



Bulldog Bulletin

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Principals Message

Dear Rocky Run Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that all of our Bulldog families had a wonderful and restful Holiday season and that you are as excited as we are to get our students back into the school routine! There is nothing like an extended break to help renew and recharge, but we also know how exhausting it can be getting back into the swing of things! Let us remember that getting back into our school routines (daily reading at home, healthier eating, regular/earlier bedtimes, etc.) will pay dividends in helping us find success and achieve our best!



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Here are a few tidbits from in and around the building:

Dates to Remember

Mon., Jan. 15 = NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Thurs., Feb. 15 = Multicultural Night at RRES

- We're currently looking for families to share their culture with us! If you are interested in participating in this incredible event, please let us know by viewing [this Link](#).

PAWSitive Bulldog Expectations for Success

This is the perfect time of year to help us in reviewing positive behavioral expectations for school success with our Bulldogs. While our students have done a great job this year, social and emotional behaviors are still developing and oftentimes need to be addressed. You can help us by

reviewing [The Bulldog Way Matrix](#) with your student and by reinforcing that respectful behavior is the expectation at all times. When we are RESPECTFUL, we are SUCCESSFUL.

Report Cards

Report Cards are scheduled to go "live" in ParentVUE by the close of business on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Please review them with your child and be sure to praise them for any and all progress made over the past 9 weeks! If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA) for Grades 3, 4, & 5

Our mid-year VGA administrations for students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are as follows:

- Reading = Tuesday, Jan. 30
- Math = Tuesday, Feb. 6

Thank you for your continued support of our Bulldogs AND staff here at RRES!

Respectfully,
Nick Roman



Multicultural Night!

When: February 15th 6-8

We are looking for families who would like to share about their culture with our Rocky Run Community.

If you would like to volunteer your time please fill out this survey.





Important January Dates

1/3/24 – No School Professional Day

1/4/24 - 1st day back from Winter Break

1/15/24- No School - MLK Day - All Office Closed

1/30/24 - Reading Winter VGA for 3rd-5th graders

Important February Dates

2/6/24 - Math Winter VGA for 3rd-5th graders

2/16/24 – No school teacher workday

2/19/24 – No School- Presidents Day - All Offices Closed



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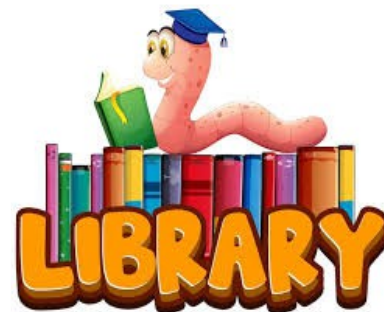
To Purchase a Rocky Run Yearbook

A button that takes you to the school webpage to order a yearbook for the 2023-2024 School year.

What's Happening in the Library?

Welcome back to the library!

Our goal for 2024 is to help you find that perfect book, whether it is for a school research project or just a book to help your imagination run wild.



What was your favorite book of 2023? What are you looking forward to reading in 2024?

January is an exciting time for us librarians. We call it “Awards Month.” Later this month, the ALA (American Library Association) will announce the winners of the Caldecott, Newbery, Belpre, and Geisel awards for 2024.

The Caldecott Award recognizes the most distinguished American picture book for children, and the Newbery Award recognizes the most distinguished contribution to American children’s literature. The Belpre Award recognizes excellence by a Latinx author who affirms the Latino cultural experience. The Geisel award recognizes excellence by authors and illustrators in beginning reader books.

How many of last year’s winners have you read?

Newbury: “Freewater” by Amina Luqman-Dawson

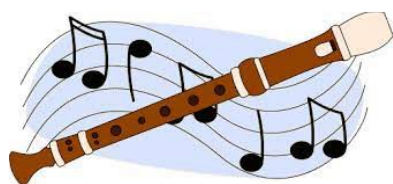
Caldecott: “Hot Dog” written and illustrated by Doug Salati

Belpre: “Where Wonder Grows” illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia

Geisel: “I Did It” by Michael Emberly

Reading Department

The Rocky Run Elementary School Spelling Bee was held on December 19. The students all did their best and we are so proud of their accomplishments! Our top two finalists both came from Mrs. Talcott’s class this year. Ethan Grodek came in first and Jaleah Williams was our runner up. Congratulations to both of these students! They will move on to represent RRES at the Stafford County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at Colonial Forge High School. Best of luck to both of them!



