

THE GOPHER GAZETTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents,

As we move into May there are many activities for parents and students to participate in. We have our last SAEC meeting of the year on May 2nd. Please join us at 4:30pm in the media center. Kindergarten Round Up will be on May 4th from 9:45am to 11:15am. New this year will be the inclusion of Pre-K at our "Round Up". If you have a child that will be 4 years old on or before September 1 please consider entering them into our Pre-K program. "Kindergarten Round Up" is a wonderful opportunity for you and your Pre-K- Kindergarten child to register early and tour the school. Fifth Grade Awards Ceremony will take place on May 23rd beginning at 9:40am. This is our opportunity to recognize our fifth-grade students for their academic accomplishments. It is an exciting day for our students and families. We look forward to celebrating your child's success.

May is also the culmination of FSA and FCAT Science testing. Our students focused on the task at hand, working diligently to show mastery of the Florida Standards. We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments. With testing behind us, we look forward to finishing out the school year with an academic focus in mind. Please continue to work at home with your child by having them read nightly, do homework, and practice math facts. By helping your child at home over the summer, you greatly increase their academic success the following year.

As we look ahead into next year, please be aware that Open House will be on Monday, August 7th, 2017. Hours will be from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

The entire Rock Crusher Family wishes you a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Johnson

May
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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 2 | SAEC Meeting, 4:30 in media |
| 4 | Kdg. Round-Up, 9:45-11:15 |
| 8-12 | Staff Appreciation Week |
| 16-18 | Wet Field Days |
| 23 | 5 th grade Award Ceremony |
| 24-25 | Early Dismissal |
| 25 | Student's Last Day |
| 26 | Teacher Work Day/Last Day |
| 29 | Memorial Day |

~Yearbooks~

Rock Crusher Yearbooks will be on sale the first week in May. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis for \$20.00 each on the **stage in the cafeteria** every morning from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. until they are gone. Please make checks out to RCE PTO. Get yours early, as they did sell out last year.

PTO News

Our Staff Appreciation celebration is May 8th - 12th. This is a way for you to say thank you to your teacher and staff members at Rock Crusher.

Have a great summer, enjoy, relax and see you in August.

Thank you,
Ms. Sharon/ PTO

Counselor's Corner

Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Thursday, May 4th from 9:45-11:15am. If you have a child that will be age four on or before September 1 (Pre-K) or age five on or before September 1 (Kindergarten) and resides in Rock Crusher Elementary School's zone, please join us!!! During Round-Up, you and your child will be given a tour showing where to find the classrooms, Specials (art, music, media, and P.E.), cafeteria, front office, bus ramp and playground. You will be able to visit a Pre-K/Kindergarten classroom and observe a typical class in session.

To make registration complete, you will need to bring 2 proofs of residency (electric, cable, phone bill or lease), your child's birth certificate, social security card, recent physical (less than a year old), and immunization record from the Health Department (Blue Card). We are looking forward to a great turnout!

If you would like to expedite this process, please stop by the school's front office to pick up your paperwork a few weeks before May 4!

Beth Noland/ Guidance Counselor



Tidwell's m^Ath Tip



Questions to ask your child:

- ~Is this always true?
- ~What do you notice about this pattern?
- ~What is happening in this situation?

Mathematical Practices – Standard 8

Mathematically proficient students may notice if calculations are repeated more quickly and look for shortcuts while solving problems. They attend to details and they continually evaluate the reasonableness of their intermediate results. While calculating a result, they are looking for and expressing regularity in repeated reasoning. Not only do students use Mathematical Practice 8 to look for general methods, patterns, and shortcuts when calculations are repeated, but also, they need to be able to evaluate if their answer makes sense within the context of the problem.

2017-2018 Pre-K

Applications for the Pre-K Program for the 2017-2018 school year are available in the front office after May 4th. Your child must be four on or before September 1st to be eligible. This program requires your child to go through a screening process but we have added a class so we are able to take more students on a first come first serve basis. Please call and speak to Beth Noland at 795-2010 if you have any questions.

5th Grade Achievement Assembly

Parents are invited to attend the 5th Grade Achievement Assembly on Tuesday, May 23rd at 9:40 a.m. in our cafeteria. At this time, 5th graders are recognized for their achievement in good citizenship, attendance, testing, grades, and completing the 5th Grade!



Please join us for this special event.

Beth Noland/ Guidance Counselor

Special Attendance Request for Middle School Parents of Upcoming 6th Graders

This is a reminder that your child's records will be sent to the school in which they are zoned at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Rock Crusher Elementary School does not process Middle School Special Attendance Request. If you are planning on sending your child to a middle school that is out of your school zone, you will need to complete this process through your child's zoned middle school. The middle school will contact us when this process is complete and at that time your child's records will be sent to the out of zone school.

Beth Noland/ Guidance Counselor

Moving?

Please contact Rock Crusher Elementary if your family is moving during the summer or at any time throughout the school year. It is very important that we have your correct address and phone number at all times.

Please contact RCE if you are planning on moving out of the county during the summer months so your child will not be placed on a class list for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

RCE's "Fast Pass" (to avoid waiting in long lines at Open House) will be available in the front office in mid-July. You will need to bring in two "Proofs of Residency" to receive a pass.

When you come to the Open House (if you do not have a "Fast Pass"), please remember to bring two "Proofs of Residency" because it is required before your child is allowed to attend RCE for the new school year.

Open House is scheduled for Monday, August 7th.



Wet Field Day

Wet Field Day is scheduled for May 16th - 18th. Permission slips and schedules will be sent home soon. Please sign and return the form to your child's teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Algor or Mr. Earnheart.



