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# April 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:

\*I hope you enjoyed your Spring Break and are ready for these last 8 weeks of school.

\*Virtual Chats-This month we will host 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. McCloskey will send out a link for parents to join us to "chat".

\*Milestone testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders is quickly approaching. This test will not count as a high stake test this year. It will serve as just another piece of data for your child. A good piece of advice for ALL students (not just the ones testing) would be to encourage your child each day, make sure they get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast.

\*Field Day-We WILL have a Field Day. This will look very different from the past events. Field Day will be on two separate days. May 13<sup>th</sup> will be Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and May 14<sup>th</sup> will be 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Field Day will be for students only. Sorry parents but it is important for our students to have this opportunity this year. I know they will be so excited.

\*Award's Day-We are working on this and what it will look like. More information will come closer to May.

\*DATA Night-Go ahead and mark your calendars for May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will host our last Data Night for the year. This will be an important night to show your child's growth for the year.

### Upcoming Events for April:

- \*5<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> Day back
- \*12<sup>th</sup>-PBIS Incentive-for March
- \*13<sup>th</sup>-PBIS Walkthrough
- \*14<sup>th</sup>-Virtual Chat with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade @ 11:00
- \*15<sup>th</sup>- Virtual Chat with 4<sup>th</sup> grade @ 11:00
- \*16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>-PTO Silent Auction on Facebook
- \*16<sup>th</sup>-Kona Ice
- \*20<sup>th</sup>-Milestone Math-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- \*21<sup>st</sup>-Milestone Math Day 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- \*22<sup>nd</sup>-Milestone Science- 5<sup>th</sup> grade only
- \*27<sup>th</sup>-Milestone ELA-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- \*28<sup>th</sup>-Milestone ELA Day 2-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- \*29<sup>th</sup>-Kona Ice



I am so proud of our students are making goals and working hard to meet them. I will post a picture of our K-2<sup>nd</sup> bell to see all the Knockout forms (meaning students have met their goals). This is a great experience to instill that if you work hard for something, it pays off. When students and staff hear the bell, they clap. Everyone celebrates meeting the goal. It is wonderful hearing the students say, "I am close to meeting my goal!" or "I just met my goal and I am going to set another one!" Continue to talk to your child about their goals and how they are progressing toward it.

### Highlighting Our Pencil Stories

- K-Lucy Hasty, Raelynn Hughes, Jacob Smith
- 1<sup>st</sup>-Colt Logan, Avery McClain, Brylie Stokes
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Olivia Ledbetter, Jailyn Ellinwood, Maddex Pruitt
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Ayden Holcombe, Jeffery Whittemore
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Chance Morton, Emma Garrett, LeeLee Shelton
- 5<sup>th</sup>-Lydia Thompson, Christian Keeton

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### PTO NEWS!

PTO will host a Silent Auction on Facebook. This is just like our auction we have on our Spring Carnival. Since we can't have our Spring Carnival, PTO wants to continue the auction. Please watch Facebook as we will post information about each basket. Classrooms will also make a project. All families, friends and community members can bid on these items. The auction will end on Monday. All money raised will help buy picnic tables for the top of the hill since the other ones have been damaged by the weather. The tables that will be purchased are a higher quality that can sustain weather. We appreciate your support.

**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!!



### Milestone Testing

Third, Fourth and Fifth grade parents,  
If you could, please send in bottled water and snacks (non-sugar) for students to have during testing. Encouragement notes (3 notes in a Ziploc bag) will be coming home this week. Please write encouraging/motivation notes to your child. These will be handed out to them each morning before testing. Please make sure you have turned the notes in by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### PBIS Minutes

There will be no April Monthly incentive but there will be a **BIG** one in **MAY** to close out our year.  
Keep earning those DoJo points.

Parents,  
Keep encouraging your child to **SOAR**. You can even apply **SOAR** to what you do at home. Also, you can check your child's Dojo points.

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