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RHES-REALIZING HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS

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Important Dates

January

- 5 & 6 . Teacher Workdays
- 7 . Students return to school
- 9 - Schoolwide Writing Blitz
- 12 - SOAR Parent Response sheet go home
- 13 - Stevi B's Fundraiser
- 14 - 9:00am - Jr. Beta Club Mtg.
- 15 - PTO Board Mtg.
- 15 - Report Cards sent home
- 19 - MLK, Jr. Day - Student Holiday
- 21&22 - GAPSS Evaluation for RHES

February

- 10 . Schoolwide Writing Blitz
- 11 . Jr. Beta Club Mtg. . 9:00am
- 12 . PTO Board Mtg.
- 12 . Midterms to go home
- 16-20 . Mid-Winter Break
- 23 . Jump Rope for Heart Week
- 23 . Arbor Day Planting for Kindergarten
- 24 . CRCT Family Help Night
- 24 . School Council Mtg. 5:00 pm
- 28 . CCSS Job Fair

March

- 4-5th grade Writing Test
- 11-Jr. Beta Club Mtg. 9:00 am
- 12-PTO Board Mts. 5:00 pm
- 16-20 3rd grade Writing Test Scoring
- 18 . 3rd Nine weeks ends
- 19-Picture Day
- 20 . Holiday-Teacher Workday
- 26-Report Cards go home

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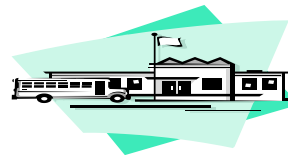
As you receive this newsletter and begin to explore the great things taking place at Ruth Hill, your students' teachers are preparing themselves and our students for the county level evaluation that will take place in our building on January 21st and 22nd. The entire staff has been working diligently to become a model standards-based school. This involves the entire program at Ruth Hill – from academics to our culture; from parent perspectives to community involvement; from adult learning to leadership participation.

A team of 13 educators will be in our building during these two days to observe and interview each stakeholder. We are excited to share the excellence that occurs among our staff and students as outsiders participate in our standards-based instructional program and compare it to the state requirements. Our mission statement, "Realizing High Expectations for all Students", is lived out in each classroom, each day.

Other exciting opportunities for our students are our focus on Math fluency and Writing. Our mornings begin with Math Morning Madness as 3rd – 5th graders work in the mini-lab on building their Math skills. We are also participating in Schoolwide Mad Minutes each Friday morning to build fluency and speed. Our Schoolwide Writing Blitz produces wonderful stories by promising writers. These are always posted in the hallways and on the cafeteria bulletin board to share with others.

As we continue to prepare for the spring presentation of CRCT, we invite parents to visit classrooms, volunteer time to assist a student, and conference with your child's teacher concerning their progress. As always, you are welcome at Ruth Hill and thank you for your support .

Sincerely,
Dr. Valerie Mathura



ATTENTION Parents!

The 2008-2009 *Online Assessment System* (OAS) is available for your family! This program is being provided by the Georgia Department of Education to help support classroom instruction and student learning to improve student achievement. It is a useful assessment tool which gives the student the opportunity to improve mastery of state standards and help prepare for the upcoming CRCT test. The web address is <https://www.georgiaoas.org>. The student should type in their unique login ID and password. Please contact your

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found on the parent portal in Infinite Campus.

Take advantage of this program and help your child SOAR!

REACH Remarks

REACH students worked very hard this past semester to put together some wonderful projects. The projects that fourth and fifth grade students created are on display in the minilab for the remainder of the month. If you have a chance, please stop by and enjoy all of the hard work. The children are going to be working hard again this semester as we gear up to study Dr. Seuss, Expressionism, and the art of questioning. The students and I are very excited about this and look forward to being able to share more of our work.

If you wish to refer your child for testing for REACH, open referral dates for this semester are as follows:
 January 5-23 | Open referral for 1st grade and students new to the county since November
 March 16-April 3 | Open referral for Kindergarten students

If you feel you would like to refer your child, contact Mrs. Rossi at 770254-2895.

NURSE'S NOTE

In school your child's immune system is put to the test. After all, young children in large groups are breeding grounds for the organisms that cause illness.

Top 5 Causes of Missed School

1. Common Cold
2. Stomach Flu
3. Ear Infection
4. Pink Eye (conjunctivitis)
5. Sore Throat

When To Stay Home, When To Return To School

Your child will need to stay home if he or she:

- < Has a fever higher than 100.4 F
- < Is vomiting
- < Has diarrhea
- < Is in the first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment for pink eye or strep throat



Generally, a child can return to school when he or she:

- < Has no fever
- < Can eat and drink normally
- < Is rested and alert enough to pay attention in class
- < Has completed any period of doctor-recommended isolation

Prevention For One and All:

- < Keep your hands clean
- < Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. It's best to use a tissue. If you can't reach a tissue in time, cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow.
- < Keep your hands away from your eyes and out of your mouth
- < Avoid anyone who is sick



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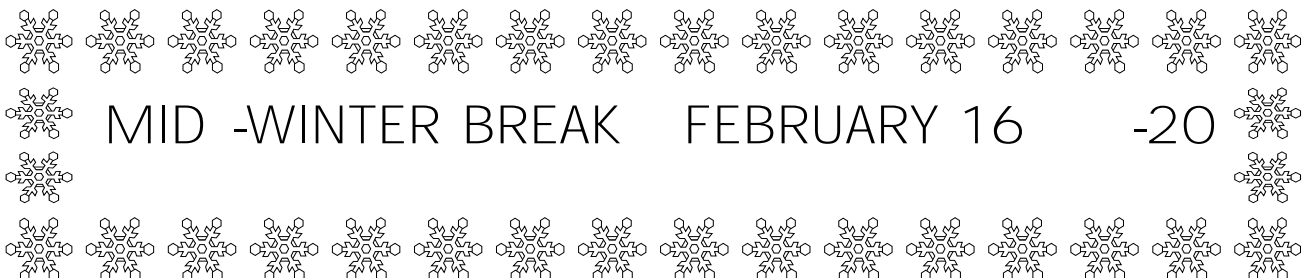
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SPRING BOOK FAIR

