

# The Gopher Gazette



December 2017 Principal: Rene Johnson  
Vice-Principal: Sean Furniss

## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

December is a month filled with wonder and joyous events. We hope you will be able to join us this Christmas Season!!

On Thursday December 7, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm we will have our annual "Santa in Wonderland Night". The entire evening will be free of charge for you and your family. We will provide cookies, hot chocolate, craft activities, and Christmas carols will be played throughout the evening. Santa will also be here to listen to your child's greatest Christmas wish while you take a picture of this amazing magical moment. Please bring your own camera for pictures.

You will not want to miss our Christmas Concert from Voices of the Rock. "Bah Humbug". Is Christmas *really* "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"? We think NOT! This is not your mothers Christmas Concert... We will explore and examine the darker, strange, and more humorous side of the Holiday Season. But is all hope lost? Are we doomed to forever be Scrooge's? Come find out if we can somehow find our Christmas Spirit. Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM in the RCE Cafeteria. Cost: FREE (Cash Donations will be collected to benefit a US Military Charity)

December is not only a month filled with holiday gatherings, but a month filled with academic learning. Our teachers continue to plan lessons that challenge and inspire the love of new knowledge. Please help us at home by reading with your child every night. I can think of no better way to spend an evening at home this Christmas, than to read one of your favorite Christmas stories. Have your child check their favorite Christmas book out of the media center and watch the magic happen. It truly is a magical time.

The entire Rock Crusher Staff wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,

Rene' Johnson



## December's Upcoming Events

- Dec. 7—Santa in Wonderland  
5:00-7:00pm
- Dec. 19—Voices of the Rock  
Holiday Concert 6:00pm
- Dec. 21 & 22 Early dismissal  
@ 12:30
- Dec. 25-Jan. 9—Christmas  
Vacation
- Jan. 10—Students return

### Kindergarten News

#### Mark your calendars: Kindergarten Christmas Programs!\*

Spiddle/Hastings: Wednesday, December  
13<sup>th</sup>, 10:15, RCE café

\*Omelian/Mullarkey/Ward/Mottola:  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:15, RCE café

\*light refreshments in our classrooms  
after the program

\*Please bring your driver's license for  
check-in at the front office.

\*Students please try to wear red, green,  
white or black.



## Guidance Corner

Do you know that one of the first lessons in Parenting (helping parents to provide a loving and well managed home) is to teach the importance of having a few, well laid out and observable (on the fridge!) family rules. Children thrive on knowing that there is structure in their home and that this structure provides order and feelings of security. Children love knowing that there is a set time for dinner, bathing, homework and bedtime. They also love to know what the parameters are (what they can and cannot get away with). Parenting instructors suggest that the parents or guardians team up (as in unified front) to determine the rules (five is a good number) and consequences of breaking the rules of the family. To begin, think about what is important to you and your family.

Do you like a clean home? ("Don't put it down, put it away.") Do you value solving issues verbally? ("We will use respectful voices to each other.") Decide what is most important, what the consequences will be, and sit the children down together to go over the rules. As a consequence, think to yourself what do my children most like to do when they come home from school? Let that be a clue to the consequence most effective (no "T.V." video games, etc). Display the rules in a prominent place and do not waiver when a rule is broken. Then issue the consequence you said you would. This does work. Please call me if you have questions.

Beth Noland/ Guidance

## What a Turkey Day Lunch!!!!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped serve Thanksgiving lunch to our students and guests, we couldn't have done it without you! What an unbelievable turn-out!!!! The food service staff would like to wish you a happy and healthy holiday.

If you are not sure whether your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch, please call Mrs. Linda Bibeau in the cafeteria or complete an application at:  
<https://sfsonlinemealapp.citrus.k12.fl.us/>





## Teacher and School Related Person of the Year 2017 - 2018

Rock Crusher is proud to announce Pam Basnight as our 2017-2018 "Teacher of the Year". Pam is a special education resource teacher for 1-5 grades and has taught at Rock Crusher for many years. She is an asset to our staff and we appreciate her dedication to our students.

Jennifer Thomson will represent Rock Crusher as the 2017-2018 "School Related Person of the Year". Jennifer is the smiling face you see in the media center and has been at RCE for many years. We appreciate her enthusiasm to fulfill such a vital role for all our students.

### 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](http://rockcrusherelementary.com)



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### "Santa in Wonderland" Rock Crusher Elementary Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5:00pm-7:00pm



Please join us for a Free Night of fun-filled Christmas activities and crafts. The PTO is providing free hot chocolate and cookies for everyone to enjoy!

Santa will be visiting with us from 5:00 to 6:30. We will not be taking pictures for you this year, so if you want your picture taken with Santa, be sure to bring your own camera! Please be sure to mark your calendars now so you won't miss this magical, wonderful night with Santa.

Please fill out the form below; we need to know how many people are attending, to make this a successful event!

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Tickets: Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

### School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan

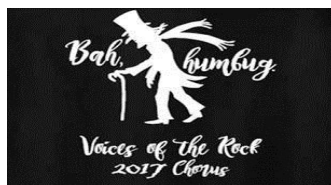
Our School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan are both available on our school website:

([rockcrusherelementary.com](http://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

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We think NOT!

The Voices of the Rock Chorus invites you and your family to attend this year's Christmas Production of:



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### 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 November it was "Respect" 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 December will be "Compassion"

### PTO News and Upcoming Event

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From all of us here at Rock Crusher Elementary School Have a safe and happy Holiday!!!



We're on the Web!  
[Rockcrusherelementary.com](http://Rockcrusherelementary.com)