

Ringgold Primary School

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RPS NEWS

A message from the Principal...

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS

It's not the building or the instructional resources that make a school; it is the students, teachers, and parents. A school is made up of people and each one is important. An empty school building is nothing; but a school full of children is the heart and soul of the environment.

We have a great task before us as we face the challenge to reach both for student excellence and equality. Our goal is to provide rich, rigorous academics along with many special events and activities that create memories and form relationships.

For our children to grow intellectually, they must become risk takers and make mistakes. Therefore, we must help them overcome their concern about failing in front of classmates or teachers. We need to view failure as an opportunity for learning, rather than defeat. We have to nurture students so they are not afraid of trying to experiment, even if they do not succeed.

Students need to be involved in worthwhile community or school projects that contribute to improving the quality of one's life. Everyone wins when we take pride in helping others.

Of course, guidelines must be followed. Discipline policies are found in our school handbook and the Catoosa County handbook that was given out the first week of school. Students need to:

1. Conduct themselves with honesty and integrity
2. Exercise self-discipline
3. Be courteous, communicate respectfully to other members of the school community, and treat each other kindly while respecting their different views
4. Respect the educational process and learning environment by refraining from behavior which diminishes the rights of others to receive an education
5. Act in a manner which safeguards the health and well-being of others
6. Respect the property of fellow students and the property of the school

Our students are precious little people and we want to make this the best year ever at RPS. If we can help them learn what responsibility is all about, then the tools for life-long learning can become a reality.

Nancy Gurganus; Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello my name is Ann Elrod and I am so excited to start another school year here at Ringgold Primary School! As your School Counselor, I am here to help ALL students be successful socially, emotionally, and behaviorally so they may access their education without barriers.

-Here is what I do at our school:

Classroom Lessons – I visit all grades to teach social-emotional skills such as feeling, communication, problem solving, diversity, respect etc.

Individual Counseling – I meet with students short – term to work through problems affecting them at school.

Small Group Counseling – I facilitate small groups for students who need a little extra support in a certain area.

Consultation with Staff/Parents – I am available to meet/talk with teachers and parents to help support students and provide resources and education about issues affecting children.

-Here is what you should know about me:

I am ONE part of the team that works to help your child succeed.

I like to get to know ALL students so they may feel connected and safe while they are with us.

I love it when parents reach out to me for questions, concerns and to share positive things about your child. You may contact me here at the school 706-937-5437 or email aelrod.rps@catoosa.k12.ga.us

A+ attendance is serious business for all students at RPS!

We want your child to be successful. The first step is being at school every day and on time. If your child needs to be out for illness or other serious reasons, a written note from the parent/guardian or doctor is required. It should explain why your child was not at school in order for it to be excused. It also needs to be dated and signed by the guardian or medical professional. Faxes from doctor's offices are acceptable.

After 3 unexcused absences, parents/guardians will be required to attend a Catoosa Attendance Review Team Meeting. This team includes many community service agencies. Parents will be notified of these meetings in writing. The letter will be delivered to the home by both US mail & the Catoosa County Sheriff's Department.

Please help us help your child by getting them to school every day! - Leigh Ann Lane; Assistant Principal

RPS September 2017 Calendar

- 2 Dental Consent forms due
- 4 **Labor Day - No School**
- 6 - 8 Bus Safety
- 6 Parent Advisory Council mtg @ 1:00
- 6 Coupon Book Sale Ends
- 8 PTO Membership drive ends.
- 8 Music Makers Audition
- 11 Book Fair Begins
- 12 PTO Meet & Greet @ 6 in Library
- 12 Kindergarten Grandparents Day
- 13 1st Grade Grandparents Day
- 14 2nd Grade Grandparents Day
- 26 PICTURE DAY
- 27 Hearing & Vision Screening

PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PTO Membership drive has begun!

Aug 21 - Sept 8.

The class with the most memberships, including teacher membership, will receive a pizza/dance party!

