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RHES-REALIZING HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS

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Important Dates

MARCH NEWS

- 26 . Report Cards to go home
- 26 . CRCT Mock Test . Reading/ELA

APRIL NEWS

- 6 . 10 . Spring Break
- 13 . Students return to school
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- 14 . 9:00 . Jr. Beta
- 16 . 3:00 . PTO Board Meeting
- 16 . 5:00 . School Council Meeting
- 17 . Spring Chorus Event @ Centre
- 20 . 24 . CRCT Testing Week
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- 21 . 7:00 pm TOTY Reception @ Centre
- 24 . SPRING FLING . 5:00pm
- 27 . Field Day (K & 1st)
- 28 . 5:00 . School Council . 5:00pm
- 28 . SAFE Graduation . 9:00 am
- 29 . Field Day (2nd & 3rd)
- 30 . Track Day @ ECHS

MAY NEWS

- 1 . Field Day (4th & 5th)
- 5 . Mid-Terms to go home
- 7 . K-2 Spring Program @ RHES
- 7 . Muffins for Mom . 7:20 am
- 8 . Donuts for Dad . 7:20 am
- 12 . Ö [{ ã } [q • Á Þ ã * @ c
- 13 . 9:00 . Jr. Beta
- 14 . 3:00 . PTO Board Meeting
- 15 . D.J. Day (Tentative date)
- 18 . Û c ^ ç ã Á Ó q • Á Þ ã * @ c
- 25 . HOLIDAY/Memorial Day
- 27 . Awards Day
 - 8:30 . 1st grade
 - 10:00 . 2nd grade
 - 1:00 . 3rd grade
- 28 . Awards Day . 8:30 . 4th grade
- 28 . 5th Grade Luncheon Awards
- 28 . CRCT Reading Re-Test (3rd & 5th)
- 29 . CRCT Math Re-Test (5th)
- 29 . Last day of school; report cards



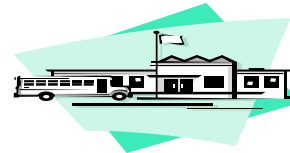
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With CRCT preparation foremost in teachers' new approach called End of Year Focus that will be used countywide this year; specifically for 3rd and 5th grade students. In past years, when a 3rd grader did not meet the CRCT Reading standards or a 5th grader did not meet the CRCT Reading and/or Math standards, they attended Summer Focus during the month of June. At the end of the summer study program, these students took the retake of the appropriate section of the CRCT.

This year, the month of May will be used in place of Summer Focus. Although its purpose is to provide support for 3rd and 5th graders, Ruth Hill teachers have decided that all grades will participate. Teachers and students will be very involved in remediation and acceleration of all students so that they are prepared for the next school year. Once 3rd and 5th grade CRCT scores are returned, the final days of school will focus on the needs of these students so that they can pass the state required retake of the CRCT. The Reading retake for 3rd and 5th grade will be given on May 28th. The Math retake for 5th grade will be given on May 29th.

It is our belief that with a schoolwide focus, all of our students will make great strides in preparation for the next school year. This will also allow parents of 3rd and 5th graders the freedom to plan their summer vacations without having to worry about their student attending summer school.

Thank you for continuing to support your student and the teachers as we count down the days to CRCT. We are Realizing High Expectations for all Students and encouraging the students to have high expectations for themselves



Sincerely,
Dr. Valerie Mathura

We would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the CRCT practice tests which are available for all our students! (3rd grades) With the CRCT test only weeks away, the Georgia Online Assessment System website is a great way to review for the upcoming test. The web address for this program is <https://www.georgiaoas.org>. Each student has a unique login ID and password. D`Y U g Y` Wc b h U Wh` mc i f` W\]` X Ñ g` h Y U W\ Y f`] Z` mc i` the CRCT Family Night. Their ID number can be found on the parent portal in Infinite Campus as well.

Also, continue to have your child work on the skills lessons in the Skills Tutor program. To access this program go to the following website: \ h h d g . # # k k k " a m g _] ` ` g h i h c f " Wc a " ` ` H \ Y ` g h i X Y b h g lunch number and the site name is ruth02.

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REACH Remarks

This term, REACH students have put together many small projects and are continuing to work hard as they prepare for the end of the semester. 1st grade will be completing a unit on Dr. Seuss this semester while 2nd and 3rd work on their art gallery and learn about expressionism through reading. 4th and 5th grade will be completing interviews with

Kindergarten referral for REACH is open until April 3. If you feel you would like to refer your child, contact Mrs. Rossi at 770 -254-2895.

LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

The recent Scholastic Book Fair was a big success and Mr. Traylor thanks all who made a purchase. Profits from the fair will be used to buy much needed new books for the library. This is the first year, due to the state of the economy, that school libraries have not received funds to purchase new books.



Art Elements

Congratulation Ruth Hill Members for your recent art display at the March school board meeting. Honors Art Club Members will have their art work on display April 14th -28th at the Performing and Visual Arts Center. Please stop by and support our young artists. Ruth Hill's school coming soon!



