

## Ringgold Primary School

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# RPS NEWS

**Building Pawprints of Lifelong Learners.**

### RPS November Calendar

- 4 PTO Fall Carnival /11 am - 1pm
- 5 Daylight Savings Time
- 7 Election Day
- 8 Parent Workshop - 1:00 pm in 826
- 9 Holiday Pictures
- 9 Fall Picture re-takes
- 14 Kindergarten Field Trip
- 16 Holiday Pictures
- 17 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Thanksgiving Lunch
- 20 - 24 **No School**
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30 PAWS Night

### RPS Music Makers

will perform the musical play

### **"Holiday Countdown"**

December 14th  
6:30 pm in the RPS gym.  
The concert is free.



### From the Principal's desk....

November is a busy month as Ringgold Primary, as we head into the holiday season. Our PTO Carnival, Santa pictures, and Thanksgiving Break are just a few of the things happening during November – not to mention the wonderful teaching and learning going on in each classroom every day! Have you ever wondered why we give so many assessments in school and what they all mean? Would you like to learn more about how your child is performing in his/her classroom and how you can help with their academic growth? This year at RPS, we are taking a new approach to our parent-teacher conferences and family involvement nights. **PAWS Nights** (Parents Assisting with Students) will be nights that parents meet together with teachers to learn more about what is being taught in the classroom, how students are assessed, and what can be done at home to help students be successful. Our first PAWS Night will be on **Thursday, November 30, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Teachers will provide an orientation to Class Dojo, as well as review the results from our first benchmark assessment and go over the essential standards that are currently being taught. This will not be a night for individual conferences, but you are always welcome to request a meeting with your child's teacher. Please make plans to attend this very informative evening. We need YOUR help to make Ringgold Primary the best school, where we **"Build Pawprints of Lifelong Learners."**

- Nancy Gurganus; Principal

RPS PTO  
Presents



Saturday, November 4

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

GAMES – FOOD – INFLATABLES – VENDORS

Purchase your wristband early to receive discounted prices!! Pre-order forms will be sent home soon.

Individually wrapped candy needed

## Counselor's Corner

### Why is emotional awareness important for students?

Children who are able to identify how they feel are often better able to communicate their needs. They are also more likely to understand the feelings of their friends, classmates, and the grown-ups in their lives. This builds empathy, a crucial life skill.

### How to help your child build emotional awareness

There are simple things you can do at home to help your child learn more about emotions.

- Ask your child how he/she is feeling. List some feeling words to choose from.
- Share how you are feeling. Be specific.
- Play feelings charades. Show your feelings on your face and body.
- Read stories with your child and talk about how the characters are feeling.

Try some of these books about feelings:

**The Way I Feel** by Jana Cain

**In My Heart** by Jo Witek

**How Are You Feeling** by Saxton Freeman

**When Sophie Gets Angry** by Molly Bang

## Yearbook sales

Pre-orders for yearbooks  
Nov. 1st – Dec. 1st

**YEARBOOK**  
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Hard cover - \$25  
Soft cover - \$20

Order forms have been sent home.

Please make checks out to **Lifetouch**

**Don't miss out!**

2017 – 2018 yearbook

All orders are due by DEC. 1st



*Thanks for all your help  
during our Apex Fun Run!*

## Welcome Judy McKaig to RPS!

RPS wants to welcome our new attendance counselor, Judy McKaig. She will be handling all of our attendance and will be contacting you when your child is absent. She will also be working on attendance incentive & reward programs for the students. This is a special position funded under Title I to help us help you with attendance.

## First Grade Thanksgiving Lunch Friday, November 17

First grade parents -  
come join your children  
for Lunch here at RPS -

Turkey & Dressing and all the trimmings



**Follow us on Twitter**

**@RinggoldPrimary**

**Come and see how your  
child is doing at RPS**



You are  
Invited to  
**PAWS  
NIGHT**  
(Parents  
Assisting With  
Students)

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
6 - 7 pm  
At Ringgold Primary School**



## Title 1 Family Involvement Center - Room 813

Thank you Parent Room volunteers for the month of October: Misti Coquette, Jennifer Cooke, Edie Crosby, Jenn Haney, Connie Noland, Jessica Parker, Rita Parker, Purvi Patel, Sweta Patel, Melissa Perry, Lisa Shook, Anne Standridge, Lindsay Sun, and Tracy Wilson. If you would like to volunteer at RPS, please contact [KKennedy.rps@catoosa.K12.ga.us](mailto:KKennedy.rps@catoosa.K12.ga.us).

Parent Workshop: Science Fun at Home -  
November 8 @ 1:00 Room 826

**PAWS (Parents Assisting With Students):**  
November 30 @ 6:00 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend. Teachers will review testing data, grade level skill and parent skill packets.

**The November 15<sup>th</sup> "Coffee with the Principal" has been canceled.**

On January 10, 8:30 a.m. at the Catoosa Learning Center parents will have an opportunity to participate in the decision making process for Title I. All parents are invited to attend the Title I District Advisory Council Meeting. The County Parent Advisory Policy will be developed, reviewed and revised. Please RSVP to [KKennedy.rps@catoosa.K12.ga.us](mailto:KKennedy.rps@catoosa.K12.ga.us).



## RPS School Store

Now open daily before school  
from 7:30 to 8:00.

A variety of items are available in the store: pencils, fun erasers, notebooks & snacks.



## P.E. News:

Students just completed their 6 minute jog/run for October. We are working on 7 minutes for November. We are also working on upper body strength this month by using climbing wall, pull-up bars, and poly spot stations. Please make sure your child wears tennis shoes on PE days. Boots are warm during winter months, but are not made to run in. Thanks for your help - *Lea Craig; PE*

## Dec. 5 - Spirit night at Moe's

Ringgold Primary will be participating in the Catoosa County Sheriff's "**Stocking Full of Love**" program and the Department of Children & Family Services "**Community Christmas**" program to help provide Christmas to families in need. Applications will be going home with students through the month of November from both programs. If you need assistance, please contact Ann Elrod (RPS School Counselor) at the school.



## BOX TOPS NEWS

Sept/Oct box tops winners will be attending an ice cream party in the gym. The following student's names were drawn as winners:

Mason - Mrs. Fuguq  
Gavin Christopher - Morgan  
Caroline C- Droke  
Olivia J. - Bomar  
Brynnleigh C. - McWhorter  
Emma H. - McWhorter  
Darcy R. - Cole  
Aiden Mc.- Parvin  
Landon H. - Hamontree

Please keep clipping, trimming, and sending boxtops in! We will be receiving a December check for our recent submission for over \$1,000!!

– Mrs. Craig



## Thank You

to our generous School's Business Partners:

- Ringgold Art and Frame Gallery
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- 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

## News from the Nurses...

This month during our Friday morning "Healthy Habits" announcements we will be talking about Hand Hygiene and how good hand washing helps to prevent the spread of germs. Remind your child to get their hands wet **FIRST** and then add the soap and make bubbles. This will help to make lots of bubbles and not waste soap. And always **remember** the following **4 Principles of Hand Hygiene**:

- 1) Wash your hands when they are **dirty** and **before eating**
- 2) **Do Not** cough into hands
- 3) **Do Not** sneeze into hands
- 4) Above all, **Do Not** put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth



\*HenrytheHand.org