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Robert L. Craig Newsletter December 2019



Every Child. Every Day. Every Chance.

Board of Education Members:

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

Meeting Dates:

December 10, 2019
6:30 P.M.
RLC cafeteria

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

Winter is upon us. Please visit the school website for our inclement weather procedures. We are excited about all the competitions and programs happening this winter. Please keep a look out for information from the school and the YMCA. Winter break is December 23, 2019 - January 2. Although we are excited about winter break, we want to finish these last two weeks strong. As we prepare for our 2019-2020 assessments, we are utilizing our Saturday school to give our students extra assistance and an academic boost. We continue to collaborate with the YMCA to enhance our children's academic and social-emotional experiences.

Sincerely,

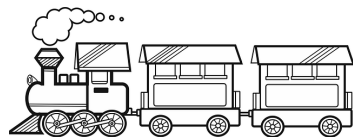
Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal

Always Remember: Do Your Best and You Are Special!



PTO News

Happy Holidays!! Tis the season! Our students had a great time Friday evening watching the Polar Express wearing their new pajamas donated by a Moonachie business and on Saturday morning playing BINGO with Santa. Our Christmas Shoppe will be open on the 10th, during the school day, and the 11th during the school day until 6 p.m. There are some cute unique gifts available for purchase. If anyone would like to volunteer for any of our planned activities, please contact a PTO member! Wishing you all a happy holiday season!



REMINDER from Nurse Donna Gallo

PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE FLU VACCINE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2019 TO CONTINUE WITH SCHOOL IN JANUARY 2020. IT IS THE LAW!! Turn in your paperwork now to avoid missing school. Please contact Ms. Gallo with these or any other health concerns regarding your child.

Donna M. Gallo BSN, MEd, RN

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Here is a great resource from the CDC: *How to Help Fight Germs, Like Flu* <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everyday-preventive-actions-8.5x11.pdf>

Important Dates

- 12/3 In-house basketball 6-8 pm
Parent ESL class 6:30-8 pm
- 12/4 Officer Phil assembly (Gr. K-4)
- 12/5 In-house basketball 6-8 pm
Parent ESL class 6:30-8 pm
- 12/6 PTO Polar Express movie night
- 12/7 YMCA Program 8:30am-12:30pm,
BINGO 11 am-1 pm, Borough Tree
Lighting 7 pm
- 12/10 Holiday Shop school day, In-house
basketball 6-8 pm, Parent ESL
class 6:30-8 pm, BOE meeting
6:30 pm
- 12/11 Holiday Shop school day and 3-
6pm
- 12/12 Geography Bee 12:30-2:45 pm,
Burger King Cash-O-La 5-7 pm, In-
house basketball 6-8 pm, Parent
ESL class 6:30-8 pm
- 12/13 Progress reports distributed,
WRHS holiday concert 1pm, Rec
Night (grades 3-4) 6-8 pm
- 12/14 YMCA Program 8:30am-12:30pm
- 12/17 Parent ESL class 6:30-8 pm
- 12/18-31 YMCA Program closed
- 12/20 Holiday concert 9:30 am,
Early 1 pm dismissal
- 12/23-1/1 School closed winter break



THE RLC BEAT

By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse

Snow has fallen and winter weather is upon us. Here are some suggestions for keeping your child warm inside, outside and at school. Dress your child warmly for the outdoor weather. They should be wearing hats, gloves (or mittens), scarf and a winter coat. Hooded sweatshirt jackets alone are not warm enough for outside. Remember a good rule of thumb for young children is to dress them in one extra layer of clothing than you would wear.

Remember that school at times can be chilly. It is best to dress your child in layers and have them keep a sweater or sweatshirt jacket handy should they feel cold. Long-sleeved tee shirts work well as the first layer. Be mindful that students will go outside for recess when it is above freezing, so please dress them warm enough. Happy Holidays from your school nurse...Ms. Gallo

We would like to **CONGRATULATE**

Amber Collado, Ethan Montero and Jerry Rivera
for being chosen as the
November Students of the Month!



Meadowlands Area YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Center

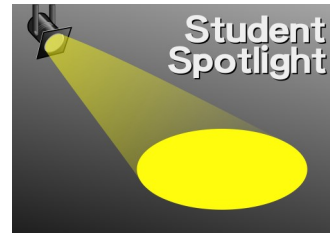


November at YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program

The Meadowlands YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Center at Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie, New Jersey, participated in the 4H Rutgers Garden Club and Hoppy Quest.

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, the students celebrated Thanksgiving with turkey and lots of healthy fixings. The YMCA staff cooked two 20 lb turkeys, that were donated by Shoprite, for all the students to enjoy. They also helped to prepare delicious stuffing and fresh salad. The children enjoyed all the food that was prepared along with sugar free holiday pies for dessert. They were all very thankful to the YMCA staff who worked together to create a luscious healthy feast!

It was a joyous and thankful celebration for all our children and staff.



After months of hard work, the Robert L. Craig STEAM Team earned 4th place in the middle school division of the New Jersey School Boards Association's STEAM Tank Challenge. The STEAM Tank Challenge is a state-wide competition created and sponsored by NJSBA and the U.S. Army. The goal of STEAM Tank is to encourage New Jersey's public school students in the areas of STEAM – science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math. The competition asks student teams to invent something new, modify an existing product, or identify a situation or real-world problem that needs resolution, and present their idea to a panel of judges.

The RLC STEAM Team's project, called Thermo-volt, disinfects towels and other linens, killing bacteria, viruses, and fungi with UV lights. The students researched the effectiveness of UV lights, before testing their project. They also consulted with subject matter experts from universities and companies to gain specific information about their idea and design, and put out a survey to hotels, gyms, hospitals, and spas to determine the marketability of their project. The team presented their project on October 22nd at the NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, and were the only group from Bergen County in their division.