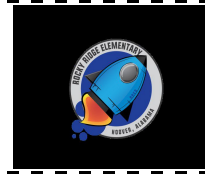


Rocket Report



Rocky Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

April 20, 2017

Upcoming Events

April 24 - 26 - Book Fair

April 29 - Celebrate Hoover Day -
11:00 - 3:00

April 28 - Spring Fling - 4:30 - 7:30

May 2 - Berry Middle School Night for rising
6th Graders - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Administrator's Corner

Dear Parents and Students,

In honor of our former financial secretary, Mrs. Patricia Watson, Rocky Ridge created a new award of recognition last year. Once again, we would like to honor one student in gr. K-5, one Rocky Ridge faculty or staff member, and a citizen of our community (parent, business sponsor, volunteer, etc.) who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to our school.

Characteristics of this individual should include several of the following:

- goes "above and beyond" in his/her learning or service to the school
- seeks to assist others in our school
- helps to make our school a positive learning environment
- sets high standards for himself/herself
- has good values and demonstrates ethical behaviors

To nominate an individual for this award, please complete the application found in this newsletter (Note: A nomination form can also be picked up in the office) and submit it to Dr.Uswatte no later than May 1, 2017.

Dilhani J. Uswatte, Ed.D
Principal



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First and Last Name of Nominee _____

Select one of the following regarding nominee: ___ student ___ faculty/staff member
_____citizen

If citizen, please provide mailing address and phone number of nominee:_____

Name(s) of Nominator(s):_____

Phone number of Nominator(s):_____

Email address of Nominator(s):_____

Please describe why you feel this individual is worthy of this prestigious award. Add additional pages if need be to this application.

Classroom Clips

Kindergarten - We are finishing up our unit on the farm just in time for our field trip!!! Please be sure to send your child's lunch in disposable bags, as we will not be able to cart around a whole bunch of lunch boxes. It will be hot and sunny, so please, as always, have your little one in tennis shoes. Also, you may want to apply sunscreen before they leave the house. If you are meeting us at the farm, please aim to be there about 9:00am! We can't wait!

1st Grade - We are nearing the end of the school year, but these 1st graders are still going strong and working hard to learn all they possibly can! We are solving all different types of addition and subtraction problems. We are using good reading strategies to unlock words we don't yet know. In writing we are working hard to "show, not tell" by focusing on tiny realistic details in our writing and using adjectives! It's great to be in 1st grade here at Rocky Ridge!

2nd Grade - 2ND GRADE - Last week consisted of many exciting events for our second graders. We attended our field trip to DeSoto Caverns to observe how the Earth changes over time. In addition, we actively participated in a Bricks for Kidz program where we used engineering skills to create spin art machines and race cars.

3rd Grade - We are so proud of our third graders for all their hard work on the ACT Aspire this week! We are looking forward to the upcoming Spring Fling on April 28th and hope to see you there.

4th Grade - The 4th graders have become student biologists! They are carefully observing the lifestyle, body structure, and behavior of fiddler crabs and African Dwarf frogs. Each day the students go to the science lab to observe these creatures and to understand their habitats. They have learned that fiddler crabs are crustaceans and are crepuscular! Ask any 4th grader and they'll fill you in!

They have also discovered ALGEBRA! Actually, they've been doing it and haven't even known it. Now, though, they are looking at what happens in situations where there is constant change. How many pennies accumulate in a jar after adding the same number each time? Can that situation be written mathematically? These and other exciting questions are being answered each day in 4th grade math classrooms!

All classes are reading some incredible books this spring that include unusual and interesting characters. In order to share these interesting characters, they are creating "Character Trading Cards" fashioned after sports trading cards with vital information about characters from their books. Once completed, they will have an opportunity to trade them with classmates and hopefully encourage others to try out their awesome novel for themselves!

5th Grade -We are continuing our learning in math about how to multiply and divide decimals before we progress to measurement and data analysis in preparation for sixth grade! In science, we are building vocabulary booklets and exploring the realm of space. Students are working on beefing up their reading stamina through chapter books and reading comprehension skills. In social studies, we are working on map skills and geography. Book fair is next week!

Congratulations April Students of the Month



Caroline M., Daisy M., Emma Rose C., Alexander J., Jacob W., Gabe J., Kassim A., Molly W., Madison P., Riley C., Abby B., Kyra P., Adria L., Haily N., Piper H., Bastain C., Hallie G., Tristen R., Braedon H., Caroline H., Nancy S., Eli S., Kamiyah J., Calvin M., Kailah A., Ellen J., Bella H., Cailan P., Kimberly RS., Jordan R., and Carly C.

Carpool Reminder

Parents,

We realize that the end of the school year is approaching but please remember that you still need a Rocky Ridge issued carpool tag.

Thank you!

