

RULH ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER
MARCH 1, 2010

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on Wednesday, March 3rd. Order forms have been sent home with students.

PTO/Fine Arts Night

PTO will meet Monday, March 15th. Monday evening the program will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Art Show. At 6:30, Intervention teachers will meet with parents, in the library, to discuss the OAT test and how parent's can help. Materials, websites and other helpful hints will be shared. Students of the Month and McDonald's "Caught You Doing Good" students will be honored. A slate of officers will be presented for the 2010-2011 school year. Art Projects will be on display in the hallways and Mrs. Van Sickle's choir students will entertain with a special musical presentation.

Flower Sales

The annual elementary flower fundraiser, sponsored by grade-level teachers, will begin Monday, March 1st and will end Friday, March 12th. All profits from the sale of flowers (Rickey's Greenhouse in Russellville) will be used to purchase Accelerated Reader Books for elementary classrooms.

Attendance Notification

When your child is absent, call the office to report his/her absence. Early morning calls may be left on voice mail. The phone call should be followed up the next day with a written note explaining the absence or a doctor's statement. **REMINDER: Only 5 parent calls/notes are excused.** After the fifth call/note a doctor's excuse is needed to excuse absences. The second semester 5 parent calls began January 19th 2010.

Afternoon Pickup/After School Plans

For the safety of your child, please meet them at the Catherine Street Exit in the afternoon. The teachers have designated areas to deliver children in the afternoon and having one pickup point for your child will cause less confusion.

When a student needs to have their after school plans changed, please **send a note** with the child. Do not call the school to change your child's after school plans after 12 noon as late calls often create confusion resulting in your child being misdirected.

Kindergarten Registration

CALLING ALL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 and SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Kindergarten registration will be held Thursday, March 11, 2010 in the RULH Elementary Library from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Parking will be available in the Catherine Street parking lot. The packets, for registration, will be available in the office starting on Monday, March 8, 2010.

Please bring the following to the registration to copy:

- +Birth certificate with a raised seal*
- +Up to date immunization record
- +Social Security number
- +Photo identification, such as a driver's license
- +Proof of residence, a bill bearing your current address
- +Custody Documents, if applicable

*Note, we need to make a copy of the birth certificate in order to witness the raised seal.

Included in the packet will be a physical form to be completed by your child's health care provider and a dental form to be filled out by your child's dentist. These forms need to be completed and returned during the first week of school in August. It is important to provide all the required documents for you child to be fully registered.

Please help spread the word to all eligible children to come in and be registered for kindergarten whether you are in possession of all the required documents. Our staff will make every effort to help you obtain any documents that might be missing.

Diagnostic Test:

The state requires diagnostic tests for K-2. The diagnostics will be the given during the weeks of April 12-16 for 1st and 2nd grades with makeup's being April 19-22. The kindergarten diagnostics will be given during the week of April 26-29 with makeup's May 3-7.

Achievement Tests:

State Achievement Tests for third and fourth grade will be given the week of April 26th through May 7th. It is imperative students be on time and have perfect attendance during the week so the number of make-up tests will be minimal.

Reading tests April 27th

Math tests April 29th

Spring Break:

The dates for spring break are April 2-11 with students and staff returning on April 12. However we have used 7 calamity days. Two of which will have to be made up during spring break. The make up days begin on April 6th. More information will be sent home closer to spring break.

End of Third Nine Weeks:

The third nine weeks will end on March 26th, with report cards going home on Thursday, April 1. Student payments for lunches, library book fees, and school fees should be received before April 1 to receive report card. There will be no school on Friday, March 26th. This is a professional development day for our staff. Fourth nine weeks begins on Monday, March 29th with students having a two hour delay.