

Principal's Message

Dear Reedy Creek Parents,

The assessment of student learning in Wake County is rapidly approaching. Since 1992, North Carolina students have been assessed in both Reading Comprehension and Mathematics through End-of-Grade tests (EOGs) in grades 3-8. This year, students in grade 8 will pilot the new Science EOG.

Teachers are stepping up the focus in preparing students to meet the challenge of these assessments in the days to come. Please keep in mind that the "No Child Left Behind Act" measures the percentage of students proficient in a subject, not the students' academic growth in the subject.

Parents can provide assistance with testing in two important ways. You can reinforce to your children the importance of these tests and assist them in focusing on academics during the final weeks of school. Adequate rest and proper nutrition during the testing period are also crucial to their success.

Additionally, parent volunteers are needed as proctors during the administration of the North Carolina Testing Program. During the testing period, proctors serve an important role as additional monitors that assist the test administrator in ensuring that testing occurs in a fair and uniform manner.

If you are available to serve as a volunteer proctor, please contact Rochelle Guilford, Testing Coordinator, at 460-3504. Thank you in advance for your willingness to assist.

Let us continue to commit to excellence and success for every student at Reedy Creek Middle School.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Jackson
Principal



**Sally Zenick
RCMS Teacher of the Year
for 2006-2007**

Congratulations to Sally Zenick,
Reedy Creek Middle School's Teacher of the Year!
Mrs. Zenick was chosen as a semi-finalist!
This means that out of all the outstanding teachers in
Wake County, she is among the top 20!!!!
We are so proud of you, Mrs. Zenick!
We are fortunate to have so many
marvelous teachers as RCMS.
Thank you for representing us so well!

From the PTA President

Dear Reedy Creek Families,

In a recent PTA Publication entitled "Our Children", one author was remarking on some of the facets of education that have *not* changed. PTA has always strived to unite the forces of the school, the home, and the community as they work toward the common goal of raising healthy and successful children. This value system is strongly evident at Reedy Creek Middle School. The school has effective systems in place to inspire a comfortable learning environment for our children. The RCMS families and community are available and ready to assist when necessary. It is awe inspiring to see you all at work for **our** children!



The months of May and June are busy for our students. Among some of the scheduled events are the Cash Olympics (May 30th) for the students that participated in the spring fundraiser. PTA also assists with funding for the Accelerated Reader event that is held at the end of the year for those students that successfully completed the reading program. Please review the calendar insert carefully to insure you catch the dates that are important for your family.

We~ our children, parents and staff~ have built some wonderful relationships this year. I hope you will join me in treasuring the relationships that we have built, and the people that we have met during our family's middle school years. As we transition into a new year, I am reminded of what Henry Steel Commager (an American historian) once said:

"Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them."

On behalf of your PTA board, we wish to extend best wishes for a satisfying and relaxing summer season. And, as always:

Thank you for all that you do for our children!

Fondly,
Susan Barrier

BOOKFAIR NEWS

The Spring Bookfair was a huge success! The total Fair sales was \$2736.86! Our media center received almost \$1400 in books because of your support! Thank you for all you did to make this event successful. Special thanks to all who gave of their time to help staff the bookfair. We also appreciate the feedback that we received from students concerning what book titles they would like for our Media Center to stock. We were able to honor those requests! We will let you know when the fall bookfair is here!

Susan Barrier and Tina John



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Staff Appreciation Week Coming Soon!

As the school year winds down the Hospitality Committee will be hosting our last special events. During the week of May 7th through the 11th we will celebrate Teacher/Staff Appreciation week to show the staff just how grateful we are for everything they do for our children. We will have a luncheon, a Wake-Up Wednesday breakfast and other goodies that week. Please watch for emails from Hospitality, Tami Marple and Viviane Cobb on how you can help make the remainder of the year a success.

Special note to Students/Parents

On Tuesday May the 8th and Thursday May the 10th we would like to encourage you to send in your own treat, card or note, candy, book, lotion, stationary, flower, or anything else to show your appreciation to the teachers who have taught you this year.

Breakfast Donations

We are requesting breakfast food donations to serve the school staff members. Rolls, bagels with cream cheese, muffins, breads, donuts, croissants, coffee cakes, yogurt, fruit, juices, etc. would be appreciated.

Delivery of items will need to be at the school Tuesday before 3p.m. on the 8th of May, dropped off at the front office at the school. The staff event is the Wake-up Wednesday breakfast at 6:30am on May the 9th.

Please respond to Tami Marple at tamimarple@nc.rr.com or 463-9133 with your donation information.

Reading Rally Magazine Fundraiser

Thanks to all who participated with the successful magazine fundraiser. Not only has this helped to support our school, but it has been lots of fun for the students. Some teachers have even incorporated this in Math lessons! We plan to have the Cash Olympics/ Cookout May 30th. Come join the fun...

