



# Tiger Times

Ringgold Elementary School

## From the Desk of Mrs. Erwin

Happy April!

My mother used to tell me that time goes more quickly as you age; I'm discovering that she was 100% correct!

I hope your family had a fun, restful Spring Break and Easter weekend. The weather was beautiful for most of the time which was great for kids to get outside. This time of the year is one of my favorites; the blooming flowers make me smile!

Please join us for Literacy Night, hosted by the Creative Discovery Museum, this week. It promises to be awesome.

### Moreland Minute

Climbing the Mountain

With testing just around the corner, I wanted to share a story with you. I felt this was appropriate because recognitions and rewards are fun, but what is learned and taken with us is much more important and the real reward. There was once an Indian village on a wide open desert in the Southwest. A few miles across the desert is a high mountain, towering up out of the desert. One day, the Chief gathered all the young boys that were not yet braves to him. He said, "It is time for you to all climb the great mountain. Tomorrow morning, start right after breakfast, and go each of you as far as you can. Then when you are tired, come back; but let each one bring me a twig

Mr. Moreland will host a testing information meeting on Thursday of this week. He will share everything he has been told about the new Georgia Milestones Assessment that will be administered later this month. The meeting will be in the school gym beginning at 6:30 and ending no later than 7:30. I hope to see you there!

April 10th will be our last day for the new school start and end time. On April 13th, students should be in class by 8:00 a.m. and will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Today (Monday, 04/06), is Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. RES is blessed

off a tree from the place where he turned back."

The next morning, away they went full of hope each feeling that he surely could reach the top. But soon the first returned slowly back, and in his hand he held out to the Chief a leaf of cactus. The Chief smiled and said, "My boy, you did not reach the foot of the mountain, you did not even get across the desert."

Later, a second boy returned. He carried a twig of sagebrush. "Well," said the Chief, "You reached the mountain's foot but you did not climb upward."

The next had a cottonwood spray. "Good", said the Chief, "You got up as far as the clear springs."

Another came later with some buckthorn.



to have 11 paraprofessionals as part of our team. Each (listed below)

is awesome and works so hard to help students and teachers.

Vamela Hookey, Katie Hall, Haley Julian, Jennifer Holloway, Erica Landen, Nayeli McUmbur, Petruta Geabou, Lynn Hobbs, Kim Nadeja, Sharon Mulkey, and Taryn Howard

If you get a chance, please let them know how much they are appreciated and loved!

*Mrs. Erwin*

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### Set the Date:

- ☺ Literacy Night 4/7
- ☺ Report Cards 4/7
- ☺ Testing Info Parent Mtg 4/9
- ☺ Testing 4/21,22,23
- ☺ Testing 4/28,29
- ☺ 5th grade Career Fair 5/1
- ☺ Father/Daughter Dance 5/2
- ☺ Art Night 5/5

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The Chief smiled when he saw it and said: "You were climbing; you were up to the first slide rock."

Late in the afternoon, one arrived with a cedar spray, and the old man said, "Well done. You went half way up and reached the forest." Before sunset, one came with a switch of pine. To him the Chief said, "Good, you went to the high forest; you made three quarters of the climb."

The sun was down when the last finally returned. His hand was empty as he approached the Chief, and the other Indian boys began to laugh and tease that he had not even tried the climb. But his face was radiant, and he said: "Great Chief, there were no trees where I climbed; there were no twigs, but I saw the shining sea far away."

## Paws for Partners

Our partners are Tigeriffic!!! We are very blessed to have actively involved business and community partners who work alongside educators and parents to provide a top-notch education for Catoosa's children. In the spotlight this month, Ringgold Elementary recognizes Sheryl Pierce with Cornerstone Mortgage Services, Inc. She recently joined the RES Partnership family and has already made a name for her business! For starters, she donated \$250 last year and this school year to support the FCA Operation Christmas Child service project. Many students were able to fill shoeboxes to send to third-world countries at Christmas, but they were not able to pay the \$7.00 shipping/handling cost. So, Ms. Pierce sponsored several boxes to make

our project successful. Additionally, to help make the RES entrance festive during the holidays, she donated ribbon and wreaths for the front doors and Christmas tree. Finally, when asked to support a recognition project for Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, she graciously agreed to purchase gift cards and personalize a gift for each of the RES paraprofessionals! A BIG Paws Up to Cornerstone Mortgage and Sheryl Pierce for your support and dedication to Ringgold Elementary! Another outstanding business partner is Coca-Cola Bottling! This corporation has been a partner with Catoosa County Schools for decades and was proudly represented at each school by Mr. Robert Hitchcox, a faithful servant to public education and children. He delivered hundreds if not thousands of products himself and certainly arranged the delivery of many more. He never said, "No" when asked for donations. His time was given

generously as well, representing his beloved Coca-Cola Bottling Company on countless committees. He also served as the World's Best Santa from November until Christmas day for 12 years. Many of Catoosa's children have numerous pictures sitting in Mr. Hitchcox's (aka Santa's) lap. He was a one-of-a-kind individual and served our school system and community with a heart of gold and a desire to add value to the lives of all with whom he met. Sadly, our dear friend passed away earlier in March. In his honor, we recognize him for his years of selfless service and Coca-Cola Bottling for making his involvement in our schools and lives possible. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

## Lines in the Library

Electronic Books or eBooks may be checked out from our media center. The eBooks are accessible on any device that has Internet. At school, students simply go to Destiny to log in and check out an eBook. From home, you can access Destiny from our RES website by going to the media center page and clicking on Library Search. Then click on Ringgold Primary-Elementary School.

