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Robert L. Craig Newsletter

February 2020



Every Child. Every Day. Every Chance.

Board of Education Members:

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

Meeting Dates:

February 11 and 25, 2020
6:30 P.M.
RLC cafeteria

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

Winter is not yet over. Please be on the lookout for delayed openings and snow days. We have enhanced our Saturday tutoring program. Our STEAM team will be competing in the regionals at Liberty Science Center. We are excited about these opportunities. Read Across America will be taking place in March and we will be having a jungle theme this year. We look forward to having all of our families participate. School will be closed Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17 for President's Day.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal

Always Remember: Do Your Best and You Are Special!



PTO News

Hello Moonachie families! We can't believe we are halfway into the school year. We hope you've taken a look at our Valentine's Day fundraiser! The cookies are delicious and would make a great gift. The book fair is coming up in March. It will conclude on literacy night! Also, looking ahead, we really need volunteers for Green Eggs and Ham and the book fair. Please reach out to a PTO member for details. Thank you for your support! Remember that it helps fund future programs at the school!



ANNOUNCEMENT

The YMCA 21st CCLC and Robert L. Craig School started its Saturday School Program providing free academic support and tutoring for students in Grades 1 to 8. We offer the extra help many children need to stay on track in school, plus specialized programs like Chess and test prep to help accelerate and encourage learning for all students. If you are interested in any of our programs for your child, please contact Dr. Ponds at the school or call Mr. Facendola at 201-206-8774.

If you are interested being a part of our ESL Program, please contact Dr. Ponds at the school or call Mr. Facendola at 201-206-8774.

Important Dates

- 2/4 Report cards distributed
- 2/7 Rec Night (Gr. 3-5) 6-8 pm
- 2/8 YMCA Saturday program
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, in-house
basketball (K-4) 11:00 am
- 2/11 BOE meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/13 Student Council Valentine Dance
6:30-9:00 pm, YMCA afterschool
program closed
- 2/14 School closed
- 2/15 YMCA Saturday program and in-
house basketball closed
- 2/17 School closed
- 2/18 YMCA afterschool program closed
- 2/21 Rec Night (Gr. 6-8) 6-8 pm
- 2/22 YMCA Saturday program
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, in-house
basketball (K-4) 11:00 am
- 2/25 BOE meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/28 Rec Night (Gr. K-2) 6-8 pm
- 2/29 YMCA Saturday program
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, in-house
basketball (K-4) 11:00 am



THE RLC  BEAT

By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse

February is dental hygiene month so time to talk teeth! Too many families drink sugary beverages with their meals. Drinks such as soda, sports drinks, punch and even fruit juice contain large amounts of sugar that can cause cavities, diabetes and obesity. Limit sugary drinks to special occasions only. Offer your child low-fat milk or water instead. Please watch this short video on the importance of drinking water.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T8uHVa9z90>



We would like to **CONGRATULATE**
Justin Zero, Raquel Sanchez and Leah Ceballos
for being chosen as the January
Students of the Month!



**Meadowlands Area YMCA
21st Century Community
Learning Center**

January at YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program



Robotics Tournament

On January 22nd The Meadowlands YMCA and Robert L. Craig School hosted a robotics competition for middle schools in Bergen County. Eighteen students from Robert L. Craig participated in the competition and came in first place.

Fashion Show

Students in grades 3 and 4 have been taking weekly fashion design classes. They were guided by instructors from Hobby Quest to design and decorate their own shirts. On January 27th parents were invited to watch their children walk down the runway and show off their beautiful designs.

Chess Tournament

The Meadowlands Area YMCA and Robert L Craig School held their first annual Quad Chess Challenge on Saturday, January 25th. Twenty students of varying grade levels and ability were broken down into five different quads (groups of four where each player in a quad competed against the others in their group in a round robin fashion). The winner of each quad received a first place trophy and the rest of the players all received Chess medals.

All the players had a great time and several asked when the next one will be held. That is to be determined, but the Meadowlands YMCA and the Robert L Craig School hold a weekly Saturday morning Chess training/playing program from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at the school. All RLC students are invited to attend.



Can You Spell Better Than a Middle Schooler?

Twelve 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students recently participated in a spelling bee sponsored by the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Our spellers were well prepared, and the final rounds became very intense, but Parneet Kaur could not be out-spelled and won first place! Honors also go to Misha Panchal (8th grade) who came in second place and Ryan Tu (6th grade) who came in 3rd place. Special recognition belongs to Austin Delcid Reyes who lasted many rounds and was the last 7th grader standing! Parneet moved on to the next round to represent RLC at the North Jersey Competition held in Hasbrouck Heights. I-m-p-r-e-s-s-i-v-e!

