

November 2017

The Rocky Hill Rambler

A Family Newsletter for the Rams



Principal's Monthly Message

Parents as Partners

November is an exciting month here at Rocky Hill Elementary! We've completed our 1st nine weeks of school and are well into our 2nd nine weeks of learning! Our teachers and students have had time to build relationships and are working toward mastery of important concepts in each content area. We want to invite our parents to continue to reach out to our teachers and staff to advocate for your child and ask questions or share ideas. Sign up to volunteer in your child's classroom or come and eat lunch sometime with your student. We want our parents to be partners in the very important work we are doing at Rocky Hill!

Test Data Released from the TNDOE

Our parents may have seen the recent release of test data from 2016-2017 from the Tennessee Department of Education (TNDOE).

Rocky Hill scored a **5 in growth overall** and was very competitive with other Knox County Schools and with other schools in our state.

- **English Lang. Arts (3rd-5th) % *On Grade Level* or *Mastered* = 61.6%**
- **Math (3rd-5th) % *On Grade Level* or *Mastered* = 66.5%**
- **Science (3rd-5th) % *On Grade Level* or *Mastered* = 78.6%**

We have a lot to be proud of and we are committed to working even harder this year to raise the % of students who perform *On Grade Level* or *Mastered* in each content area.

Safety and Technology

Many thanks to our RHES Foundation for providing the funding for a walkie-talkie for every staff member! In addition, there will be new laptops for teachers in order to effectively utilize the new ActivBoards purchased last year for each classroom. We anticipate approval of these purchases by the KCS Board of Education this month. Safety and new technology are two of our highest priorities this year. Thank you to our families who contributed with time and/or money to make this happen! We could not do this important work without you!

Best,

Tina Holt

Coats for the Cold

PTO Community Outreach is collecting children's coats of all sizes, including pre-teen and adult sizes for men and women from October 23 to November 10.



What's Coming Up This Month?

- **November 14**
STEM Scouts Sign-Ups
- **November 15**
2nd Nine Weeks Interim End
- **November 22-24**
Thanksgiving Break



RHES is an Official Monarch Waystation! 5th Grade Girl Scouts Earn Bronze Award!

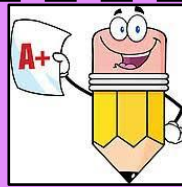
- Our 5th grade Girl Scout Troop received their Bronze Award on Sunday, November 5th.
- The Bronze Award is the highest level to be achieved by a Junior Girl Scout.
- Families may have noticed the raised plant beds in the courtyard on campus.
- The girls have worked hard to establish RHES as an *Official Monarch Waystation* over the past six months.
- Now, RHES is part of a nationwide effort to preserve Monarch habitats!
- Congratulations to these students!
- The map, and educational material to go with it, is on the following site:

<http://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/registry/>



Orly Berry, Emma Schultz, Jordan Hosack, Megan Johnson, Harper Robinson, and Lilly Duncan - Troop 20114.

2nd Nine Weeks Interim Ends on Wednesday, November 15th. Interim Reports go home on Dec. 1st.



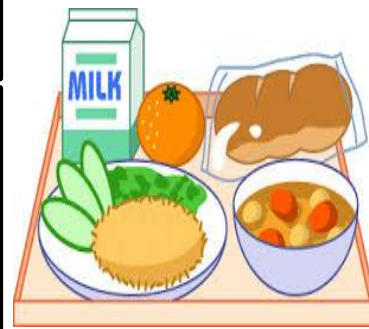
Security Reminders for RHES Families

- All parents and visitors must sign in at the front office and get a nametag. Please sign out when you leave campus.
- All approved adults must show an ID and be on the emergency card to pick up any student.
- All parents and visitors must wait in the foyer area until their student walks by for eating lunch together.
- All adults picking up students in the car rider line must have a school-issued nametag to pick up any student.
- The car rider nametag designates the driver as being a SAFE person for picking up a student.
- Dismissal is at 2:45 p.m. All car rider students must be picked up by 3:00 p.m.
- Thank you to our parent community for supporting our safety and security protocol!



Breakfast at Rocky Hill Elementary

Reminder: Breakfast is served from 7:15 a.m. to 7:35 a.m. If you want your child to eat breakfast, then he/she needs to be dropped off between 7:15 and 7:30 in order to have plenty of time to eat and get to his/her class by 7:45 a.m. Students need to be in their classrooms by 7:45 a.m. to be on time and not miss any instruction.



Congressman Duncan to Visit RHES!

Congressman John Duncan will be visiting Rocky Hill Elementary on Friday, November 17th. He will be presenting our school with an American Flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol. It will be an honor for him to visit during a month that honors our U.S. Veterans and during a month in which we hold elections that demonstrate one of our most important freedoms.



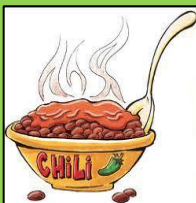
Good Neighbors in Our School Community

Many thanks to our families for respecting our surrounding neighborhoods' space! It is important that we continue to utilize the buses, car rider line, approved walker status, or daycare as our appropriate ways to pick up/drop off our students at school. We do not want to endanger neighborhood children, damage property, or cause hard feelings by using neighboring streets inappropriately. Thanks to those who are supporting this request!

Reminder: Be sure to send in a handwritten note **EACH** time a change is made to your child's way of going home. An email may not be seen by the teacher in time and phone calls are not approved for making a change. The change must be in writing.



Thanks to PTO parents for providing the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, November 3rd!



School Campus Clean-Up on Sunday, December 3rd
Come join PTO and staff for planting, raking leaves, etc. on Sunday, December 3rd.

Thanks to Rocky Hill Baptist Church for providing breakfast for teachers on Monday, November 6th!