

Rocky Ridge Parent Bulletin



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Parents, come check out the new technology you purchased through our Count on Me fundraiser!

PTO is so proud to have purchased iPod Touches with your donations to our Count on Me fundraiser this fall! On Monday, February 6, our school will be having an open house. From 5:45 to 6:30 you and your child can interact with our new iPod Touches, other forms of technology and math. There will be a few brief PTO announcements before the 2nd Grade program at 6:30.

If you would like to be a part of a planning committee for our next school year, PTO would love for you to join in the fun! Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

PTO

Upcoming Events

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3	Teacher Appreciation Week
February 6	PTO Open House 5:45-6:30 2nd Program 6:30
February 6—10	Scholastic Book Fair
February 20	Presidents' Day Schools & Offices Closed
March 15	Report Cards Go Home
March 19—23	Spring Break

**Leave Early!
Don't be late!**



**Classroom Instruction begins at 7:45.
We need all students in their seats
ready to learn.**

Plan ahead for any type of delay.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



This week's Student of the Week is Ana Maria Rosoto in Ms. Noles' 3rd grade class.

CLASSROOM CLIPS



KINDERGARTEN - The kindergarten teachers are in the process of scheduling conferences. Please be sure to schedule a conference with your child's teacher at this mid-year time. We will discuss your child's progress and ways you can help your child at home. Please try your best to be on time for the conference. If a problem should arise where you will be unable to attend please call the school or email your child's teacher so your conference can be rescheduled. Thank you so much for all you do and thank you for sharing your precious child with us.

1ST GRADE - Yay!!!! All Mid-Year tests are now completed. Make sure your child watches the news on February 2nd to see if the Groundhog sees his shadow. We will be looking forward to seeing you at Open House on Monday!!!

2ND GRADE - In science, we will begin learning about simple machines. We will identify different types of simple machines such as incline plane, lever, pulley, wedge, screw, and wheel and axle. You can build your child's prior knowledge by going on a scavenger hunt at home to find examples of each type of simple machine. Also, we are looking forward to our musical on Monday, February 6.

3RD GRADE - Third grade students are becoming familiar with the ARMT test and structure this week. We are also working on building our reading stamina. We want students to increase the amount of independent reading they do daily. We talked to our students about ways to increase reading stamina. We should see great gains very soon!

4TH GRADE - In math, we are currently in our geometry unit. In social studies, we are beginning a new unit on the Revolutionary War. We are in the process of reviewing for the ARMT Plus (reading and math) test that will be administered in April.

5TH GRADE - The fifth graders are working hard to prepare for the upcoming ARMT Plus test in April. In reading and math, we are learning test taking strategies to help answer multiple choice and open ended questions. The students are rigorously working on fractions in math and summarization in reading. In Science, the students have been learning the Spheres of the Earth!

LIBRARY - The Scholastic Winter Book Fair is scheduled for **February 6-10 in the library**. Students walk through on Monday, February 6. That evening our family shopping opens at 5:00-5:45. We'll close for Open House and the student performance, and reopen following the program for about 30 minutes. Visit our website for more information, sneak previews, and information about shopping online: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/rockyridge>

Expanded shopping is available online **beginning Friday, January 27, and concluding Thursday, February 16**. By shopping online you have access to books that are not available at the in-school book fair, including teacher resources, books for older students, preschoolers, and parents PLUS there is no charge for shipping. The online books will be shipped to the school and delivered to your child's classroom.

Volunteers are needed that week to help students with their shopping. If you are available, please contact Mrs. King at kaking@hoover.k12.al.us to let her know your first and second schedule choices.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT - Ms. Corrigan's third, fourth and fifth grade Enrichment students have spent time learning more about QR codes! Thankfully many Rocky Ridge students have been bringing QR Codes in from home to show on broadcast, then donating them to us for use in our class. Look what we've created!!

Make sure to visit our bulletin board outside our room with your smart phone at Open House on February 6th! You can scan our codes to see what has been collected! Make sure to download one of the following apps before you come, so that you can scan the codes. Three suggested apps to download might be: *I-nigma*, *qwiScan* or *Qrafter*





Spring has Sprung at the Rock!

Please, help this year's Spring Fling BLOOM by being a Rocket Booster!

On Friday, April 13th Rocky Ridge will hold its Spring Fling. We are working hard to make it great. But in order to make it BLOOM we need your help. We would like to once again get that help through our Rocket Booster program.

We will be raising money to cover the costs of our Spring Fling through Rocket Booster sponsorships. A display showing our growing donation garden will be on the wall outside of the gym. As we receive in sponsorships you will see our garden grow!

Below is a listing of the sponsorships we need:

Mobile Game Unit Sponsorship - \$200 a piece

Inflatable/Rides Sponsorships - \$100 a piece

18 Food/Drink Sponsorships- \$50 a piece

18 Prize Sponsorships - \$25 a piece

These sponsorships may come from families, friends, businesses, etc... You may want to consider honoring your favorite teacher with a donation. Or for our many departing

5th grade parents make a donation in your child's honor.

If you are willing to provide one of these sponsorships please return the bottom part of this form to the attention of the Rocky Ridge PTO.

All checks are to be made payable to Rocky Ridge Elementary.

I would like to be a Rocket Booster for Spring Fling.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number : _____

Sponsorship to be provided: _____

Please provide your address with zip code so that we may provide you with a tax donation letter.

READING TIPS FOR PARENTS:

From the United States Department of Education

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD BE READY TO READ AND READY TO LEARN?

- Talk to your infant and toddler to help him learn to speak and understand the meaning of words. Point to objects that are near and describe them as you play and do daily activities together. Having a large vocabulary gives a child a great start when he enters school.
- Read to your baby every day starting at six months of age. Reading and playing with books is a wonderful way to spend special time with her. Hearing words over and over helps her become familiar with them. Reading to your baby is one of the best ways to help her learn.
- Use sounds, songs, gestures and words that rhyme to help your baby learn about language and its many uses. Babies need to hear language from a human being. Television is just noise to a baby.
- Point out the printed words in your home and other places you take your child such as the grocery store. Spend as much time listening to your child as you do talking to him.
- Take children's books and writing materials with you whenever you leave home. This gives your child fun activities to entertain and occupy him while traveling and going to the doctor's office or other appointments.
- Create a quiet, special place in your home for your child to read, write and draw. Keep books and other reading materials where your child can easily reach them.
- Help your child see that reading is important. Set a good example for your child by reading books, newspapers and magazines.
- Limit the amount and type of television you and your child watch. Better yet, turn off the television and spend more time cuddling and reading books with your child. The time and attention you give your child has many benefits beyond helping him be ready for success in school.

Reach out to libraries and community and faith-based organizations. These organizations can:

Help you find age-appropriate books to use at home with your child;

Show you creative ways to use books with your child and other tips to help her learn; and

Provide year-round children's reading and educational activities

ART NEWS:

Next week a new session of After-School Art will begin. It will be for the month of February. Flyers were sent home last week on Thursday, January 19th. The Tuesday class runs from 2/7 to 2/28, the Wed. class from 2/8 to 2/29, and the Thursday class from 2/9 to 3/1. Students will be doing 3-D projects, mostly using clay. Extra flyers are in the office or you may contact Mrs. Davidson at jdavidson@hoover.k12.al.us .

