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Romona concert to benefit auditorium renovation

By Romona School PT

Romona Elementary School will host its second annual "Rockin' Romona" concert on the school lawn from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Romona Auditorium Renovation project and the PTA. Tickets are \$25 in advance and may be purchased online at romonapta.org. At the door, tickets are \$30. Romona Elementary School is located at 600 Romona Road in Wilmette.

"The goal of this annual event is to help the PTA raise funds to renovate the auditorium and continue to provide PTA programs that the children really enjoy," said Robinn Jerutis, the school's PTA president. "In addition, events such as these, show just how much importance our community places on the value of family and community involvement, which is the most important ingredient in a student's educational success."

Headlining this year's concert is Wil-

mette's The Rock House Music School owner Chris Karabas. Opening bands will feature Romona children, including past and current students. The band will perform from 5 to 7 p.m.

Families are encouraged to pack a picnic and enjoy complimentary water courtesy of Lyn Flannery and dessert courtesy of Fresh Market while enjoying the evening's entertainment on the lawn. The community is welcome to attend. This type of benefit concert is the first of its kind for elementary schools in this area. Organizers hope to proceed from the benefit will help the Romona Auditorium Renovation project.

Rockin' Romona will also give families an opportunity to preview a sampling of R Clubs programming that will be offered this year. Many of the vendors and teachers of the clubs will be on hand to answer questions and provide demonstrations of courses available. The Rock House Music School will be represented by the headlining band. Gymnasts from Illinois Rhythmic

Gymnastics Center will be tumbling. A dual will be recreated by Metro Chicago Fencing. The White Tiger Marshal Arts Center will be demonstrating their skills, including break- ing boards. MightyNest will be demonstrat- ing their earth-friendly lunch containers.

For more information, email Lisa Finks, R Clubs coordinator, at afterrclubs@romonapta.org. Also, go to romonapta.org

The Romona Elementary PTA is a non- profit organization enriching the lives of

District 39 children and families. Through its fundraising events, the PTA proudly provides all of the field trips and enrichment activities for the students at Romona School. The PTA also encourages students to explore their unique interests by offering clubs, both after school and during lunch/ recess, in areas such as music, drama and sports.

The PTA and Educational Foundation have also funded the school's W.E.L.L. Garden.



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