



Tiger Times

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Elementary School

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From the Desk of Mrs. Erwin

Happy February!

This month has passed so quickly; in fact, we almost missed sending this newsletter out to you.

As most of you know, sickness has visited most homes as well as the school. We were blessed, though, in that we did not have as many students and staff out as some of the other schools experienced. Credit for keeping our school as sanitized as possible goes to our fabulous custodial staff. They constantly clean and spray door handles in order to prevent germs from spreading. Our staff also deserves recognition for taking such good care of our students inside the classroom. Of course, Nurse Denise is the Queen of RES for taking care of

so many sick children and contacting parents quickly when students became sick at school. It truly takes a village to take care of our children and RES has the best!

Thank you so much for your help with the Candy Fundraiser. Students have already sold twice as much as last year; this is a result of great parents! The profits from this fundraiser helps to provide lots of extras for our students!

We all experience times of struggles so we completely understand when someone needs help. In fact, we pride ourselves on locating resources to help our families. One of those resources is the Free and/or Reduced Lunch program. If you are struggling to pay for your

child's breakfast/lunch and haven't filled out the form, please don't hesitate to let us know you need one of the forms. In fact, we can help you complete them if you need assistance.

Students took the STAR Winter Benchmark in January for reading and math. Many students showed great improvements which is due to their consistent hard work. To continue these improvements, especially in reading, students must keep reading every day.

I hope you have a great last week in February. I look forward to seeing you on February 27th at the RES Literacy Night of Wonder at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Erwin

Set the Date!

- ☺ 02/22-03/02 Book Fair
- ☺ 2/27 Family Literacy Night
- ☺ 3/2 Fitness Club Field Trip
- ☺ 3/6 Spring Pictures
- ☺ 3/8 End 3rd Nine Weeks
- ☺ 3/9 Teacher In-service Day No School for Students
- ☺ 3/12 No School

Moreland Minute

A Donkey in a Well
A farmer had a donkey that unfortunately fell into an abandoned well. It brayed and brayed until the farmer heard him and came running over. The well was deep and the farmer couldn't figure out how to hoist the donkey out. Besides, the donkey was getting old and the farmer had other donkeys. And, the well was abandoned and should be covered up anyway, so ... The farmer called his neighbors over with their shovels. They all gathered

around and started shoveling dirt onto the donkey, which was still braying away in fear. After awhile, the farmers couldn't hear the donkey any longer. They continued to fill the well with dirt until suddenly the donkey stepped up and out of the well! As the farmers shoveled dirt onto the back of the donkey, he would shake it off and step up onto the new dirt until the dirt lifted him out. You will get dirt shoveled on you in your life - lots of dirt, all kinds of dirt. When you feel like you're stuck in a well,

just shake all that dirt off and take a step up.
If someone says you can't do something, shake it off and step on it.
If you do poorly, shake it off, step on it, and try again.
When you stop trying, that's when the dirt will bury you. So, shake it off, step up, and never give up.

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Paws for Partners

Ringgold Elementary is blessed with several supportive partners. However, we would like to recognize three in particular this month. Mr. Greg Linderman, one of the special education teachers, asked for some financial help from business partners to fund upcoming field trips for his, Mrs. Triplett's, and Ms. Simpson's classes. The letter of request was submitted to all partners, and immediately two generous businesses volunteered! Mr. Mark

Collins with Metro Boiler Tube donated \$275, and Capital Bank contributed \$200! Wow! This is wonderful and will allow every student in these classrooms to attend these trips!

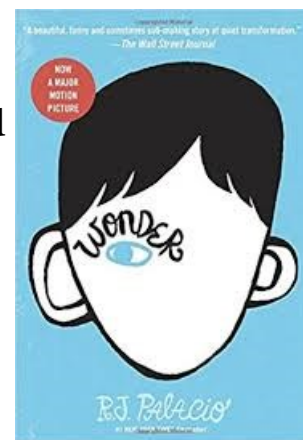
Additionally, RES Literacy Night is quickly approaching. Each year, Mrs. Crawford, media specialist, likes to provide guests with hot cocoa and cookies! Waffle House graciously agreed to donate hot cocoa and cups for all of the expected visitors!

What a nice treat for those who come to enjoy reading with their children! We are very grateful for the dedication and long-standing support of these and all of our wonderful partners!

“A Night of Wonder” Tuesday, Feb. 27th 6:30-8:00.

You will not want to miss all of the family fun planned for this evening! We will have hot chocolate and cookies, door prizes, and a free waffle coupon for all students who are able to attend. The book fair will be open and we will have a silent auction of the art work of Michael P. White. Please ask your student about his visit to our school.