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Tina John at 481-4818 or kjohn679@yahoo.com

Thanks again for your participation!

Tina John and the Fundraiser Committee

RCMS Calendar

April—June 2007

APRIL

April 16-20		Public School Volunteer Week
April 16	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. Fuquay-Varina (home)
April 17	3:45 p.m.	RCMS Track Tri-Meet w/Fuquay-Varina & Salem (at Salem)
April 18	2:30 p.m.	Yearbook Club
April 19	2:30 p.m.	Art Club
April 19	2:30 p.m.	NJROTC Meeting
April 19	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. Apex (away)
April 20		Lunch Periods Honor Roll Luncheon
April 23	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. Holly Ridge (away)
April 24		Activity Day
April 24		Lunch Periods Fundraiser Student Lunches with Mr. Jackson
April 24		Lunch Periods Teacher Challenge lunches
April 24	2:30 p.m.	Wildlife Club
April 24	3:45 p.m.	RCMS Track Tri-Meet w/Lufkin & Holly Ridge (at RCMS)
April 25		Fundraiser Prize Day
April 25	2:30 p.m.	Yearbook Club
April 25	3:00 p.m.	RC Productions presents Student Matinee- <i>Fantastical Friends</i>
April 25	3:45 p.m.	RCMS Boy's Soccer vs. Salem (home)
April 26	2:30 p.m.	Yearbook Club
April 26	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. Davis Drive (home)
April 26-27	7:00 p.m.	RC Productions presents <i>Fantastical Friends</i>
April 30	9:30 a.m.	8 th Grade Panoramic Picture
April 30	3:00-4:00 p.m.	Volunteer Reception, Media Center
April 30	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. West Lake (home)

MAY

May 2	2:30 p.m.	Yearbook Club
May 2	3:45 p.m.	RCMS Boy's Soccer vs. Lufkin (away)
May 3	12 noon	Early Release – Students dismiss at 12 noon
May 3	6:45 p.m.	PTA Board Meeting
May 4		Teacher Workday
May 7-11		Interim Reports Issued to students
May 7-11		Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
May 7	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. Salem (home)
May 8		National Teacher Day
May 8	2:30 p.m.	Wildlife Club
May 9		National School Nurse Day
May 9	2:30 p.m.	Yearbook Club
May 9	3:45 p.m.	RCMS Boy's Soccer vs. West Cary
(away)		
May 10	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. Lufkin (away)
May 10	TBA	EOG Parent Information Night

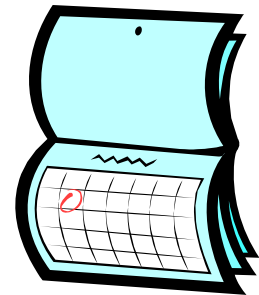


RCMS Calendar

April—June 2007

MAY, continued

May 11		Lunch Periods	Staff Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by PTA
May 14	4:00 p.m.	RCMS Softball vs. West Cary (away)	
May 17	2:30 p.m.	Art Club	
May 17	2:30 p.m.	NJROTC Meeting	
May 17	TBA	Teacher of the Year Banquet	
May 22-24	TBA	EOG Tests	
May 22	2:30 p.m.	Wildlife Club	
May 25		4 th Quarter AR Deadline	
May 25		Library Book Turn-In deadline	
May 25		EOG Make-Ups	
May 28		Holiday	
May 30-June 1		EOG Make-Ups & Retest 1	
May 30	10:30-1:00	Cash Olympics	
May 31	2:30 p.m.	Art Club	
May 31	10:40-12:40	Yearbook Distribution	
May 31	7:00 p.m.	Spring Band Concert	



JUNE

June 1		6 th Grade Career Day “Wheels in Motion”
June 1		7 th Grade Field Day/Talent Show
June 1	6:00-8:30 p.m.	8 th Grade Dance
June 4-5		Algebra I EOC Test
June 4		7 th Grade Career Day
June 5-6		VOCAT Testing
June 5		7 th & 8 th Grade AR Celebration
June 6		6 th Grade AR Celebration
June 6	All day	8 th Grade Celebration
June 7		Last day of school
June 7		6 th Grade Class Day/Talent Show (AM)
June 7	8:00 a.m.	8 th Grade Awards
June 7	10:30 a.m.	7 th Grade Awards
June 7	12:30 p.m.	6 th Grade Awards
June 15		Report cards mailed**

** Please note: The post office will not forward school mail that has an incorrect address. Please make sure that RCMS has your correct mailing address, especially during the end of the year rush. A proof of residence, such as a utility bill, with your child’s name on it, can be sent in or faxed to the main office for an address correction. For more information, please call 460-3511.



WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) is the second largest school system in North Carolina, serving more than 104,000 students in 125 schools throughout the county. WCPSS is committed to ensuring academic success for all students in the system while maintaining fiscal responsibility and accountability. The system was formed in 1976 with the merger of the former City of Raleigh and Wake County school systems and, today is the 27th largest public school system in the nation. For more information about WCPSS, please visit our website at www.wcpss.net

Cast your vote!

Proposed
Slate of PTA Officers for 2007-2008

President: Renee Urben
First Vice President: Belinda Thompson
Second Vice President: Cindy Babson
Treasurer: Ken Berry
Secretary: Debra Coggins

There will be a brief General PTA Meeting
prior to the
May 31, 2007 Band Concert
for the election.
We look forward to seeing you there!

PROCTORS NEEDED FOR End of Grade Testing MAY 22, 23 AND 24

It truly takes our whole RCMS community to ensure that the state's academic accountability program serves the needs of our students. Reedy Creek needs a minimum of 25 proctors each day of testing! A school is not allowed to test without sufficient proctors.

A proctor ensures an orderly and secure test environment. A proctor helps with the administration of the test and with any of the special needs of a student. Additional volunteers may be needed on May 30 and 31 for retests depending on the number of students that need retesting.

Proctors must be registered volunteers. Registration is easy but must be done at school since the on-line link to the volunteer registration is a secure connection.

Proctors will need to arrive at school at 7:30 for training. The test period is from 7:50 until 11:00.

Perhaps you know of a friend or family member who would also like to help?!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION APRIL 30TH

Have you volunteered this year at Reedy Creek? Then, plan to join us at 3:00PM in the Media Center for food and fellowship. Please join us so we can celebrate your contribution to the RCMS community.



"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." ~Author Unknown

Rochelle Guilford
Career Development Coordinator

ATTENDANCE Please Read!

Attendance Information for Reedy Creek Middle School Parents.

Attendance in school is central to educational achievement and school success. School attendance is required by state law for all children between the ages of seven (7) and sixteen (16). Parents must ensure that students attend and remain in school daily.

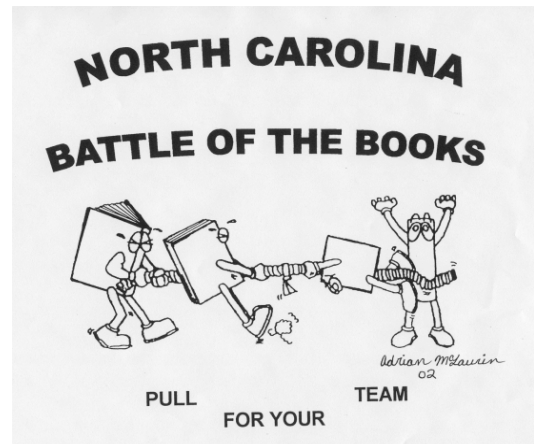
When your child is out of school (full day, tardy or only part of the day), the attendance office needs to have a note from the parent or doctor turned into the office within 2 days of their return to school. To comply with Wake County Board Policy 6000.3, an absence is excused if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- Illness or injury, which makes the student physically unable to attend school.
- Isolation ordered by the State Board of Health or the Wake County Health Department.
- Death in the family.
- Medical, dental or other appointment with a health care provider approved in advance.
- Court when a student is under subpoena.
- Religious observance, as suggested by the religion of the student or the student's parents.
- Participation in a valid educational opportunity, such as travel with PRIOR approval, as documented on the "Request for Excused Absence for Educational Reasons" form.

The note should include the student's first and last name, the dates missed, the reason they were out, a parent signature and phone number or a back to school note from a doctor's office. It is NOT necessary to call the school to report an absence.

Wake County makes use of a School Message System which automatically calls the parents to inform you of your child absence that day. It is important that we have correct phone numbers for this system to work. Please call the office at 460-3511 if you need to update your phone numbers or if you have any attendance questions.

2007-2008



Middle School Reading List

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Singer of All Songs by Kate Constable

Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

Forged by Fire by Sharon Draper

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Under a War-Torn Sky by Laura Elliott

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang

Heaven by Angela Johnson

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

My Dog Skip by Willie Morris

Eldest by Christopher Paolini

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

by James Patterson

Here Lies the Librarian by Richard Peck

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

True Sight by David Stahler, Jr.

The Land by Mildred Taylor

The Weirdo by Theodore Taylor

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan

Angel on the Square by Gloria Whelan



A Note from Officer Guthrie:

With warm weather comes the urge to spend time outdoors. I would like to remind everyone to exercise caution when playing outdoors, especially when riding bikes or skateboarding. An approved colorful helmet completes any warm weather attire and could save your life if you become involved in an accident.



In the event you do not have a helmet please let me know and I will make arrangements to get you one!

Have a Safe and Fun Warm Weather Season!