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# November News

Rock Spring Elementary School/ 706-764-1383

## ROCK SPRING AND BEYOND!

Preparing Students not only for their education at Rock Spring Elementary but BEYOND as well (middle school, high school, tech, apprenticeship and college)

From the desk of Mrs. Gilstrap:

**Trees for Troops-** We have finished raising money for our service project this year. We raised \$520 for the cause. Thank you for helping bring joy and Christmas cheer to families of our service people.

**Class Pictures-** A form went home to order your child's class picture. If you want to order a class picture, please fill out the form and return to school. These will need to be turned in by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Coffee with Administration-**Our second Coffee with Admin will be November 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a time where you can come in, drink some coffee and asks questions to our administration.

**Rock Spring Spelling Bee-**Our "BEE" will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Fourth and fifth graders are allowed to participate. Please watch for updates on dojo and for spelling lists that will be sent home with students who wish to be in the Bee. Parents of participates will be invited to come and watch their child.

**Playground Update-**We are still waiting for our playground equipment to be built. I am hoping it will be finished soon so that we can set an install date. I will keep you updated as I know more.

I hope each of you have a relaxing Thanksgiving Break. Have fun spending time with your families. I am thankful for each of my Rocket families! **Happy Thanksgiving!**

### Upcoming Events for November:

- \*Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> -Class pictures and retakes
- \*Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>-Coffee with Administration
- \*Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>- CLUB day for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- \*Nov. 21-25-Thanksgiving Break
- \*Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>-All Pro Dad meeting

### Pencil Stories Spotlight

- K-** Aris Elliott, Cullen Frazier, Oliver Pilgram
- 1<sup>st</sup>**- Bram Coontz, Lindsey Gilreath, Raelyn McLain, Reagan Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Cora Gregory, Pace Gross, Karsyn Larmon
- 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Brantley Kelley, Brayden Lankford, Kapri Reaves
- 4<sup>th</sup>** - Connor Edgeworth, Gracie Spears, Emma Wigley
- 5<sup>th</sup>**- Emily Genter, Aria Scherrer, Scarlet Vaughn

Congrats to these students for being selected for our November Pencil Stories!

**TARDIES-** We are having a large number of tardies each day. Please make sure your child is here on time by 7:30 every day!

If you have had an ADDRESS change or a PHONE NUMBER change, please let the front office know. We have to keep our records as up to date as possible. So if there is a change, please let us know.

### Lunch Charges

**We have a large number of lunch charges...close to \$2800. Please log into your child's Powerschool account for an updated balance list. This will show you how much money is in your child's account or how much they owe. If you need a free and reduced lunch application, please let the office know.**

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### PTO NEWS and Family Engagement

\*Our t-shirt order has come in. We will be getting those out to you as soon as we can!

\*Santa Shop will be coming in December....

A reading tip: Make sure your child reads 15 to 20 minutes a night. Studies show this will improve their reading. Reading with Rockets is back on Facebook three nights a week.

### PBIS Rockets SOAR

\*We just had our School-wide PBIS walkthrough. The people that came to observe our school and ask our students and staff questions, had GREAT things to say! I am so proud of our school, students and teachers.

Thanks to Mrs. Sprayberry for leading our PBIS team.

\*Cafeteria is our HOT SPOT for this month. We will review our expectations in this area. Students can earn "double" dojo points in this area for this month.

\*Home tip-you can reinforce our expectations at home and out in the community.

S-Stay safe. Teach your child to always stay right with you when you are in a public place and don't talk to strangers.

### School Messenger Calls

Schoolcast is a notification system that calls you to inform you if school is cancelled or upcoming school events. Please make sure you answer and listen to these calls. Reminder the call will come from the school number. Please listen to your voicemail before calling the school back.

### Did you know?

Our school has a Safety Patrol and a Student Council. Students expressed interest in these two types of service duties and were selected.

Our Safety Patrol makes sure all of our Rockets are following expectations in the morning arrival time.

Our Student Council helps with projects and does "fun" stuff for our school. They will be selling "TURKEY GRAMS". Order forms will be sent out soon.

### GOALS

Hard to believe that the first nine weeks of school is over. Students have made goals and are working hard each and every day to KNOCK OUT their goal. What can you do? At home, be sure to ask your child about their goal: what it is and how they are progressing toward meeting it. Encourage them to work hard to meet the goal. It is so exciting to see the students "ring" the bell for meeting their goal. Their smiles say it all...." I worked hard and met my goal." Students who met their goals put their name and goal on the wall! Ask them their goal and if they have met that goal yet.

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

### 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!