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# January News

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## ROCK SPRING AND BEYOND!

Preparing Students not only for their  
education at Rock Spring Elementary but  
BEYOND!!!

From the desk of Mrs. Gilstrap:

Welcome back! I hope that you and your family had an amazing holiday season! We are gearing up for our second semester.

Schoolcast Messenger- Hopefully, you have been receiving Schoolcast Messenger phone calls. If not, please make sure to update your Messenger account or call the office. Schoolcast is used to inform you of important events, Covid cases and closings or delays.

Tardies- We are having a large number of tardies each day. Please make sure your child is here on time. A good life skill to possess is to be on time to places. School is considered student's job. When students are late, they are missing out on valuable instruction time. Please help us with this issue.

Powerschool-For parents of 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders-Continue to check Powerschool for grades. This will give you up to date information regarding your child's grades.

DATA NIGHTS-Our second round of data nights are quickly approaching. I can't express how important these nights are to parents. You get the opportunity to see how much your child has progressed since the beginning of the year.

I know you were probably like me and glad to see 2020 go! I do want to say that I learned a lot in 2020. I learned that our Rocket Family is the best!!! Parents and students were asked to do things they never had to do before and learn a new way of school. Our teachers are just amazing. They learned new strategies and found resources to make it work! This is truly why we have the BEST TEAM EVER! So 2021, we are ready! RSE has a lot of things going on and a lot of learning that will be taking place. Please make sure your child is here every day on time and ask them what they are learning each day. Encourage them to READ EVERY NIGHT! Sit down and listen to them read, it is great to see how much they have learned.

### Upcoming Events for January:

- \*11<sup>th</sup>-Student's 1<sup>st</sup> day back
- \*18<sup>th</sup>-MLK Jr. Birthday-Holiday
- \*20<sup>th</sup>-Kindergarten Parent Virtual chat-
- \*25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>-MAPS Testing

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

DATA NIGHTS

### ATTENTION ROCK SPRING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:

Buy a Tribute Ad for your 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student to go in our yearbook!

Size Options:

Full Page Ad - \$100      Half Page Ad - \$60

Quarter Page Ad - \$35

Please submit your order by: Emailing Allison

McQuatters at [allisonmcquatters@walkerschools.org](mailto:allisonmcquatters@walkerschools.org)

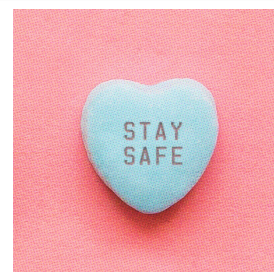
Please include your child's name, your message, your photos, and size. Please make your check to Rock Spring Elementary. Please send money labeled "Tribute Ad"!

### YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

Flyers have been sent home!

REMINDER TO WASH  
HANDS AND STAY A SAFE  
DISTANCE FROM OTHERS.

Masks are encouraged not  
required.



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### Parent Virtual Chats

Each month, Parent Engagement designates a day for a specific grade level to meet virtually for a "Chat". This is a time where information and strategies are given to families. This month's grade level is KINDERGARTEN!

Mark your calendars for January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Sarah McCloskey, our Parent Engagement Coordinator, will be sending home more information.

**Tardies/Early Dismissal:**  
Tardies and Early dismissals are occurring more frequently! If your child is not in their class, they are missing valuable instruction time. Please help us out with this issue!

**TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS!**  
A REMINDER THAT ROCK SPRING ELEMENTARY IS A TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS!!

### YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

Rock Spring Elementary is once again having a yearbook. We are excited about this 2020-2021 year. Even though it has been a different type of year, this yearbook will still hold sweet memories that can be cherished for years to come.  
A flyer has gone home but if you need another one, please contact the office and we will send one home with your child.

### Data Night

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars for February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a virtual night filled with fun and information.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>-PK, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>-K, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

As parents, you will get an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to review your child's current data (DRA scores, MAPS testing, Math scores, progress report). You will get to compare the data from the beginning of the year to now. Plus, see where they need to be by the end of the year. This will be a meeting that you don't want to miss. The meetings will begin at 5:30. Your child's teacher will send you a link to join the meeting. I hope you plan to be attend!!!

### SAVE THOSE INK CARTRIDGES!

Our school is recycling ink cartridges. If you have an ink cartridge that you have used, instead of throwing it away, please bring it to school. We turn these in and receive a discount on our ink we purchase!

### BOX TOPS

Keep turning them in!

To Ensure ALL Students Graduate -  
Ready for College,  
Ready for Work,  
Ready for Life!