations to all Reuther students who challenged themselves in a poetry or essay entry. You make us proud!

Dress Code Reminder

As the warm weather approaches we are asking again for your help. Addressing dress code problems interrupts valuable instruction time. Thanks for your support by talking with your student.

Concerns that parents can help with:

- Tops must be long enough to be tucked in, no skin showing between bottoms and tops when seated or standing, skirts and shorts must be fingertip length when standing.
- Must cover chest at all times.
- Must fit appropriately and not be too baggy or tight.
- Underwear must be covered at all times.
- Pajama bottoms or tops, house slippers and leggings worn as bottoms are not acceptable attire in the school.
- Hoods, hats, caps, bandanas, sweatbands, skullcaps, hair curlers or do-rags are not allowed within the building.
- Must be neat, clean and in appropriate repair, no holes or tears.

We will continue to work directly with students daily who are not in the compliance and call parents when your help is needed for supporting the “School Board Policy.” This can be found on page 14 in the Student Handbook located on our Reuther Website. Students will be invoiced for missing items or replacement of items not returned. (Any unpaid fees will be billed to the students Unified Account.)

School Social Worker Section

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Greater Kenosha Community Alcohol and Other Drugs Awareness Week: April 13 - 19, 2013

This is a week for all us to remember the harmful effects of alcohol and other drug abuse on learning and life. Our slogan for this year’s special week is: “Your future will be bright if your choice is right!”. This winning slogan was created by Allison Shane, a fifth grader at Prairie Lane Elementary. Let’s all strive to encourage our students make the “right choices” so they may maximize the gift of brilliance within them.

Please visit our Reuther Website for a complete list of activities!

Come see Reuther’s Booth at the KUSD Academic Showcase
Saturday, April 27th
9:00AM—2:00PM
at Indian Trail High School and Academy
6800 60th Street, Kenosha

Special thanks to Herzing University for adopting Reuther Central High School this spring! Herzing has provided presentations to students on special topics, support for our spring Prom, lunch for staff on March Asynchronous Learning Day, and is offering future field trips and support for financial aid workshops for parents. They provide the opportunity for students who meet qualifications to experience a course at Herzing on a one-time basis.

Now Accepting Student Applications

Do you have a family friend or member who is interested in attending Reuther? Reuther is accepting applications for the Spring semester, as well as, the Fall semester for incoming 9th graders. Applications can be picked up in the Reuther Main Office or they can be also be found on our Reuther Website at http://reuther.kusd.edu/about/app_process.html If you have any questions or concerns please contact Alyssa Sigman at (262) 359-7583.