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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 2024!

<u>Schoolcast Messenger-</u> With this season, comes the chance of school delays or closings. Our school will communicate through DOJO and our Facebook page. Walker County will use Schoolcast (phone system) to inform you of important events and closings or delays

<u>Tardies-</u> We are having a large number of tardies each day. Please make sure your child is here on time. After 7:30, you will have to walk your child in the school to sign them in. 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 2024 to be on time EVERY DAY! Can you meet this goal?

<u>Powerschool-</u>For parents of 1st-5th 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.

<u>DATA NIGHTS</u>-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 held on February 13th.

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 <u>January</u>:

*8th-Student's 1st day back

*9th-PTO Parent Meeting

*12th-3RD-5TH CLUB SIGN UP DAY

*15th -MLK Jr. Holiday

*19th-Walker County Spelling Bee

*26th-Club Day

*30th -ALL PRO DAD meeting @ 7:00 am in

the gym

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: February 13th is our DATA NIGHT!

ATTENTION ROCK SPRING 5TH GRADE PARENTS:

Buy a Tribute Ad for your 5th Grade Student to go in our yearbook! Information will be coming home about this soon.

CALLING ALL PARENTS

PTO PARENT MEETING

January 9th

Two times: 7:45 and 1:00

This will be a time where events are discussed and ideas can be shared. We would love for you to join us!



PTO

PTO is gearing up for our Spring Carnival on March 22nd. . If you would like to help in any way, please contact Angie Standish at email

Rsepto@walkerschools.org

In order for this event to be successful, we need lots of help and many volunteers.

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

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Data Night February 13th

Mark your calendars for February 13th. We will be hosting our second Data Night filled with fun and information.

February 13th-

4:30-Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 4th grade 5:30-1st grade, 3rd grade, and 5th grade

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

We are combining our PBIS incentive with January and February. This event will be a dance.

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

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!

Congrats to our Rock Spring Elementary Spelling Bee Winners

1st place-Conner Edgeworth 2nd place-Tate Gregory 3rd-Gabriel Fitzsimmons

Conner and Tate will
represent Rock Spring in the
WC County Bee!
We wish them the BEST!
GOOD LUCK!!!

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. You are able to order online. Flyers have been sent home. If you need an additional one, please contact the office.

MILESTONE TESTING

Milestone testing will be April 29-May 8 this year. Mrs. Clawson will be sharing more information about this with parents in February.

To Ensure ALL Students Graduate -

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