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Robert L. Craig Newsletter

April 2019



Every Child. Every Day. Every Chance.

Board of Education Members:

Mr. David Vaccaro
Mr. James Campbell
Mr. Matthew Vaccaro
Mr. Charles Pallas
Mr. Edmond Monti

Meeting Dates:

April 9 and 30, 2019
6:30 P.M.
RLC Cafeteria



From the Desk of Dr. Jonathan Ponds, **Superintendent/Principal**

Spring is here. We are excited about the sunny weather, however, allergies will be more acute. If your child needs extra medical attention, please inform our school nurse as soon as possible. After spring break we will be taking the NJSLA assessment. We are excited about the opportunity to continue our progress; we need our parents help. Please make sure your child is getting plenty of rest before the test, attending extra tutoring and communicating to their teachers. Lets enter the spring strong and continue our great work.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal
*Always Remember: Do Your Best and
You Are Special!*

PTO News

So exciting to be celebrating spring! April is filled with fun activities for the RLC community. On April 5, we will be hosting a Luau for the Pre-K to 4th grade. Our second book fair of the school year is on April 9 and 10; please come out to support these great events. On April 13, we are partnering with the Borough of Moonachie to sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt. The fun starts at 10 am, all are welcome.

The last meeting of the PTO will take place on April 10 in the RLC cafeteria. At this meeting, nominations for the open seats on the PTO board will be decided.

Please continue to watch out for flyers for all upcoming events.

Important Dates

- 4/9 Scholastic Book Fair
9 am - 3 pm and 3pm - 6 pm
- 4/9 BOE Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4/10 Scholastic Book Fair
9 am - 3 pm and 6 pm - 7 pm
- 4/10 PTO Meeting 7 pm
- 4/11 Burger King Cash-O-La 5-7 pm
- 4/12 3rd Marking Period ends
- 4/13 YMCA Saturday Program
9 am - 12 pm
- 4/13 Borough/PTO Easter Egg Hunt
10 am at RLC
- 4/15 4th Marking Period begins
- 4/18 Report Cards distributed
- 4/18 Early dismissal 1 pm
- 4/18 YMCA Afterschool Program Closed
- 4/19 - 4/26 School Closed Spring Recess
- 4/30 BOE Meeting 6:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that the district received our yearly QSAC score from the State Department of Education. This rating encompasses a variety of factors including Language Arts proficiency and growth on PARCC, Math proficiency and growth on PARCC, programs offered to students, as well as alignment of curriculum. The State Department of Education now recognizes the Moonachie School District as "Highly Performing". We look forward to continuing our growth as a school and achieving academic excellence for all.




THE RLC BEAT
By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse

Four Things You Must Do For Seasonal Allergies

Spring is here! For most of us it is a wonderful change from the cold of winter, but for children with allergies to pollen it can be miserable. Here are the four things parents can do to help make their child with allergies more comfortable:

1. Close your windows to prevent pollen coming into your house.
2. Have your child shower and change their clothing as soon as they come home. The pollen is on their clothing and skin. Instruct your child to wash their face and hands when they arrive at school and after recess each day.
3. Check the pollen count on the weather report each day. Maybe plan an indoor activity on the days that the pollen count is high.
4. Speak to your child's doctor about allergy medication and let them know if the medication is not working. There are a variety of different medications that your doctor may recommend.



Meadowlands Area YMCA
21st Century Community
Learning Center



With the days getting longer and Springtime just around the corner, we leaped into March with a renewed sense of excitement!

The children decorated a bulletin board, "Marching into Spring" and created Spring crafts and healthy snacks. We also focused on rainbows this month where the kids created a color spectrum rainbow bulletin board tracing their hands with construction paper for St. Patrick's Day. They also made yummy whole wheat waffle rainbows and rainbows from Fruit Loops and marshmallows.

Our Saturday School is growing with tutoring, Chess, Robotics, and we initiated our enrichment program for middle school.

Mad Science started on Fridays with our 3-5th graders. Their spectacular demonstrations, hands-on activities and real world discussions make learning about Science fun for kids. In each class, children are encouraged to give Science a try and build their very own project. Children even get to take home their science experiment to show their families!



We would like to **CONGRATULATE** Eileen Montero,
Angelina Nesheiwat and Misha Panchal

for being chosen as the March
Students of the Month!



Our preschool students spent the last six weeks working on a Clothing study with Creative Curriculum. During this time, children learned about different features of clothes, how clothes are made, and various uniforms people wear for work. They completed some sorting activities of sizes as well as clothes with different features (buttons, zippers, etc.). To celebrate their hard work, families were invited to school to see the accomplishments of their children. Students were excited to have their families visit and the highlight of the event was designing a t-shirt with puff paint! This was an excellent opportunity for parents to see what their children have learned throughout this investigation.

