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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 enough money to purchase 40 trees. Our school will be on WRCB with Mr. Raulston due to our giving. Thank you for helping bring joy and Christmas cheer to families of our service people.

Rock Spring Spelling Bee-Our "BEE" will be held on Friday, December 8th. 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 participants will be invited to come and watch their child.

PROGRESS REPORTS-The first nine week period is in the books. It is hard to believe that we have been in school for nine weeks. For grades 1st through 5th, your child will not receive a progress report until after the second nine week period. You can log into your Powerschool account to view your child's grades any time. You can even have them emailed to you weekly. Kindergarten parents, a progress report came home with your child for this nine week period.

Communication-Please make sure you have joined our school Dojo so you can see information coming home. This is our main source of communication. We send messages frequently.

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. 6th -PTO meeting @ 2:45
- *Nov. 7th and 8th -GA Power will be here for 3rd-5th grades
- *Nov. 17th- Taste of Walker County-all students participate
- *Nov. 20-24-Thanksgiving Break-No school
- *Nov. 28th-Mornings with Moms @ 7:00 am
- *Nov. 29th-PBIS incentive
- *Dec. 1st-CLUB Day



Happy Thanksgiving
Rockets!

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. 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

*PTO will be having a Rock Spring t-shirt sale. Look for more information coming home soon.

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

*We would love to have you join our PTO. If you are interested get in touch with Mrs. Standish through email

Rsepto@walkerschools.org

*Also, PTO does have a Facebook page....RSE Rock Spring Elementary PTO.

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.

Pencil Stories Spotlight

- K-** Cooper Duckett, Ivan Hoffman, Amarra Logan
1st- Cullen Frazier, Felicity Howard, Anna Kate Lowery
2nd- Gavin Anderson, Rhett Smith, Millie Stansell
3rd- Darrell Guthrie, Ronan Howard, Lynsey Moreno, Liam Thompson
4th - MaKenzie Henson, Berkleigh McLain, Jace Steele
5th-

Congrats to these students for being selected for our November Pencil Stories! The focus this month was on Science.

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!

PBIS Rockets SOAR

*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.

Mornings with Mom-Mark your calendars for the 28th for our next event. We had an outstanding turnout for our first one. Mrs. McCloskey will send home a form. Please RSVP so that we can make sure we have enough food.

Parent Involvement

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah McCloskey. You can contact her by email (sarahmccloskey@walkerschools.org).

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!