PTO News

Silent Auction

Silent auction is a big part of our Spring Fling. And it is coming up fast! We need help the week of spring fling (April 24-28) to package all the items that the silent auction committee has worked so hard to get. Please consider donating your time to help us.

Go to <http://signup.com/go/HpBb35>
Or email lizziethorn@bellsouth.net to sign up.

Also, new this year to silent auction- we are asking classrooms to create a themed basket to go in the auction. All proceeds from these baskets will go directly back into your classroom teachers account. Contact your room mom or classroom teacher for more information. These baskets will be in addition to the normal fabulous items the silent auction has had in the past few years.

Spring Fling

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Can you volunteer to help with Spring Fling Friday, April 28th? We need help with setup and cleanup. Also, one hour shifts are available for the Big Games and cafeteria. Please let us know by signing up at <http://signup.com/go/Tz081k>.

Library News

The spring Barnes & Noble book fair is scheduled for Monday, April 24 - Wednesday, April 26 in the library. Teachers are reserving a shopping time and volunteers are needed to assist students and teachers. To volunteer, please use the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E45A5AF29A1F94-book>

Textbooks and Library Books

Parents,

All textbooks and library books are due back to Rocky Ridge Elementary no later than May , 2017. Please note that any textbook or library book which is not returned will be charged to your student.

Thank you,
Rocky Ridge Elementary

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is set for Thursday, May 18, from 4:00 to 6:00. However, if you have a student that will start Kindergarten and you want to beat the lines, you may come to the office any time during school hours to fill out a registration packet. We will need your child's birth certificate, social security card (optional), blue immunization card, a current lease or deed, and utility bill. Please feel free to call 439-2900 if you have any questions.



Notes from the Nurse

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The end of the school year requires some housekeeping tasks throughout the school. The health room is no exception.

An adult will be required to pick up any medications that your child may have in the health room. Medications should be picked up by noon on May 26. **Any medications left at school will be destroyed after noon on May 26.**

When your child returns to school in August, a new medication form with parent and physician signature will be required. One form will be required for each medication brought to school for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have any questions please call me at 439-2930.

Have a safe and happy summer ☺

Roxanne Gardner, RN
School Nurse

SAVE
THE DATE

Rocky Ridge Elementary School

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Monday, April 24 -- Wednesday, April 26

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

In the Library!

- Barnes & Noble accepts cash, cards, and *checks payable to Barnes & Noble.*
- Include 9% sales tax.

See your teacher for your reserved shopping time.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit
our library.



SPRING FLING
FRIDAY APRIL 28 4:30 - 7:30 PM

FULL S.T.E.A.M. INTO SPRING

NEW THIS YEAR:
LASER TAG
DANCE JAM WITH DJ

SPECIAL OFFER \$20 ALL ACCESS PRE-SALE
ARMBANDS WILL INCLUDE 2 SLICES OF PIZZA
AND DRINK IF ORDERED BEFORE APRIL 21ST.
AT THE DOOR - \$25 (PIZZA NOT INCLUDED) ALL ACCESS ARMBANDS



- SILENT AUCTION
- CONCESSIONS - CASH ONLY \$1.00 - \$5.00
- PAPA JOHN'S, DOODLES ICES & MORE
- CARNIVAL GAMES WITH PRIZES
- GAME TRUCK
- CAKE WALK

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT MySchoolFees.com OR YOU CAN RETURN THIS PORTION AND PAYMENT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. LAST DAY TO PRE-ORDER IS FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

OF ARMBANDS: _____ X \$20 = \$ _____

Silent Auction

Please come see us in the **Library** at Spring Fling for the silent auction. You must pay for all items on the night of auction. We will take **cash, check, and credit cards (Master Card and Discover)**.



Thank you to the following businesses for their support to our school!