Don't Forget!!

Doors and Office to RPS, open at 7:15

Car Rider drop off is at 7:15 am.

Students go to classes at 7:30 am.

Students are tardy at 8:00 am.

Students are dismissed at 2:25 pm.

P.E. News

We have been learning how to Listen and Follow Directions in the gym for the last 2 weeks. We are also beginning to work on moving bodies slow and steady around the gym on the blue line while the music is playing. At the end of September we will have a test to see who can move slow and steady without walking for 5 minutes. Each student who completes this task will earn a lanyard and a plastic foot to wear on it. Please remind students to wear tennis shoes on PE Days!!!

- Lea Craig; RPS P.E.



Title 1 Family Involvement Center - Room 813

Thank you for completing the Fall Parent Survey! Your responses help RPS plan events that will benefit you and your family. Look for some parent opportunities to be offered soon. If you would like a copy of the Fall Parent Survey results, please email: KKennedy.rps@catoosa.K12.ga.us

If you would like to volunteer at RPS, please contact KKennedy.rps@catoosa.K12.ga.us. Ringgold Primary has wonderful volunteers. If you need help deciding where you best can plug-into our volunteer team, please email or call Kathy. She would love to help you find your place at RPS.

Title I Fall Parent Advisory Council meeting: September 6 at 1:00 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. Parents will develop, discuss and revise School and District Parent Involvement Policies. Family and School Compacts will also be discussed and approved.

Parent Workshop: How to Help My Child with Reading - 1:00 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.

RPS parents have the right to request a meeting with their child's teacher. We want to stay in touch with parents!

Kathy Kennedy
RPS Title 1
Parent Involvement Coordinator

Coupon Book Sale

Our annual Coupon Book sale is a going on now through Sept. 6th. Coupon Books sell for \$10 each this year and offer **savings** on lots of food, entertainment, and services you need & can use!

RPS makes \$7 for each book sold!
Make checks payable to RPS

Student & family prizes:

Sell 2 books: School Success sticker

Sell 3 books: Sonic Ice Cream Cone + a vacation getaway bonus.

Sell 5 books: add a **FREE Little Caesar's Crazy Bread**, and a **FREE Coupon Book**

Sell 10 books: Above prizes + a Little Caesar's Pizza + a Pin Strikes bowling game.

Top Seller at RPS will receive
 \$100 cash from sponsor
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Media Center Minute:

I'm so excited to be back at school and have students in the library! Very soon, your child will be choosing books to check out to read in the classroom and at home. Words are the building blocks of life and we want your child to begin building the best life they can image! This can happen by keeping books in their hands all year long.

Please encourage your child to keep library books in their backpack any time they're not reading them. This will help cut down on lost and damaged books, ensuring that they can keep their library privileges throughout the year. In addition to thousands of books on the shelves, we also offer e-books. Directions to downloading our e-books are available on the school website, under Latest News.

Mark your calendar for the week of **September 11**, our Fall Book Fair week! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about library materials, volunteering in the library, upcoming book fairs, or any other media center questions. Amy Wright
awright.rps@catoosa.k12.ga.us

Dental Van - October 3

If you are interested in your child being seen by the dentist please return the completed consent form ASAP.



Earn Cash for Our School!

BOX TOPS

Box Tops 4 Education is a great fundraiser for our school!. I am collecting Boxtops4Education. These appear on most General Mill products. Please trim and place in ziploc bags of 10 or more. Students who turn in Boxtops will be entered into a drawing each month for a \$5 gift card.

Thanks for all your help!

Lea Craig, RPS PE

Music Makers Auditions

Friday, Sept. 8

During 2nd grade group activity

Music Makers is made up from a group of 40 Second graders who audition, have passing grades and proper Dojo conduct. Audition forms are in the Music Room.

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- The Village Print Shoppe
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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, small toys, inked stamps, folders, small spiral notebooks, and snacks.