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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. We are ready for 2022!

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. Also, we use Dojo and our RSE Rock Spring Elementary Facebook as well. Make sure you are checking these.

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. So, make a goal in 2022 to be on time EVERY DAY! Can you meet this goal?

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. If you have not set up a Powerschool account, please contact the office.

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. This will be an IN-PERSON event.

We had an amazing turn out of parents for our Christmas parties. Thank you for being here. It was wonderful to have people back in the building. 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. I am so proud of how much they have learned this year thus far and how much more they have the potential for learning. It is going to be a GREAT semester!

### Upcoming Events for January:

- \*6<sup>th</sup>-Student's 1<sup>st</sup> day back
- \*17<sup>th</sup> -MLK Jr. Holiday
- \*20<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade goes to LHS play
- \*21<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade goes to LHS play
- \*25<sup>th</sup>-ALL PRO DAD MEETING @ 7:00 am in the gym

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</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 - \$105      Half Page Ad - \$65

Quarter Page Ad - \$40

Please submit your order by: Emailing Allison

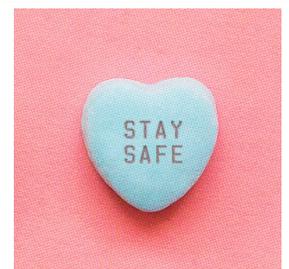
McQuatters at [allisonmcquatters@walkerschools.org](mailto:allisonmcquatters@walkerschools.org)

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 will be sent home soon!

NEW COVID  
GUIDELINES HAVE  
BEEN ESTABLISHED.  
THOSE ARE ON  
WALKER COUNTY  
WEBSITE AS WELL AS  
OUR RSE ROCK  
SPRING ELEMENTARY  
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CLUBS-We are excited to start our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade clubs! Students will get to choose a club that they find interesting to participate in. We will have 4 club days in this semester. Club sign-ups are this week. If you have a third, fourth or fifth grader, ask them what club they are going to be in. Field Trips-Field trips will be taken this semester. Be on the lookout for grade level information coming home regarding this.

**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. This yearbook will hold sweet memories that can be cherished for years to come. A flyer will be coming home very soon. You will be able to order online or send in payment to the school.

### **Data Night** **February 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mark your calendars for February 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be hosting an IN-PERSON night filled with fun and information.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>- 4:30-K; 5:00-3<sup>rd</sup>; 5:30-4<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>- 4:30-1<sup>st</sup>; 5:00-5<sup>th</sup>; 5:30-2<sup>nd</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. While you are in your meeting, your child can come and participate in out of this world activities. I hope you plan to attend!!!

### **PBIS-SOAR**

This month's theme is Let It Snow. We will be having a little snack and watching a movie.

SOAR can be used at home and in the community.

#### **Ways to STAY SAFE**

- \*always stay with their parent when out in the community
  - \*don't talk to strangers
  - \*follow rules if you go somewhere (playground, zoo, pool, etc.)
  - \*always wear your seatbelt
- We will have our monthly incentive at the end of January cost is 50 Dojo points.

### **Parent Chats**

Each month, Parent Engagement designates a day for a specific grade level to meet for a "Chat". where information and strategies are given to families. At this time, we will host these in person (subject to change depending on Covid). Our next Grade Level Parent Chat will be in February. Mrs. McCloskey, Family Engagement Coordinator, will be sending home more information.

**To Ensure ALL Students Graduate -**

**Ready for College,  
Ready for Work,  
Ready for Life!**