Walt Disney World	PF Changs	Fish Market
Dollywood	Iz Cafe	Bistro V
Camp Cosby	Cheesecake Factory	Zoo Books
Sanford baseball camp	Magnolia Café	Sweet Frog
Christian Life Church	Mooyah	New Life Art
Camp Indian Springs	Newk's	Jan Brett- Author
Mason Music Camp	Jim N Nicks	Dimitri's Barbeque
Lakeside Church "Summer Live"	Birmingham Barons	Secret Stages
Summer Show Offs	Alabama Sports Hall of Fame	Full Moon Barbeque
Spain Park Athletics	Bruno event team	Magic City Cheer and Tumbling
UAB Athletics	College football hall of fame	O'Henry's
Sanford Athletics	Space and Rocket Center	Flower Buds
Auburn Athletics	Fleet Feet	Insomnia Cookies
Chik-fil-A	Leah's	Alumni Hall
Doodles	Hoover Antiques	Chipolte
Game Truck	Tip Top Grill	Rock the South Music Festival
Tiger Rock Martial Arts	Belleni's	Snoozy's
Bumper Nets	Taco Mama	Perry's Steakhouse
Painted with a twist	Village Tavern	Splash Adventure
Jan's Hallmark	Holmestead Fines	Freddy's frozen Custard & Steakburgers
Avondale Brewery	Vivian Smith Jewlrey	Dr Jeff Backus
Cahaba Brewery	Nail Tip	Brass Bear Antique Market
Ghost Train Brews	NX Nails	Papa Murphy's Pizza
The Whole Scoop	Muse Salon	Janet Adwel, Monogramming
A Loft Hotel	Great Clips	Holmsted Farms
Costco	Inviting you Designs	DLDesigns
Continental Florist	Damsel in defense	Tootiebugs monogram items
Colliers Nursery	Parent Teacher Store	Dixie Design Card Company
Birmingham Zoo	Anthony's Carwash	Frame Factory
Game Zone	Alabama Rentals	*Also thank you our fabulous teachers and staff that donated items and/or their time- Ms. Leachman, Ms Anson, Mrs Davidson, Dr Uswatte, Mrs Peters. & Officer Autrey!!
First Avenue Rocks	Summer Show Offs	
Head over Heels	Portrait Innovations	
Gymnastics	Play it Again Sports	
Skates 280	Learning Express	
Birmingham Zoo	Breakout Birmingham	
McWane Center	Yogurt Mountain	
Aldridge Gardens	Oak Mountain Lanes	
Botanical Gardens	Brunswick Riverview Lanes Vestavia	
Birmingham Civil Rights Museum	Bowl	
Opera Birmingham	Monogram Spot	
Alabama Theater	Alabama Outdoors	
Alys Stevens Center	Iron Works Pizza	
Birmingham Museum of Art	Magic City Dance	
Over Easy	Stampin Up	
Daylight Donuts	BAM Sports Grill	
Shipley's	Gidge Black Pottery	
The Ridge	Annabelles	

*Come and meet your upcoming
middle school family!*

*Hoover Middle School Parent Night
at YOUR upcoming middle school
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

*Berry Middle
School
4500 Jaguar
Drive
Hoover, AL
35242*

*Simmons Middle School
1575 Patton Chapel Rd.
Hoover, AL 35226*

*R.F. Bumpus Middle School
6055 Flemming Parkway
Hoover, AL 35244*

Parent and student activities will include:

- A welcome from your school's principal
- An overview of programs, clubs, activities, and opportunities
- An opportunity to meet your school's counselors, faculty, and staff
- An orientation meeting specifically designed for parents
- A tour of the school

Who should attend?

All parents and students who are NEW to their middle school for the 2017-2018 school year. This includes any rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who will be new to the school.

*Please note that any changes in the location of the school that your child will attend next year based on the HCS rezoning plan are not final and are contingent upon a final ruling on the proposed plan.
More details will be provided when they are made available to HCS.*

It's A Dance Party

WHEN:
5/19

5:30-7:30 PM

All 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students are invited to attend the DANCE PARTY. All proceeds will go towards enhancing the RRES Music Department.

Please return this permission form and payment by May 12th to Mrs. LeBlanc.

Student's Name _____

Drop student's off in front of the school at 5:30 pm and pick up at 7:30 pm.

Parent's Signature _____

TICKETS: \$15 each

Payment DEADLINE is MAY 12th
myschoolfees.com, check, or cash
Tickets will NOT be sold at the door
Includes: Pizza, Snacks, & Drinks

AFTER-SCHOOL ART

In the ART ROOM at ROCKY RIDGE, 3-4

FANTASY ART (SESSION 6) Drawings and Paintings of Mythological creatures, such as, Fairies, Mermaids, Dragons, Sea Serpents, Super Heroes , Unicorns.....

Wednesday Class: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 (only space for 3 more)

Thursday Class: 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 (only space for 8 more)

Cost: \$50 for 4 week session. Check, Cash, or M.O. to Rocky Ridge (RRES). (Fee due with registration. 20% off for 2nd child) Children must be picked up at 4:00 at the front door of the school, unless they are in Extended Day. Questions? Text: (205) 639-9370 or email at jdavidson@hoover.k12.al.us

To register, fill out below & return with payment to Mrs. Davidson by 3/14 for Session 5. For Session 6, return by 4/18. Thanks!

