

The Gopher Gazette



February 2018

Principal: Rene Johnson
Vice-Principal: Sean Furniss



February's Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1—Spring Pictures
Individual/Group
- Feb. 6—SAEC meeting @ 4:30
- Feb. 12—Kiss-O-Gram deadline
- Feb. 19— President's Day/
School Holiday
- Feb. 27—Family Night Book
Fair 5:00-7:00

Join Running Club Now!

Running Club meets every Friday morning at 8:15am. Students are working up to do their best mile. The running club will be participating in several races this spring. The first run will be the 5 Points of Life Run on **March 2, 2018**.

Sign up forms are available in the front office.

Happy Running :)

Principal's News

Dear Parents,

February is upon us and with that we begin our countdown to the writing portion of the ELA Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Fourth and fifth grade students will take the ELA Writing portion of the FSA on March 6th. Our teachers have been diligently preparing your child for this very important writing test. For more information on FSA testing please visit www.fsassessments.org. Also, be aware that 3rd grade students will take the Reading portion of the FSA starting on April 10.

February 6th will be our next Student Advisory Enhancement Council Meeting. The meeting will start at 4:30pm in our Media Center. We would love for you to attend.

When dropping your child/ren off please refrain from using your cell phone while in the drop off line in the morning and pick up line in the evening. This is a safety concern for our students and visitors as they cross the parking lot. Your support is appreciated in this matter.

Our staff finished up the book study on Innovator's Mindset last month. The study focused on empowering Learning, unleashing talent, and leading a culture of creativity. Rock Crusher is moving forward in preparing our students for a college and career ready future. We highly recommend this book and think you will find it beneficial in understanding the way our students learn and understand concepts in today's world of technology.

I want you to know how much we, the staff of Rock Crusher Elementary, appreciate your commitment and dedication to our school. Educational success is achieved through your support of our educational programs and activities. Thank you for always supporting us and our students.

Rock Crusher Elementary would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,
Rene' Johnson



Guidance Corner

As the school year moves along, absences and tardies are starting to increase. Please be aware of how missing school or being late to class effects academics and your child's school success. Below is Florida Statue 1003.21 regarding attendance policy. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please call the guidance office.

- 5 unexcused absences in a 30 day period results in a Child Study Team Meeting to discuss the attendance policy and create a plan of action for improvement.
- Our tardy policy states that 3 tardies equals a absence.
- Students are allowed 10 excused absences per school year with proper handwritten documentation from a parent or guardian.
- After a student reaches a combination of 10 excused or unexcused absences they receive a mandatory medical letter indicating that any additional absences requires a medical note to be excused.
- If a student has 15 unexcused absences within a 90-day period they are deemed legally truant and their information is provided to the Citrus County Clerk of Courts to determine appropriate course of action as the student is in violation of Florida Statue 1003.21

Beth Noland/ Guidance



Kiss-O-Grams

The 5th graders are selling Kiss-O-Grams for \$0.25 each to be delivered on Wednesday, February 14th!

*Parents can send messages to their child or students can send messages to teachers and friends.

*Kiss-O-Gram messages should be returned to the school by Monday, February 12th.

In addition to the Kiss-O-Grams, we will be offering a Hershey Bar for \$1.00, to purchase for that special someone!





~PTO News~

*The Book Fair is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 22 through Wed., Feb. 28. during school hours.

*Family Book Fair Night will be on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 5:00-7:00



Box Tops/Printer Cartridges

We are continuing to collect "BIG G" Box Tops and recycle your used printer cartridges. For a complete list of products that include a Box Top, visit http://www.boxtops4education.com. We will make another submission in March of 2017, so keep looking for "Big G" Box Tops and help Rock Crusher earn money for our school. Happy Holidays! Mrs. Laga



OUR SCHOOL DAY



- 8:50am: Students may be dropped off/Breakfast
9:00am: Students go to class/Breakfast
9:10am: Parents leave building
9:20am: Tardy Bell
3:30pm: end of school day

Contact us at: 814 South Rock Crusher Road, Homosassa, Florida 34448
Phone: 352-795-2010 Fax: 352 249-2143
Rock Crusher Website: rockcrusherelementary.com

FSA Reading/Writing Test

The Florida Standards Assessment Writing component will be administered to all fourth and fifth grade students on Tuesday, March 6 2018. The FSA test is a reading/writing test. Students will be given 120 minutes to read two or three passages of grade leveled text, respond to a given prompt and edit their writing.

Students will need to cite evidence in their writing from the passages as well as use transitions, many of their own words and a variety of sentences. As editors, students must spell words taken from the text correctly and capitalize/punctuate correctly.

March 6 - 4th and 5th Grade Writing Component

April 10-11 - 3rd Grade ELA

April 10-May 5th - 3rd grade Math

4th and 5th grade ELA and Math Computer-based

April 30-May 1st - 5th grade Science assessment window

**Specific assessment dates for each grade level will be sent home in a letter with your child.

School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan are both available on our school website: (rockcrusherelementary.com) They are also available in our School Office. Please take the time to read these documents. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

352-795-2010

Read Me A Bedtime Story

Thursday, March 8 from 5:30-7:00

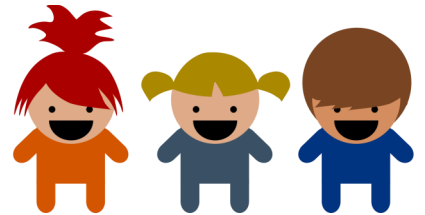


*Therapy dogs: 5:00-6:00

*Pizza served: 5:30

*Read Me A Bedtime Story:

6:00-7:00



Dinner will be served! Bring the kids in their pajamas! All children will receive a FREE book!!

Lost & Found

Please remind your child to check the lost and found for any article of clothing/lunchbox/backpack they may be missing.



The SUCCESS Club!

Congratulations to all of our students who were chosen by their teacher to be in "The SUCCESS Club." Each month we have a monthly theme and for January it was "Trustworthiness" Students that earned this reward received a certificate, were able to eat lunch on stage with Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Furniss, and they received a special treat. The month of February will be "Perseverance".

Volunteer's at RCE

The final volunteer training for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Friday, February 16, 2018. To register for the Volunteer Orientation class, please call Helen Pannelli at the District Service Center (726-1931 Ext: 2233). WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MENTORS!!!!

We're on the Web! Rockcrusherelementary.com