Notes from the Music Room

3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grade students will begin a Recorder Unit in mid to late January! We will be playing baroque style soprano recorders during Music Specials!

Every student will need to own their own recorder. This recorder will last for many years, if treated with care. We will use them in Music class each year, grades 3-5, during the 2 nd semester. 5 th gr students who attended RRES last year, may already own one, as they were used in 4 th & 5 th gr Music

last year! Students should bring their recorder for Music Specials beginning Jan 22, 2024. You may order online or purchase at a music store – one great source is West Music, as they are usually about \$10 each but they are currently on sale for \$6 woohoo! Here's the website.

<https://www.westmusic.com/recorders/brand-name=yamaha/>

The best brands to buy are Yamaha, Angel, and Gill to name a few. Do not purchase at a discounted store type of establishment, as it will just be a toy, and won't play in tune with other class recorders. If an older sibling has a recorder from a previous year, and wants to pass that one along, that works as well! Recorders come in many colors, all colors are fine. You can also purchase one from any other online Music store, of course, or in person at Bang Music on Garrisonville Rd (rt 610) or any other Music store that sells them in the Stafford/Fredericksburg area.

I look forward to teaching these students to play beautiful music! Questions, please email: garciajk@staffordschools.net

CHORUS/ORFF ensembles

Happy New Year to all! Our school ensembles will continue into the Spring semester, with our usual rehearsals at the same times. All rehearsals will resume during the week of Jan 8, 2024. Rehearsals begin at 7:25am, with drop-offs beginning at 7:20 and ending at 7:30am.

Rehearsals run 7:25 – 8:25am Tuesdays – 5 th gr Chorus; Wed – Orff Ensemble; Thursdays – 4 th gr Chorus. These ensembles will give a Spring performance in late March. Look for more info as the dates near. If you did not participate in the Fall, but would like to join us this Spring, you will need to pick up a permission slip from the music room during our first week back, and return it by Tuesday Jan.9, 2024, to be considered as a new member.

Nurses Notes from the Bulldog Clinic

Does your child have a FEVER or symptoms of illness?

Reminder: Children who are not healthy should not be in school!

Although we all want children in school, sick children do not learn and behave as usual. There is also the likelihood that the infection will spread from one child to another.



Symptoms such as diarrhea, fever, vomiting, rash, skin lesions, cough, or runny nose should alert you to the strong likelihood of a contagious illness. **In other words, if your child has a bad cough or a runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea, fever, or a rash, he/she should not be in school! Often a child will appear better in the morning after some sleep, but still not be well. If your child was sick or feverish during the night, please keep him/her home the next day and until fever/vomiting free for 24 hours without medicine per Stafford County.**

Flu-like symptoms include:

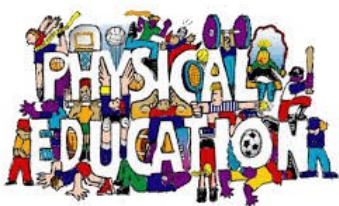
- Fever ■ Body Aches
- Headache ■ Fatigue
- Chills ■ Cough
- Sore throat ■ Runny or Stuffy Nose

******For more information, please go to <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>**

CDC-INFO

Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
 - Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
 - If you are sick with a flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.
 - While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- ****Keep your child home from school or day care for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.**
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G.Y.M. (Get Yourself Moving)

Happy 2024!! We trust that you all had a refreshing break. This year continues to bring activities to our Bulldogs. This month, we will hone our bowling skills and brush up on our math skills as we bowl. Third through fifth graders will learn how to score in bowling. Kindergarten through second grade will work on math

sentences.

Sportstack Club will continue on Wednesday mornings starting on January 10th until February 14th with a culminating event on Sat. February 17th from 9:30-12pm at Anne E. Moncure Elementary.

[Please sign up here](#) if your child would like to participate in the Sportstack Tournament.

Archery Club will continue, one group on Tuesday and the other group on Thursday starting Jan. 9th and 11th respectively. We are working towards shooting at the International Bow Hunters Contest at the state tournament on March 9th.



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