1st Child: _____ Grade: ___ Teacher _____ \$50

2nd Child: _____ Grade: ___ Teacher _____ \$40

Wed. ___ or Thurs. ___ Session 6 (Fantasy Art) ___

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ E-Mail: _____

I agree to pick up my child on time, if he or she is not in extended day _____



SMOKIN' JOE'S BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 24TH - JULY 27TH



@HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL
1000 BUCCANEER DRIVE HOOVER, AL 35244

8:30 AM - 4PM
FULL DAY
7- 15YRS OLD

\$220

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
HALF DAY
5/6 YRS OLD

\$115

Learn the fundamentals | Special Guests | Shooting Games | 3on3 & 5on5 Tournaments

REGISTER AT **JSMITHHOOPS.COM**
OR EMAIL **INFO@JSMITHHOOPS.COM**

You can still sign up for these After School Activities at Rocky Ridge

Life Labs - Where your child will learn the common denominators for success, including social competence and emotional intelligence. Wednesdays after school from 2:45 - 3:45. Register by going to www.thelifelabs.com. For more information call (205) 540-0363.

Soccer Shots - The Children's Soccer Experience. Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development. Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:45. Visit www.soccershots.org for more information.

Miss Beth's Gymnastics - Miss Beth's Gymnastics is offering tumbling classes on Monday afternoons right after school at Rocky Ridge Elementary!! Our program will give your child the opportunity to learn basic tumbling skills (i.e. cartwheels, rolls, backbends, splits, handstands, etc.) while increasing their overall body strength, flexibility, and coordination in a fun and safe environment!!! There are only a few spots left, so sign-up soon! To enroll, or if you have any questions, please call or e-mail Beth Butterworth at (205) 243-7174 or bamagymnast@charter.net!!!

Miss Beth's Ballet - An introduction to the fundamentals of ballet for the young dancer focusing on imagination, creativity and FUN. Classes are 45 minutes each week on Friday afternoons. Classes begin September 9, 2016. To enroll, or if you have any questions, please call or e-mail Beth Butterworth at (205) 243-7174 or bamagymnast@charter.net!!!

Tiger Rock Taekwondo - Call 205-823-1999 to reserve your spot.



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April

Elementary & Middle School Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Cheese OR Pepperoni Flatbread OR Lasagna Roll Up Sweet Potato Fries Italian Vegetable Mix Raw Veggies w/Dip Applesauce Cup	Crispito OR Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Fresh Fruit	Chicken Tenders OR Meatloaf Dinner Roll Seasoned Green Bean Macaroni & Cheese Fresh Garden Salad Sliced Peaches	Beef Sliders OR Chicken Alfredo Roasted Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	BBQ Pork Nachos OR Fish Nuggets w/Roll Baked Beans Seasoned Corn Fresh Fruit
10	11	12	13	14
Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza OR Hamburger Vegetable 5-way Sweet Potato Fries Raw Veggies w/Dip Mixed Fruit Cup	Crispito OR Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Fresh Fruit	Country Fried Steak OR Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Fresh Garden Salad Sliced Peaches	Breaded Chicken Sandwich OR Meatball Sub Steamed Carrots Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Applesauce	No School 
17	18	19	20	21
Cheese Sticks BBQ Pork Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Steamed Broccoli Raw Veggies w/Dip Peach Cup	Crispito OR Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Black Beans Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Tenders OR Turkey Roast w/Gravy Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Breadstick OR Mini Calzones Steamed Broccoli Roasted Asparagus Fresh Garden Salad Pear Slices w/Cherries	Club Sandwich on Ciabatta Bread OR Chicken Fritter Bites Potato Wedges Seasoned Corn Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
24	25	26	27	28
Cheese OR Pepperoni Flatbread OR Lasagna Roll Up Sweet Potato Fries Italian Vegetable Mix Raw Veggies w/Dip Applesauce Cup	Crispito OR Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Fresh Fruit	Chicken Tenders OR Meatloaf Dinner Roll Seasoned Green Beans Macaroni & Cheese Fresh Garden Salad Sliced Peaches	Beef Sliders OR Chicken Alfredo Roasted Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Fruit	BBQ Pork Nachos OR Fish Nuggets w/Roll Baked Beans Seasoned Corn Fresh Fruit

NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH



ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS

EVERY KID HEALTHY

* PB & Jelly Sandwich and/or Soy Nut Butter Sandwich available daily as option #3.

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April

Breakfast in the Classroom

*Trace Crossing, Rocky Ridge & Green Valley

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Assorted Muffins <i>(Blueberry, Banana or Apple)</i>	Assorted Mini Pancakes <i>(Maple or Blueberry)</i>	Breakfast Sliders	French Toast Sticks	Assorted Pop-Tart <i>(Strawberry or Brown Sugar)</i>
10	11	12	13	14
Assorted Cereal Bars <i>(Trix, Cocoa Puffs or Cinnamon Toast Crunch)</i>	Assorted Frudel <i>(Cherry or Apple)</i>	Egg & Cheese on Bun	Mini Cinnamon Rolls	No School 
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Assorted Fruit & Low-Fat/Fat-Free Milk options offered daily!

NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH



April is
Global Child
Nutrition
Month



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