RCES Express
December 2019

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Dear Reedy Creek Families,

December is such a busy month and we'll be out for our holiday break before we know it. We're now heading into the middle of our second nine weeks, and shortly after we come back, our second quarter of school will wrap up. I know many of you are assisting your students with their assignments and reading at home. It is greatly appreciated by all of us at Reedy Creek. Please remember to visit our website for technology and curriculum resources that can support you at home at www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes. Scroll down to the student link section of the website to find links to resources such as Big Universe for Reading. Under the Academics and Programs tab, information regarding the curriculum for each quarter at your child's grade level is available so that you know the big topics that are being covered. Select your child's grade level and then find "online resources." Students can also access Dreambox from their WakeID portal for Math practice. As always, feel free to speak to your child's teacher about these or other resources that will support your child's needs.

On behalf of our staff, I want to wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing our students back at school on Monday, January 6, 2020. We hope to see you here at school the second half of the year and if you haven't attended one of our Family Summits yet this year, we have a few great ones the second half of the year that are geared to help you assist your child at home and to learn more about what is being taught in the classrooms. Family Summits have been very successful so far this year and we've heard that families really have enjoyed being able to network with other families. We'll be announcing these opportunities in our newsletters, calendars and flyers that go home in Tuesday folders. Happy Holidays and the Best to all of you in 2020!

Catherine Yanello

December 2019 Important Dates to Remember

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 School Store, 8:45am	5	6 1st Grade FT— Marbles Museum
		PTA Online Auction—www.biddingowl.com/ReedyCreekElementary ⟶		
9 **PTA Board Meeting, 8:00am** PTA Dairy Queen Night, 4-8pm	10 Interims Go Home PTA Dairy Queen Night, 4-8pm	11 School Store, 8:45am	12 3rd Grade Musical & Chorus Performance, 6:30pm	13
	PTA Online Auction—www.biddingowl.com/ReedyCreekElementary ⟶			
16	17	18 School Store, 8:45am	19	20 **Regular School Day** Makeup from September 6
NO SCHOOL: DECEMBER 21ST—JANUARY 5TH SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020				

Spotlight on Student

What is Spotlight on Students?

Each year, one student, per school, is chosen based on his or her achievements, being an active learner, a good citizen, and a good decision maker. The selected student attends a school board meeting where he or she is awarded a plaque and letter from the Superintendent. This is a HUGE honor.

Congratulations to our 4th grader:

Susej Prieto-Araque

Reedy Creek Elementary's 2019-2020 Spotlight Student

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Lane

Ms. Lane, one of our 3rd grade teachers, was invited to an NCCAT conference and will be in Cullowhee, NC all this week. She is one of 27 finalists for the NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year at the State level. They will announce the winner this Thursday. This is quite an honor to be a finalist for the state. We wish her the best!

The nomination window for 2nd semester 4th and 5th grade testing for the Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program is open now through December 17. Parent nominations must be in writing (email ok) and sent to Mrs. Cecconi-Roberts, AIG Teacher. No nominations will be accepted after December 17. Testing will be January 27-31. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cecconi-Roberts at *lcecconi-roberts@wcpss.net*

THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

In the spirit of the season, students are learning about the character strength, kindness, through the Positivity Project lessons. They are learning about acts of kindness and how to show kindness toward others. We will have a kindness tree in the lobby and students will be writing how they demonstrated kindness on an ornament to put it up on the tree. Students will also earn Hoppy Awards for demonstrating kindness.

Join us for a musical event on Thursday, December 12th as our RCES Chorus kicks off the night with a musical performance, followed by the 3rd graders presentation of "The Big Chill". Chorus members and all 3rd graders should arrive at 6:00pm.

ART World News

RCE currently has exhibitions on display at the local State Employee Credit Unions on Chapel Hill Road and Walnut Street branches. Starting Monday, December 2nd, we will have masterpieces on exhibit at CrossRoads in the board room for the entire month. Week of December 9th, we will begin our 3-month show of RCE masterpieces at the Cary ART Center on Academy Street.

We are continuing with our digital art galleries on Artsonia. If you are not familiar with this website, each student at the school has their own personal art gallery that they take and upload digital pictures of their masterpieces to. These galleries can be made public with your consent or kept private for only my eyes. If you are interested in seeing your child's gallery please let me know and I'll send home the code you need to make this possible. This site is also a great way to order and purchase your child's work on cute keepsakes. They can make great gifts for friends and loved ones. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Kim Atkins, Art Specialist

dreambox LEARNING

Want to support your child's math development? We encourage every student to use Dreambox at home! Dreambox is an online complement to our math instruction and the program self-levels to meet your child's understanding. It offers support when students struggle and extension when students are ready for more of a challenge. Even 10-15 minutes a day can make a powerful difference. If you or your students have questions about how to access from home, please contact your child's teacher.