



# RCES Express

## March 2020

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Dear Reedy Creek Families,

In about two weeks it will be the first day of Spring! We start out this month with Read Across America where we will have students engaged in activities to promote reading. We cap off the week on Friday morning with guest readers for all classes. A flyer went home with how your child can participate with certain books and outfits during the week.

Our Spring Book Fair is the week of March 16th. Fliers with details will be in the students' Tuesday folders, so please look at this information. Please support our Book Fair as the PTA provides us with proceeds from this fundraiser to up-date the books and resources for our Media Center and school. We will have a Family Night on Thursday, March 19th, along with pizza before our Family Summit #5, Wild About Reading. These sessions will help you support your child's reading at home. Please come out and join us that night.

We will be practicing a drill this week for North Carolina's Severe Weather Awareness Week and later on this month, a mock Lockdown drill. These are mandatory drills that require participation by all students in WCPSS. Teachers practice what students need to do in case of a tornado drill and shelter in safe locations. Our staff has been trained on important lockdown procedures. Practicing these drills is very important so that we all can be prepared in the case of an emergency. In addition, we conduct monthly fire drills and students know what to do and where to go. The safety of all our students is our number one priority each day.

As we enter the last few important months of school, we appreciate any support you can provide at home with reading and practicing comprehension with your child. Don't forget to access our school website, <http://www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes>, for resources under Academics and Programs tab at the top and the Digital Resources at the bottom of the page. Students are often motivated to read on a device by accessing apps to read. They have school logins to access Big Universe and other Reading sites. Please also access our Dreambox site so that your student can practice and learn new Math concepts. Teachers need your support with reminding your child to complete Dreambox lessons. The lessons will definitely benefit your child to build their Math skills.

Spring Break this year is the week of April 6th. Monday, April 13th is a Teacher Workday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 14th. Our next big event will be our annual Spring Carnival on Friday evening, April 17th. Our PTA Carnival Committee has planned many fun and exciting activities for the whole family to enjoy. A lot more information will be coming out over the next month, so stay tuned. I hope all of you enjoy the beautiful spring weather that will be coming soon!

Sincerely,  
 Catherine Yanello

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
2 Wear your best outfit	3 Dress like your favorite influential person	4 School Store, 8:45am Wear a silly outfit	5 Wear something that represents your family's culture  4th/5th grade musical performance, 6:30pm	6 Wear your favorite color
9 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher Workday	10	11 School Store, 8:45am 1st grade FT—Laurel Hills Crisson, Herier, Tadepalli, O'Sullivan 3rd grade FT—Greensboro Science Center	12 First in Fitness  1st Grade FT—Laurel Hills Rosado, Romanelli, Kretschmann	13 4th grade performance task assessment
16 PTA Book Fair Week	17	18  <b>Picture Day!</b>  Talent Show Auditions 4:30-5:30pm	19 Talent Show Auditions 4:30-5:30pm <b>PTA Book Fair Family Night, 5-8pm</b> <b>Family Summit #5 5pm-7:45pm</b>	20 →
23	24	25 School Store, 8:45am	26 3rd Grade Math Check-In Assessment 5th Grade Math Check-In Assessment	27 Kindergarten FT—Marbles Museum
30 PTA Board Mtg, 8am 4th Grade Math Check-In Assessment 5th Grade Science Check-In Assessment PTA DQ Spirit Night	31 PTA DQ Spirit Night			

## Istation Information

Students in grades K-3 will be receiving a Student Summary Handout by the end of the week which indicates how they performed on the initial Istation benchmark assessment in January. As a reminder, Istation is a computerized adaptive testing program that provides information about the reading ability level of each student and measures growth over time.

These assessments use interactive content to measure a student's reading ability and skill development. Test questions range from easy to hard for each reading domain. If a student answers questions correctly, ISIP presents more challenging questions until the student shows mastery or responds with an incorrect answer. When a student answers a question incorrectly, ISIP will present less difficult questions until the student begins answering correctly again. The ability score shows how a student is doing compared to any previous performance and to other students at the same grade level.

You will want to review your student's report for information about their performance in skills related to their grade level. We'll include a breakdown of what each subtest and what it measured. These scores provide data points we can use to better understand your child's reading strengths, as well as any areas of weakness. Continued work with Istation will produce additional data that will help us monitor your child's progress throughout the second semester.

## Art World News! Congratulations to Ava Clement in

Ms. Kretschmann's 1st grade class!

She is representing RCES in the county-wide arts celebration, Gifts of Gold (visual arts) & Pieces of Gold (performing arts). Her masterpiece will be on exhibition March 3-4, 2020 in the lobby of Memorial Auditorium at the Duke Energy Center for Performing Arts. Way to go Ava!



The Nomination window for Single Subject Acceleration or SSA at Reedy Creek will be open March 23-27. SSA allows students to show mastery of content in select elementary or middle school courses. Students who prove mastery do not have to take the course and may move on to the next level. Parents may nominate their child to skip a grade level of content in either **English Language Arts** or **Mathematics**. The SSA nomination form is due to Mrs. Cecconi-Roberts before final dismissal time on March 27. Testing will be April 20-30. For more information and applications, please see the Wake County News section of the school website, or feel free to email Mrs. Cecconi-Roberts at [Icecconi-roberts@wcpss.net](mailto:Icecconi-roberts@wcpss.net).

# SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Join us for Family Summit #5



5:00pm-6:10pm: Pizza and Shopping at the Book Fair

6:15pm-7:45pm: WCPSS Family Academy Presents:  
"Reading is Fundamental"

Learn effective ways to support your child's reading at home!



## PTA Book Fair Week

Monday, March 16th—Friday, March 20th

**Pastries & Parents**

**Tuesday, March 17th, 8am**

**Goodies & Grandparents**

**Wednesday, March 18th, 8am**

**Book Fair Family Night**

**Thursday, March 19th, 5pm-8pm**