

# Ringgold Primary School

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## RPS NEWS

Building Pawprints of Lifelong Learners.

A note from the Principal...



### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

### Dr. Seuss Week

March 5 - March 9



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday (and Read Across America), here is the participation schedule.

**Monday:** "The Cat In the Hat Day" – Wear your favorite hat to school

**Tuesday:** "Fox in Socks Day" – Wear a crazy pair of socks!

**Wednesday:** "Wacky Wednesday" - Dress WACKY! hair, shoes, & clothes

**Thursday:** "Sleep Book" – Wear your pajamas to school all day!

Student "A"  
Reads 20 Minutes  
Each Day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

1,800,000 words



90<sup>th</sup> Percentile

Student "B"  
Reads 5 Minutes  
Each Day

900 minutes in  
a school year

282,000 words



50<sup>th</sup> Percentile

Student "C"  
Reads 1 Minute  
Each Day

180 minutes in  
a school year

8,000 words



10<sup>th</sup> Percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life? - Nancy Gurganus, Principal



**Sunburst  
Strawberry  
Fundraiser**

Be prepared for Pick-up!

Delivery date will be  
**March 7th**

**March 2018 Calendar**

- 2 Dalton Play "Froggy goes a Courtin"
  - 5 - 9 Dr. Seuss Week
  - 7 Sunburst Strawberry Delivery
  - 9 **No School** - Teacher In-Service
  - 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
  - 12 **No School**
  - 17 St. Patrick's Day 
  - 23 Kindergarten Spring Luncheon
  - 26 Talent Show Rehearsal 2:45
  - 27 RPS's Got Talent Show @ 6:30 in gym
  - 28 Music Makers' Party @2:30
  - 30 **No School** - Good Friday
- SPRING BREAK April 2 - April 6**

**"Ringgold Primary's Got Talent"**



**Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30**

**RPS Gym - Just \$1.00**

Is there talent walking the halls of Ringgold Primary School?

You BET there is!

You are in for a TREAT!

Don't miss this spectacular night featuring the RPS Music Makers and showcasing the many talents we've discovered at RPS!

See you in the RPS gym

**Kindergarten SPRING Luncheon**

**Friday, March 23**

**Kindergarten parents – come join your child for a Spring Lunch here in the RPS Cafeteria**



dreamstime.com

**For security purposes, EVERYONE is expected to have photo id when entering the building.**



**You must show it at the doorbell camera before you will be allowed to enter.**

**Attendance Policy:**

All absences after the 10th absence require a doctor's note in order to be excused. If you have questions about your child's attendance, you may contact Judy McKaig between 8:30-11:30 Monday-Friday.





## Congratulations Shawn Stanley

### Best of the Best North Georgian

Chattanooga Times Free Press

NORTH GEORGIAN



**SHAWN STANLEY**  
RINGGOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the Nurse...



## Sun & Skin Safety

Warm weather means kids are spending more time outdoors. Too much time in the sun can cause pain and even permanent harm. Protecting yourself from ultraviolet (UV) rays can prevent damage.

1. **Minimize sun exposure** - It is best to **limit time** in the sun between the hours of **10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
2. **Follow the shadow rule** - If your shadow is shorter than you are, it means **UV rays are intense.**
3. **Lather up** - Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside, and reapply every 90 minutes or after sweating or swimming.
4. **It's not just for sunny days** - Water, sand and snow reflect the sun. Clouds only block 20 to 30 percent of UV rays.



## Room 813

Title I District Advisory Council Meeting will be held at the Catoosa Learning Center on Tuesday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. The District Parent Involvement Policy will be discussed, revised and approved.

Does your child need help with reading? Do you need some ideas for fun family nights? The Ringgold Primary Parent and Family Resource Room has a large selection of books available for you to check out and get answers to your questions. The Parent Library is located in room 826.



RPS Title I always welcomes input from parents regarding the budget, policies or activities. Please email Kathy Kennedy with your suggestions or comments.  
([Kkennedy.rps@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:Kkennedy.rps@catoosa.k12.ga.us))



## BOX TOPS

Please continue to send in **Box Tops for Education**. Students will save them in groups of 10 or more and send them in to Mrs. Craig in a zip-loc baggie with Student Name/Teacher name on the baggie.

– Mrs. Craig

## RPS would like to say Thank You

to our generous School's Business Partners:

- Ringgold Art and Frame Gallery
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- Chattanooga Coca-Cola
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- Webb Dentistry; Dr. Jason Webb, DDS
- The Hair Tamer
- Flegal Insurance: Brad Denton, Agent
- Waffle House
- Parkway Baptist Tabernacle
- Pediatric Dentistry of Chattanooga
- Master SEO's Top Martial Arts
- The Village Print Shoppe
- Paxton Chiropractic & Wellness Champions
- Metro Boiler Tube Company
- Children's Dentistry of Chattanooga

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

### Dream Big!

It's never too early to start talking about goals and dreams for the future. That's why we're learning about careers in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade! In kindergarten we have been exploring lots of different jobs, and talking about how our work can help others. First and second grade students have been learning about specific "career clusters"—groups of jobs like those in agriculture, arts, or transportation.

You can support students' learning at home by talking about the importance of hard work, and helping your students dream about the careers they could have someday! For example, you can:

- Tell them what you do for work (at home and/or at a job), and why it is important to *you* to do your best
- Ask what they think about lots of different career options
- Talk about their strengths, like computer skills or creativity
- Ask what they want to do when they grow up
- Praise hard work in school. That is their career right now!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact the school office and ask for one of the school counselors:

Ann Elrod or Mary Atwood;

RPS School Counselors – 706-937-5437



**Congratulations to  
Kevin Booth  
nominated for  
Best of the Best North  
Georgia Teacher 2018**