



Tiger Times

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Set the Date!

- ☺ 5/10 RES Field Day
- ☺ 5/10 ALL Library books DUE
- ☺ 5/20 Clubs
- ☺ 5/24 5th Grade Awards @ RHS 9:00am
- ☺ 5/24 Last Day of School

Happy May!

May is such a bittersweet month for educators; we are physically and mentally exhausted and looking forward to the end of the school year. However, we love our students and families and are so sad to see them leave. Our 5th graders will move to the middle school while other students and families will move away.

May is also a month full of crazy weather...rain, sunshine, storms, cold weather one day, hot temperature the next.

This month is also the time we recognize the hard work and accomplishments of our students. They have learned so much over the last eight months. They

have grown physically and academically. They have changed.

Another event that happens in May is receiving scores of the GMAS tests.

Although these tests are just a snapshot of what our students have learned and can do, we can learn much from the results. For example, we can determine if our students are reading on the expected level and do they know their math facts. How well do they write and do they have a decent amount of historical and scientific knowledge. Of course we want our students to soar in the amount of knowledge and skills they possess but there are other skills that are important, too. Are our

children kind and caring, respectful and giving? Do they do what is right when no one is looking? These traits are most important.

Finally, May is the month when we celebrate the contributions of longtime educators who will retire from the profession. It is with great joy and much sadness that we all say Congratulations, Goodbye, and Thank you to Mr. Moreland. He has dedicated a large part of his career to Ringgold Elementary School. He has helped countless families and students over the years and will always be remembered as a gentle, helpful, caring man who loved the students at RES.

Thank you, Mr. Moreland, for all you have taught us. We wish you much fun and relaxation!

Moreland Minute

Goose Sense

Do you know why geese fly in a V formation?

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in V formation the whole flock greatly increases its flying range by reducing the amount of work each bird needs to do.

If a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird ahead of

him.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are. People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When the lead goose in formation gets tired, it rotates back in the V and another goose flies the point. We should each take on the extra work of leading in our turn to benefit the group.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. They aren't yelling at them - they are encouraging them and trying to help them along because they know they will soon be in that position. If we have the sense of a goose, we will support each other, encourage each other, and lead in our turn. Hope you all have enjoyed the monthly Moreland minute. This will be the last one.

RES Dance Force

Tryouts for the 2019-2020 RES Dance Force will be held after school May 6-9. Any current third or fourth grade student that would like to try out is welcome. However, each student MUST have a form filled out in order to stay after school.

The link for the form is on the School Dojo. If you do not have access to the internet, please send a note to Mrs. Crosland or Mrs. Bacha no later than the morning of the 6th.

Good luck students!

Lines from the Library

Reading is EXERCISE for your BRAIN!

Visit the Catoosa County Library all summer long!



Also we have access to free electronic books starting May 6th.

Go to

www.myON.com and click the myON Login button.

Enter the following login information:

- School Name: Get Georgia Reading (Type the first few letters and select from the drop-down menu.)
 - Username: catoosacounty
 - Password: read
- Click on the Sign In button, select a book and start reading!

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Ringgold Elementary loves our parent and community volunteers. Thank you for volunteering in the Parent Resource Room, working with PTO, serving as room mothers and mentors, and being willing to pitch in where ever you are needed. Your many hours of service are appreciated. You helped to make this a wonderful school year!

Parents and community are invited to the District Advisory Council Meeting at the Catoosa County Learning Center (36 Muskogee Trail, Ringgold) at 11:00 a.m. on May 9 for the purpose of developing, discussing and revising the Catoosa County Parent Involvement Policy. If you want to attend, contact Kathy Kennedy.

Ringgold Elementary School will hold a "Transition to 3rd Grade" parent meeting for RPS parents of 2nd Grade students on May 16th at 6:30 p.m.

RPS Title I always welcomes input from parents regarding the budget, policies or activities. Please email Kathy Kennedy with your suggestions or comments.

Ringgold Partners include:

Metro Boiler Tube, Ace Hardware, Dr. Jason Webb, DDS, Ringgold United Methodist Church, UnikTings, FNB Bank, Chattanooga Coca-Cola Bottling, Food Lion, Jennifer Catlett w/ Crye-Leike Realtors, Shane Catlett's Modern Woodmen of America, Ringgold Kiwanis Club, Waffle House, Joel King w/ Real Living Elite Realtors, Alydots, Michael Colquette w/ American National Insurance, and Promise Pediatrics

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

CATOOSA COUNTY SCHOOLS VISION STATEMENT

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