Puckett Elementary News

September 2022 Puckett Elementary School Phone: 601-825-6140 Fax: 601-825-0015 Principal: Ms. Nicki Stanley <u>nstanley@rcsd.ms</u> Assistant Principal: Mrs. Mindy Stevens <u>mindy.stevens@rcsd.ms</u>

Welcome back to school.

We have had a great start to the 2022-23 school year, and a lot of that is thanks to our faculty, staff, students, and families. We appreciate your help in ensuring our school year is starting out safely and successfully.

If you haven't already joined our PTO, we invite you to do so. They do much for our faculty, staff, and students. Some of the many ways they make an impact include the following: bereavement gifts, football program ads, headphone purchases for requested grade levels, rolling carts for teachers, seat cushions for requested grade levels, magnetic letters for kindergarten, beautification flowers for our courtyard and porch areas, Honor Roll rewards, Of the Month rewards, counseling curriculum, Book Fair volunteering & donations, Book Fair Family Events, Reading Fair & Summer Reading incentives, Venture skeleton purchases, jump ropes for P.E., teacher/staff birthday gift cards, donations for Kindergarten & 6th Grade Graduations, Field Day planning and organization, and MORE! Please consider joining our PTO. Your \$10 membership dues help our PTO take care of us all throughout the school year. We appreciate your help with this.

PTO News

Look for more information coming home soon about our upcoming PTO Fundraiser, *Cash for the Pack.* We invite all families to participate in this fundraiser to help our PTO carry out so many important tasks on campus.

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Teacher of the Month Mrs. Michelle Penninaton. Kinderaarten Staff of the Month Ms. Debbie Minton, Secretary Parent of the Month Mrs. Angie Warrell Best of the Students of the Month Month PreK: Stella Dupree Kindergarten: Austin Wigginton & Jo'Liyah Owens **1st Grade:** Caroline Smith & Olivia Mann 2nd Grade: LJ Vick & Salter Rose Therrell 3rd Grade: Hadley Kelly, Kaygan Weghorst, & Morgan Taylor 4th Grade: Kent Hughes, Jomiah Owens, & Kylie Woods 5th Grade: Cameron Brewer, Sarah Partridge, & Hollie Henderson 6th Grade: Mayleigh Pope, Harper McKinley, & Miller Kennedy Kindness Recipient of the Month: Lila Cole, 3rd Grade

You might have noticed our teachers on car rider duty are using their cell phones this year while helping, and that's because we have a dismissal app we are using called iDismiss. With this new check in and out system, students are able to remain in their own classrooms until their names are called for dismissal. We appreciate your patience with car rider line and ask for your cooperation with a few reminders.

- Please make sure your car rider tag is hanging visibly from the front windshield. If you are in need of a car rider tag, please contact the office.
- If your child rides in a booster seat and needs help buckling, please pull to the front parking lot to assist him/her at that time.
- Please help us by making sure your car rider can enter and exit from the car door closest to the sidewalk for their safety.
- Please look to the teachers on duty to direct you to the appropriate spot in line for drop off and pick up. Your child will have a specific color block to stand on while we wait for you to pull to that spot safely.
- Please do not pass vehicles in line unless instructed to do so by a teacher on duty.
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Important Breakfast & Lunch Information

Grab & Go Breakfast has been running smoothly in the mornings. If you would like your child to eat breakfast in the mornings, please remind 1st-6th grade students they should report to the cafeteria as soon as they exit the car or the bus to grab their breakfast before going to class. Pre-k and Kindergarten students will go to Grab & Go Breakfast with their teachers after reporting to class first.

All classes are returning to the cafeteria to eat lunches this year. We are striving to keep students spaced out as much as possible and will continue monitoring this accordingly. Our students' safety is our top priority.

Meals are NOT free for the 2022-23 school year. The nationwide waiver has expired. If you would like to fill out a free/reduced lunch form, please visit the following link:

https://www.rcsd.ms/departments/child-nutrition/free-reduced-meals-information

MENUS: https://pue.rcsd.ms/resources/lunch-menu

**Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle labeled with his/her name each day. They will have an opportunity to fill up their bottle throughout the day.

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September 2nd	Spirit Day: PJ day & PTO T-shirt forms and money are due.
September 5th	Labor Day - School Holiday
September 6th	Volleyball camp forms and money are due.
September 7th	Progress Reports
September 9th	Spirit Dress: USA Day All mini-cheer camp forms and money are due. *6th Graders perform The National Anthem and present the flag at the football game.
September 14th	Volleyball Camp-After school until 5:00 p.m.
September 12th-16th	Homecoming Week Monday: Camo Day Tuesday: Tropical Day Wednesday: Superhero Day Thursday: Disney Day Friday: Homecoming Game-Maroon & White
September 15th	Homecoming Parade at 6:30
September 19th - 23rd	Start With Hello Week (more information coming soon)
September 23rd	Spirit Dress: Celebrity Day
September 30th	Spirit Dress: Ice Out Mini-cheerleaders Pregame Performance & Introduction at 6:15 p.m.

Important Dates