The username is the student's lunch number and the password is the student's birthdate. We were able to use some of our book fair profit to purchase more eBooks that will be available soon.

Ask  
your  
child  
about  
eBooks

Allison Crawford

## Counselor's Corner

Our Career Fair for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be held the morning of May 1, 2015 in the gym! Students will have the opportunity to talk with guest presenters repre-



Career Fair for 5th Grade will be May 1st

senting a variety of careers and professional fields. If you or someone you know is interested in sharing your occupation with our students, please contact Mrs. Cobb at

[rcobb.res@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:rcobb.res@catoosa.k12.ga.us) or (706) 935-2912. Thank you to those parents and partners who have already volunteered their time to make this event special for our students!

Rachel Cobb

# Connections

## PE with Mrs. S

Ringgold Elementary School students recently raised \$3,609.64 for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart! By raising funds for the American Heart Association, children learn about community service and become engaged in learning more about how to care for their bodies and establish heart-healthy lifestyles at a young age. The top 10 money raisers enjoyed a Subway Snack Party. A big thank you goes out to Coca-Cola for donating water bottles. What a fantastic event this always proves to be for the children at RES!

## Jump Rope for Heart

### Top money raisers

- 1 – Emalee Walker \$330
- 2 – Kaylee Davis \$215
- 3 – Tyler Climer \$205
- 4 – Payton Runion \$170 and Kayte DiGanci \$180
- 5 – Sawyer Olivarri \$140
- 6 – Tylinn Shearer \$100  
Krish Patel \$100  
Nicholas Weber \$100  
Victoria Liszewski \$100  
Carol Anne Giannamore \$100



RES raised \$3,609.64 for Jump Rope for Heart

- 7 – Kaylie McCrary \$81
- 8 – Aiden Neff \$80  
Xavier Taylor \$80
- 9 – Madison Lankford \$75  
Elijah Lankford \$75
- 10 – Ty Nixon \$70

# PTO

Don't forget! RES PTO will be hosting the 4th annual Silent Auction to raise funds for our school. We plan to use those funds to purchase additional safety equipment, including surveillance cameras, and improve our playground.

The auction will be held at RES on Friday, May 8, during Field Day. We hope that you will consider donating an auction item, gift certificate or gift basket to our silent auction.

Donations are tax-deductible! Donors will receive publicity before and during the auction.

Please consider asking your hair-

dresser, massage therapist, insurance agent, etc, to make a donation. Don't worry if your donation doesn't fall within your child's classroom theme. Those are just suggestions. There will be other themed baskets as well. Any and all donations will be accepted. A PTO member will pick up donated items, or items may be dropped off at RES or mailed to RES PTO, 322 Evitt Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736. Please submit your donation no later than April 24.

Thank you for your support of Ringgold Elementary School and education. If you have any questions, please contact Regina Haney at 706-618-2177 or tom\_and\_regina@yahoo.com.



Keep Sending in Box Tops. We are half-way to our goal of \$3,000

Our Box Top\$ collection drive is going well! Our goal is to raise \$3,000 with Box Top\$. Please send in any Box Top\$ as soon as possible.

Please consider asking family, friends and neighbors to save their Box Top\$ as well!

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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

CATOOSA COUNTY SCHOOLS

### 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.

## Congratulations

### January —Trustworthiness

Hailey Drafahl  
Addie Talley  
Caroline Hamilton  
Melinda Massey  
Savanah Bowlin  
Bennett Blanks  
Kailey Clark  
Frankie Fejeran  
Caroline Giannamore  
John Courtney  
Gunter Hullander  
Morgan Haney  
Carli Blevins  
Danielle Loaner  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Brandon Hamilton  
Caroline Roach  
Melissa Polanco

### February---Tolerance

Lilly Robison  
Sydney McAlister  
Ethan Brightmen  
Charlie Hullander  
Logan Beasley  
Heath Roach  
Talan Smith  
Josh Patrascu  
Hailey Emus  
Lucas McCarver  
Emma Lane  
Aven Welch  
Caleb Moreno  
Emily Gody  
Mason Adair-Ireland  
Zandt Burton  
Dylan Jackson  
Marlee Pabalais  
Bree Ellis

### RES DAZZLERS

The Dazzlers closed out their season by dancing at the HHS Spring Showcase. They were able to perform two numbers in the show! The girls will be visiting the residents at The Lantern Alzheimer's Care facility next month. Over all, we have had a fantastic year!