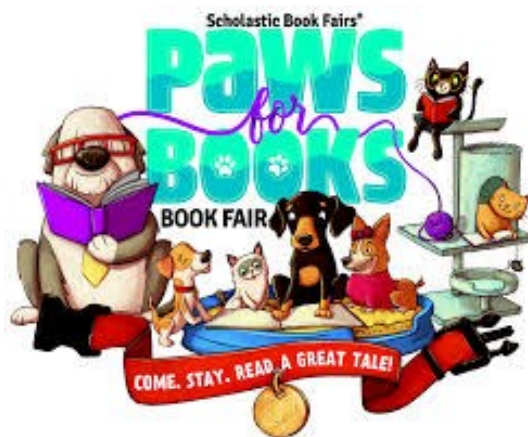
All of our activities will relate to the book *Wonder*.



Lines from the Library

The Book Fair will be here before you know it! RES preview day will be Thursday Feb. 22nd.

Shopping days will be Feb. 26th-March 2nd.



The online fair starts Feb. 22nd and ends March 8th.

We will also be open during “The Night of Wonder” 6:30-8:00.

If you would like to volunteer during our fair please contact Mrs. Crawford by

Music Notes

All of our classes will be using xylophones this month to both play songs and write their own music. It is always exciting when a student creates a song in their head, learns how to write it using music notation, then play it using the music. Our fifth grade students will be using their recorders in their song as well, so please make sure they come prepared for class and don't leave their recorder at home!

Nurse Denise Says—

Please help your family and all of our students stay healthy by following some simple steps at home.

1. **WASH** your hands frequently.....this can not be stressed enough. Think of all the things we touch on a daily basis and germs are everywhere---yuck ! Don't forget about cleaning the surfaces of your cell phone, some studies show this is one of the dirtiest items in your pocket or purse.

2. Teach children to cough and sneeze into their elbow. The **FLU** is spread through respiratory droplets that can be transmitted when you cough and sneeze.

3. If you or your child have symptoms of the **FLU** don't wait, go to the doctor or emergency room for evaluation and treatment.

Let's keep our **Tigers at Ringgold Elementary** healthy this season !!

Stay Healthy,
Nurse Denise

Ringgold Singers

We are excited to announce our spring concert is quickly approaching! March 15 at 9:00 AM, all of the students of RES will travel to RHS theater to watch their chorus friends perform music from popular movies we all love. Look for a permission slip to come home soon and make plans to join us for a fun day at the "movies!" We will perform the concert again that night for our friends and family to enjoy at 7:00 PM. The admission for each show is just \$2.



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We are doing some fun things in STEAM this month, including

experimenting with magnets, catapult engineering and creative art activities!! Students are doing so well with Code.org, several students/classes are almost finished with course C, YAY!! Third graders will also be constructing self watering plant containers and growing herbs indoors, which we will be using later on to make our very own aquaponics system for our STEAM lab!!

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Our Mission

Ringgold Elementary School believes each child is a unique individual capable of reaching his or her full potential in a safe, positive environment

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Vision Statement

Catoosa County Public Schools will be a nationally recognized learning community whose graduates are prepared for tomorrow's challenges.

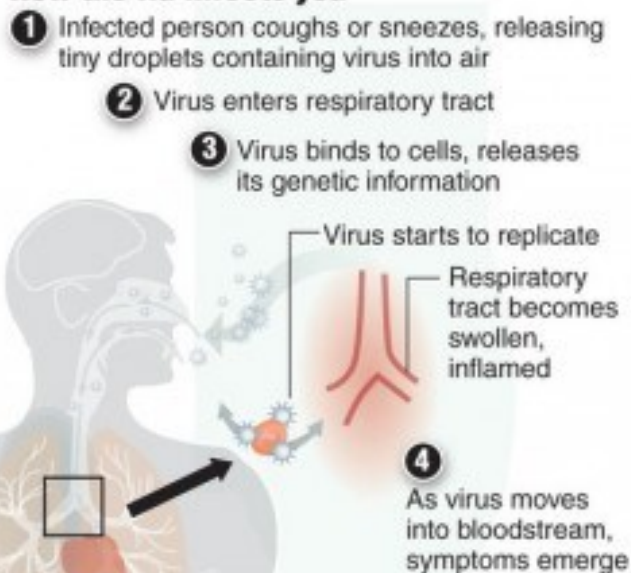
REMEMBER-

You can always view a copy of our County and School Title I Policies information in the Family Resource Center, Room 408. We welcome your input with any comments or changes you suggest regarding the above policies. We also welcome your input on our Title I spending.

Is it the flu, or is it a cold?

Flu is often confused with the common cold, but flu symptoms typically develop more quickly and are more severe than those of a cold.

How the flu infects you



How to compare symptoms

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Head	Headache rare	Achy
Nose	Runny, sneezing	Stuffy sometimes
Throat	Sore	Sore sometimes
Chest	Severe or hacking cough	Dry cough; can become severe
Appetite	Normal	Decreased
Muscles	Fine	Achy
Onset	Slow	Sudden
Body temperature	Low or no fever, no chills	High fever (over 102°F), chills
Fatigue	Mild	Severe; can last two to three weeks

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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