

The Gopher Gazette



November 1,
2018

Principal: Sean Furniss
Vice-Principal: Christina Touchton

Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Our students are back in the swing of things after Hurricane Michael. Every grade level is focusing in on the Florida Standards, and teachers are creating innovative lessons for student engagement.

Our next big event will be the annual "Thanksgiving Feast". We invite you to join us on Thursday, November 15th, for a Thanksgiving Feast during your child's lunchtime. This is a special day for us here at Rock Crusher as we love spending time with our families. Look for further information soon, and we look forward to seeing you there. Our next Student Advisory Enhancement Council Meeting will be on November 6th from 4:30 -5:30 in the media center. Everyone is welcome.

Our annual Science Night will be held on November 8th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We will have community members from around the county here with their exhibits. Miracle of Science will present their much-anticipated, explosive night of chemical reactions for everyone in attendance. Student Science Fair Projects will be displayed around the school for your viewing. This is always a night our families remember. We hope to see you there.

Thanksgiving is one of the most cherished times of the year. It is when we gather together with family and friends to celebrate the wealth of our harvest in this great nation. We at Rock Crusher Elementary feel truly blessed to have such magnificent parent involvement. Your support and commitment to our school is part of what makes Rock Crusher so special. Our students continually perform well academically, demonstrate outstanding citizenship, and make us proud to be an educator.

Take time this Thanksgiving to reflect on your personal blessings and appreciate our most important assets, our children!

Our entire Rock Crusher staff wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Sean Furniss



November's Upcoming Events

- Nov. 6—SAEC Meeting 4:30
- Nov. 7— now a FULL DAY
- Nov. 8—Family Science Night 5-7pm
- Nov. 12—Veteran's Day/No school
- Nov. 13—Picture re-takes
- Nov. 15—Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving Break

Congratulations to our Upward Bound Students!!

4th grader

Serenity Young, Isabella Hardy,
Jacoby Mills, Robert Conrad

5th graders

Abigail Molitor, Owen Grimes,
Leighanna Wing, Tyler Renfro,
Slade Dlugokecki

**RCE is so very proud of
you!!!**



Guidance Corner

When your child is absent, please remember to send a note with your child the next day explaining the absence. The Citrus County "Student Code of conduct" requires that you do this. You have two days to get the note in. If your child went to the doctor, please send a note from the doctor or clinic office. We will accept these notes any time. These absences do not go against your child's attendance record. Some of you may have already received an automated phone call informing you that your child was absent from school. This is a program the county has implemented to help keep your child safe.

Please remember 3 tardies equals one absence. When your child is even 10 minutes late for school, they are starting their day off on the wrong foot and missing important instruction that the other children in the class are receiving. You are teaching your child a valuable lesson when you make school a priority; making sure they show up on time with a good night's sleep so they are rested and ready to learn

Beth Noland/ Guidance



Cafeteria News

On Thursday, November 15th we are inviting all parents to join their child(ren) for a Thanksgiving meal that will be served during your child's regular lunch time. The menu will include: **Turkey & Gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, dinner roll, apple crisp, sweet tea/water for adults.**

The price is **\$3.50 per adult** and also **\$3.50 per child (who is not a student at RCE)**. You can pre-pay for the tickets through Pam Burns. More information will be coming home with your child.

Thank you,
Linda Bibeau
Cafeteria Manager





Art Around the County

The Inverness Festival of the Arts will feature some of our RCE art. There will be a display in the Citrus County Schools section where many grades/projects will be displayed. Come by and see the art and enjoy your day at the festival! November 3rd and 4th. Downtown Inverness.

Thea Osborne




We appreciate Mr. Brault (4th), Mrs. Duncan (pre-K), Mrs. Omelian (K), Mrs. Clark (4th), Miss Moser (3rd), Ms. Latiff-Jones (5th), Micheline Gray (social worker) and Mrs. Cantrell (K-1), who are currently teaching out of field. **You guys ROCK!**




RCE is looking for any willing people to join our team as a **substitute**. If interested, please contact **(352) 795-2010**

Contact us at: 814 South Rock Crusher Road, Homosassa, Florida 34448
Phone: 352-795-2010 Fax: 352 249-2143
Rock Crusher Website: rockcrusherelementary.com



“Santa in Wonderland”
Rock Crusher Elementary
Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 2018
5:00pm-7:00pm



Please join us for a Free Night of fun-filled Christmas activities and crafts. The PTO is providing free hot chocolate and cookies for everyone to enjoy!
Santa will be visiting with us from 5:00 to 6:30. We will not be taking pictures for you this year, so if you want your picture taken with Santa, be sure to bring your own camera!
Please be sure to mark your calendars now so you won't miss this magical, wonderful night with Santa.
Please fill out the form below; we need to know how many people are attending, to make this a successful event!

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____


Number of Tickets: Adults: _____ **Children:** _____

Family Science Night
Thurs. Nov. 8th -5-7pm
Pizza will be served!
Grade level science experiments will be displayed!
10 Super Cool Science demonstrations!
Every child will receive a free science kit.
Come join us!!




~Welcome Mrs. Grimes~

We are excited to share with you that Mrs. Mandy Grimes will be working to guide our next chorus production! The next practice for the chorus group will be on Tuesday, October 30th. Mrs. Grimes is a Pre-K teacher at our school, and she comes with a great deal of musical experience. We are very fortunate to have her influence our students in their musical endeavors! Very soon we will be communicating with you about the date of our next chorus production.



Community Agencies for Holiday Help:
Please use the information listed below if you would like holiday assistance for your family.
Citrus County Thanksgiving Feeding Alliance & Christmas Angel Program - (352) 513-4960.
Or email cctfainfo@gmail.com to get link for more information

The SUCCESS Club!



Congratulations to all of our students who were chosen by their teacher to be in "The SUCCESS Club." Each month we have a monthly theme and for October it was "Respect" Students that earned this reward received a certificate, were able to eat lunch on stage with Mrs. Touchton, and they received a special treat. The month of November will be **Compassion**.

PTO News and Upcoming Event

Fall Fest: A BIG THANK you to all who helped make our Fall Fest a Huge Success!

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Once again we had a wonderful response for our cookie sales. Delivery date will be announced soon. Thank you!

Santa in Wonderland: Tuesday, Dec. 4- 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. More information forthcoming.
Santa will be visiting our school from 5:00-6:30pm

We're on the Web!
Citrus.k12.fl.us/rce