

The RCE Gopher Gazette



January 1 2024

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Principal's News



January's Upcoming Events

- Jan. 9—Students return to school
- Jan. 15—Martin Luther King Day. Student/teacher holiday
- February 22—Read Me A Bedtime Story 5:00



**Preventative Dental
Care** is coming to RCE
in May!!

More info to come!

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Guidance Corner

The Rock Crusher Family would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of Crystal River, Citrus County Sheriff's Office "Shop With A Cop" program, the Royal Order of the Moose Crystal River Lodge, Withlacoochee River Electric, and The Family Resource Center for sponsoring so many of our students this holiday season. We also want to give a special THANK YOU to the Women's Auxiliary of the Eagles Club for providing complete Thanksgiving AND Christmas dinners for 10 of our families.

On a more serious note, Santa will be delivering many new electronic gifts this year. Parents, please know what your children are looking at. Please check out the link below for sites that should be strictly monitored or avoided all together. In addition to that, remember that YouTube is NOT censored AND Roblox has a portal that allows children to access graphic adult sites.

<https://peatc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Apps-Parents-Should-Know-About-A-Resource-Docment-Aug-2020.pdf>

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2024! December was an incredible month here at RCE with so many events and fun for our students and families. We are so grateful that many of you were able to join us for some of these special moments.

We have completed our second round of state testing in grades K-5. Our students showed off their remarkable growth and we are so proud of their progress. This year our school improvement goals are to increase proficiency, which is being on grade level. We hope to continue to see higher levels of proficiency as we move through this school year. Thank you for all you do to support classroom instruction including reading at home and helping your child complete his or her homework.

Soon our students will have the opportunity to show what they have learned within the iReady program, which is a program that targets specific individually selected skills for each student in Reading and Math. We are so excited to continue discovering our children's strengths and helping them continue to grow.

Finally, I would like to share that our character traits for the month of January are Courage and Citizenship. Thank you for encouraging your child to always demonstrate respect to peers and adults here at school. This is another school improvement goal for Rock Crusher this year.

Thank you for your partnership each day and we are looking forward to a memorable and successful new year in 2024!

Science Night Success!!

We hope that everyone that was able to participate in our Science Night had a great time!

Thank you for coming out, participating and spending time with your child enjoying the world of Science!!!!





Our Amazing Staff

RCE is proud that all our teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. All teachers at RCE are certified in the area in which they provide instruction.



School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan are both available on our school website:

(rockcrusherelementary.com) They are also available in our School Office. Please take the time to read these documents. If you have any questions, please contact the school.
352-795-2010

Mindfulness Reminder:

- ~Embrace the opportunity for a fresh start.
- ~Breathe!
- ~Think of 1 thing that makes you smile. Then SMILE!
- ~YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE HUMAN BEING!~



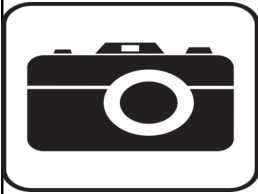
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As we leave 2023 behind and welcome in 2024, it would be a good time to make sure your child's emergency form is up to date. Please make sure we have the most current phone numbers for yourself and any emergency contacts on your child's emergency form. It is crucial that we are able to contact you in the event there is an issue at school.

Please continue to monitor your child's attendance as we begin the second semester, and remember the following:

- Provide a note indicating why your child was absent each time they miss school. This note should be provided within two days of your child's return. After 10 days of absences (excused or unexcused), you will then be required to provide a medical note from a doctor for each absence.
- Provide a medical excuse note if your child has seen a medical professional. It is important that you do this, as absences coded "medical" do not count toward your child's overall absences for the year.
- Keep in mind that three (3) unexcused tardies, or three (3) unexcused dismissals (or a combination of), is equal to one unexcused absence.
- To read more specifics about the attendance policy, please refer to pages 6-10 in the 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct. This can be found online at: [http://www.citruschools.org/students/student code of conduct](http://www.citruschools.org/students/student%20code%20of%20conduct).

Spring Personality Portraits & Class



Photos will be taken February 9, 2024

*Our commission we make on these packages will be used for activities for the students and 10% going to recognize our staff. If you have any questions, please call Colleen Arnold at 795-2021 ext. 4611.

Mark your calendars!

Kindergarten End of the Year Program:

Friday, May 17th

10:00 RCE Café

****Please arrive at 9:30 with your i.d. for check-in at the front office.****

If you are a person with a disability, who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sharon Erlandson at least 7 days before the event.

4th and 5th grade 4-H Speeches



All 4th and 5th grade students will present a 4-H speech to their classmates. The 1st and 2nd place winners will compete in a school-wide competition.

RCE Speech Contest for the first and second place 4th & 5th grade winners will take place on Tuesday, February 7th at 9:45 a.m. in our cafeteria.

The top two school-wide winners will then compete at the county level at a date and time to be announced.



~~Title 1 Times~~

Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) in a child's education is a greater predictor of academic success than whether or not that family is affluent or poor. That's why Title I, Part A program regulations insist on robust parent and family engagement activities at every school where federal funds support effective teaching and engaged learning. Currently Title I, Part A defines parent involvement as the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communications with school staff that involves the student, addresses learning and engages the family in school activities. Please contact the school to find how you can become more involved in your child's educational environment. If you would like further information concerning Title I please contact Rene' Johnson (Title I Coordinator).

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 December it was "Compassion". Students that earned this honor were celebrated on stage and given ice cream. We have lots of honest students at "The Rock". The theme for the month of December will be "Courage".