MARCH 9-13
 7:30 - 3:30 DAILY



MID -WINTER BREAK FEBRUARY 16 -20



Academic Bowl Blog

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Parenting with Love and Logic

Effective parenting centers on Love: love h \ U h `] g ` b c h ` d Y f a] g g] j Y z . tolerate disrespect, but also love that is powerful enough to allow kids to make mistakes and permit them to live with the consequences of those mistakes. The logic is centered on those consequences.

Love and Logic example:

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No arguing, no threats, no orders. This is an enforceable statement that gives you all the control. You can live with whatever the outcome is and your child learns a valuable lesson either choice he makes.

If you are interested in more Love and Logic parenting ideas, feel free to come by the counseling center.

* Excerpts taken from Parenting with Love and Logic by Cline and Fay

The Ruth Hill Academic Bowl Team is really excited. Our first competition will take place on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at Canongate Elementary. There are twelve teams in our division and they all were very tough last year. I 2 ± " 2 © . « - ¶ ¼ " α μ ¶ competed in this event before so they are understandably nervous. They have all been preparing for several weeks. January 15th will be the first of three competitions held this year, with Finals to take place after the three main meets. So wish good luck to our team members, Hope Overton, Jacobi Jones, Tyler Coyle, Noah Bridges, Austin Bass, Bailey Brown, and Cade Buchanan.



Participación de los padres

Gracias, padres, para su apoyo continuado en la educación de su niño. Apreciamos todo lo a Ustedes hacen para ayudarle a sus niños como aquí en escuela y en casa. Pongasen listos por favor para la información próxima sobre el CRCT la noche familiar en Febrero, y en una noche de matemáticas optimistamente en Marzo. Cada uno de estos acontecimientos le darán ideas de toma-en casa a ayudar a su niño hace bien en el CRCT y se da cuenta de que las matemáticas pueden ser divertidas y útiles. Esperamos ver como muchos estudiantes y familias aquí como posible. Damos la bienvenida su presencia en tiempo de Ruth Hill Escuela.

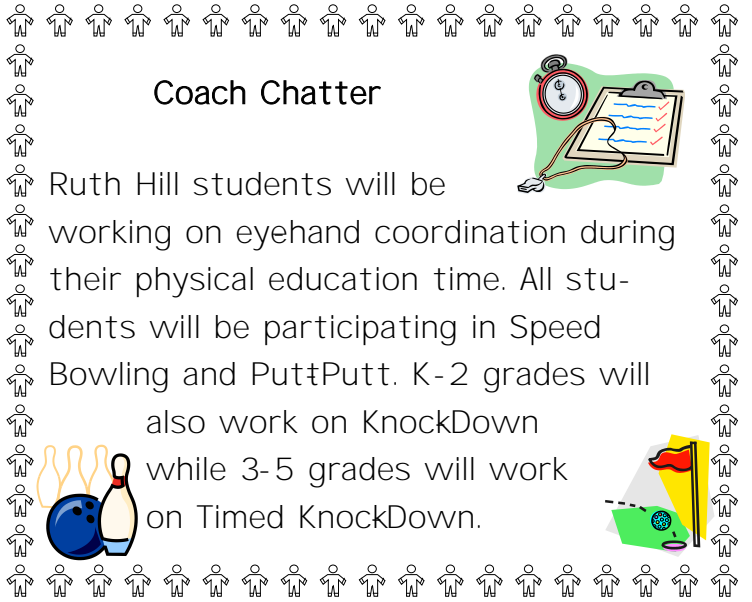
Parent Involvement

Thank you, parents, for your continued support in your & @ ã | á q • Á ^ á ~ & æ c ã [} É Á Y ^ Á æ]] ! ^ & ã æ c ^ succeed by both helping out here at school and at home. Please keep your eyes open for upcoming information about the CRCT family night in February, and a family math night hopefully in March. Each of these events will give you take-home ideas to help your child do well on the CRCT and realize that math can be fun and helpful. We hope to see as many students and families here as possible. We welcome your presence at Ruth Hill School any time.

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The Ruth Hill Honor Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Tiffany G. White, will be presenting their Black History concert on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Centre for Performing and Visual





Coach Chatter



Ruth Hill students will be working on eyehand coordination during their physical education time. All students will be participating in Speed Bowling and PuttPutt. K-2 grades will also work on KnockDown while 3-5 grades will work on Timed KnockDown.



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In starting a new year at a new school, I would like to thank all of you, students, parents and teachers, for the warm and open welcome that I have received here at Ruth Hill. Continuing to build on our a] g g] c b Realizing Hgh Expectations for all Sh i X Y b h g ž ' = ' k U b h quote along to all parents, students and teachers.

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 William H. Gray
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Art Elements

Thank you for all of the art supplies that have already been sent in. Please continue to send items as you have them throughout the year. On October 27th, the Art To Remember fundraiser packet will be sent home. All proceeds from this fundraiser need to purchase bulk art supplies and projects created throughout the year. Orders are due on November 3rd. The classroom having the most sales will participate in a special project in art class.

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 Heather Corley, Art Teacher