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As another school year approaches its end, we'd like to remind parents about the importance of encouraging your children to read over the summer. Like all skills learned, if not practiced, backsliding is inevitable. Make reading over the summer fun!

*Take your child to the local library to choose some books to read (make sure most books are on your child's "just right" level for times he/she reads independently).

*Online reading and math games are fun and educational as well.

*Set reading goals with your child weekly, celebrate success with a trip to McDonald's or the park.

*If possible, schedule reading buddies with neighbors, friends or siblings weekly so kids can read together.

*Encourage your child to read other texts as well (magazines, cereal boxes, street signs, comics from the newspaper etc.).

Summer flies by and it's easy to put education on the back burner. To give your child a successful start for the next school year, make practicing reading and keeping math skills sharp as much as possible a priority.

Have a safe, fun summer!

Ms. Thomas, Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Hodges, Miss Shinaberry, Mrs. Elsworth, and Mrs. Parrish

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 April it was "Honesty." 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.

For the month of May, teachers will be looking for "Courage".

Thank you,
Sean Furniss/Assistant Principal

Box Tops

Thank you (students and parents) for supporting RCE's Box Top Program. When you save, clip and send us your General Mills Box Tops, we earn \$\$ for Education. Please keep saving your Box Tops throughout the summer.

Thank you for helping us to reach our goal.
Mrs. Laga



Media News

This year we had about 56, 3rd-5th grade students participate in the Sunshine State Young Reader (SSYR) Program. On Fri. April 7, the Citrus County elections office brought a voting machine to our school for those students to vote for their favorite SSYR book. The book that won for Rock Crusher was **Terrible Two**. These votes will be sent in to the state and a state winner will be announced. On May 16th these students will also be invited to a celebration. Congratulations to all the students that participated!

Summer reading ideasSet aside a time each day, or have a daily "quiet time" for reading. When it's hot outside, grab a book and relax. Make it fun and easy to enjoy. Parents can let their children choose books according to their interests and comfort level. Reading does not need to be limited to books, either. Magazines are a great alternative because they can be tailored to a child's interest.

Mrs. Laga/ Media



Pre-k Extravaganza

Please join us to celebrate our Pre-k students!

~Mrs. Grimes' class May 8th at 9:15

~Mrs. Arguelles' class May 9th at 9:15

~Mrs. Dickey's class May 10th at 9:15

Please RSVP to allow for seating

All student medications in the clinic need to be picked up by a parent no later than the last day of school (Thursday, May 25, 2017). After this date, all remaining medications will be transported to District Student Services in the Lecanto Complex. If student medications are not picked up by Friday, June 2, 2017 they will be disposed. Thank you!

2017 - 2018 Classroom Supply List

You can find a copy of the 2017-2018 classroom supply list on Rock Crusher's website at: www.rockcrusherelementary.com. Go to "Parent Information" and then to "Supply lists."

Date: May 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please find our school's 2015-2016 School Financial Report in the link below. There is a Legislative requirement that the Financial Report be provided as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs). This report can be accessed at the following website:

http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/news/RCE_SFR_2015-16.pdf

We hope you find this information both helpful and informative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Rene' Johnson

~2017 Summer Literacy Adventure~

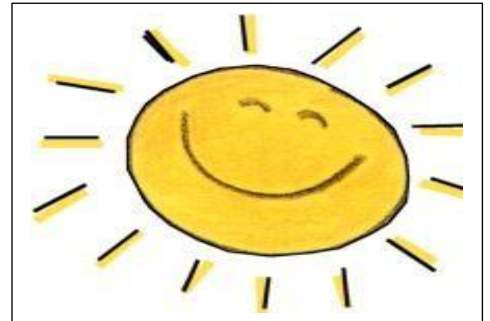
Florida's First Lady Ann Scott and the Florida Department of Education have partnered with the Florida Lottery and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to announce the **2017 Summer Literacy Adventure**. To make reading exciting, we are challenging all our state's students to pledge to read as many books as possible throughout the summer break, and hope all of the students and parents in Florida's schools participate. Each student can fill out his or her pledge on the *Just Read, Florida!* website at [Summer Literacy Pledge](#). Following the summer break, the department will recognize the top 10 schools with the highest percentage of participation. The school whose students read the most books will receive a surprise visit from First Lady Ann Scott.

More information can be found by going to the following link:

<https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-7885/dps-2017-25a.pdf>

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2017-2018 List for Grades 3-5

- **Allie, First at Last** by Angela Cervantes
- **Almost a World Record Breaker** by Molly Burnham
- **Castle Hangnail** by Ursula Vernon
- **A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans** by Laurence Yep and Joanna Ryder
- **Framed!** by James Ponti
- **The Hero Two Doors Down** by Sharon Robinson
- **Maxi's Secrets: Or What You Can Learn From A Dog** by Lynn Plourde
- **My Brother is a Superhero** by David Solomons
- **Night of the Living Worms** by Dave Coverly
- **Pugs of the Frozen North** by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre
- **Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
- **The Vanishing Coin** by Kate Egan with Mike Lane
- **A Whole New Ballgame** by Phil Bildner
- **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown
- **Willy Maykit in Space** by Greg Trine



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		SAEC mtg @ 4:30		Pre-K/Kdg Round-Up 9:45 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. Media Center		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		*Wet Field Day *2 nd grade - AM *KG - PM	*Wet Field Day *4 th grade - AM plus Dickey/Grimes Pre-K *1 st grade - PM	*Wet Field Day *5 th grade - AM plus Arguelles Pre-K *3 rd grade - PM		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		5 th grade Awards Assembly 9:40	*Early Dismissal	*Early Dismissal *Last Day for Students	*Teacher Workday *Last Day for Teachers	
28	29	30	31			
	*Memorial Day					