CRCT NEWS:

Parents: the CRCT is just a few weeks away and we want to ensure that we remind everyone of a few important facts:

Dates of the tests: APRIL 20th -APRIL 24th

Subjects being tested: Y g Y U F W \ " 1st grade -Reading/ELA & Math

2nd grade -Reading/ELA & Math

3rd grade -All Subjects (Reading for promotion)

4th grade -All Subjects

5th grade -All Subjects (Reading & Math for promotion)

Daily Routine:

Make sure that your child maintains a normal daily routine during the testing week. They should not begin to incorporate anything that would alter their attitude coming to school.

Make sure that they get plenty of sleep and that they have a good breakfast.

Allow them time to relax when they get home from school each day.

TESTING IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE STRESSFUL!

Dr. Sean P. Dye

Assistant Principal / Testing Coordinator / Club

Math Adventure Day
Friday, April 3, 2009

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IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION FOR TESTING:

Research has shown that sleep is critical in building and maintaining memories, particularly the kind dealing with facts and events.

Consumption of a nutritious breakfast results in:

Improved attention in late morning task performance

Quicker & more accurate retrieval of information (working memory)

Fewer errors made in problem solving activities

Better concentration & ability to perform complex tasks

So PLEASE insist your child eat a nutritious breakfast & get 8 hours of sleep!!!!



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ANNUAL SPRING FLING

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

5:00-7:00

It will be full of fun and games!



Parents,

Thank you for turning out for the CRCT Family Help Night! We are glad to have you working with us to ensure your & @ ã | à q • Á • ~ & & ^ • • Á ã } Á • & @ [[| Á æ } á Á []

Our next parent involvement event will be Math Day on April H É Á ÿ [~ Á æ ! ^ Á ã } ç á c ^ á Á c [Á ç á • á c Á ^ [~ ; involved in exciting math activities. You are welcomed to stay for lunch. Watch for information coming soon.

In April we will enjoy our annual Spring Fling and begin the grade level field days. In May we will add a twist to our usual Muffins for Mom and Donuts for Dads. Information will be coming soon.

Padres,

¡Gracias por venir para el CRCT Ayuda para las Familias! Estamos contentos que estan trabajando con nosotros para asegurar el éxito de su niño en la escuela y en el CRCT.

Nuestro próximo acontecimiento para la participación de los padres será el Día de Matemáticas el 3 de Abril. Ustedes estan invitado a visitar la clase de su niño y divirtiendosen con actividades de matematicas. Tambien pueden almorzar. Este pendiente por la información.

En Abril nosotros disfrutaremos de la fiesta de la Primavera anual. Tenemos dias de competición de los diferentes grados. En Mayo vamos a tener un nuevo ideas para el dia de Panecillos con Mamá y Rosquillas con Papá. La información viene pronto.



A] g g H] Z Z U b m Ñ g The Ruth Hill Honor Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Tiffany G. White, will be presenting their Spring concert on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts. Third, fourth, and fifth grade music students will also be performing.

Test Anxiety

Too much anxiety about a test is commonly referred to as test anxiety. It is perfectly natural to feel some anxiety when preparing for and taking a test. In fact, a little anxiety can jump start your preparing and keep you motivated. However, too much anxiety can interfere with your preparation. You may have difficulty learning and remembering what you need to know for the test. Further, too much anxiety may block your performance during the test. You may have difficulty demonstrating what you know during the test.

Here are some things you can do before, during, and after a test to reduce your test anxiety.

1. Use good study techniques to gain cognitive mastery of the material that will be covered on the test. This mastery will help you to approach the test with confidence rather than have excessive anxiety.
2. Maintain a positive attitude as you study. Think about doing well, not failing. Think of the test as an opportunity to show how much you have learned.
3. Go into the test well rested and well fed. Get enough sleep the night before the test. Eat a light and nutritious meal before the test. Stay away from junk foods.
4. Stay relaxed during the test. Taking slow, deep breaths can help. Focus on positive self
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7. Once you finish the test and hand it in, forget about it.



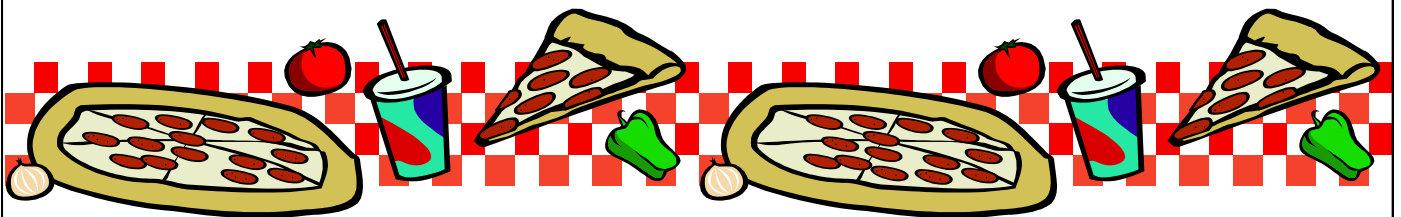
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We now have two community sponsored monthly fundraisers:

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CALLED SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 pm, the School Council will meet to review information concerning c @ ^ Á & [~ } c ^ q • Á æ & & ! ^ á ã c æ c ã [} Á] ! [& ^ • • Á ~ [! Á } ^ ç c Á ^ ^ æ report information from our January evaluation.