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Robert L. Craig Newsletter

January 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:

January 2 and 22, 2019
6:30 P.M.
RLC Cafeteria

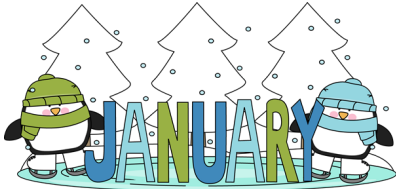
From the Desk of Dr. Jonathan Ponds, **Superintendent/Principal**

As we are in the middle of the winter season, this is a reminder to please be on the lookout for delayed openings and snow days. Again, please review the documents sent home and on our school website for procedures. When the spring comes, also comes state testing. We will be starting PARCC Academy for students in grades 4—8. We will also be having a vacation school during spring break. We will be in contact with parents. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal

Always Remember: Do Your Best and You Are Special!



PTO News



Happy New Year! There is a PTO meeting on January 8th at 7PM in the cafeteria. The PTO is getting ready to launch our Valentine's Day Sale at the end of the month. Please be on the lookout for the flyers to order your Valentine some treats. The PTO is already planning for the end of the school year. There will be vacant PTO board member seats that need to be filled.

We are looking for interested parents to please consider stepping up to fill those seats. The PTO does so many important things that enrich the experiences of all the children at RLC. Without strong parental involvement to continue this great work it will be a challenge to continue offering programs and activities that benefit the RLC community. If you are interested please contact us either through school or our Facebook page or via email on the moonachieschool.org website.

State Assessment Update

NJDOE has changed the name of the state assessments from PARCC to NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessments). The testing platform and standards assessed all remain the same. Additionally, the number of units have decreased for both Language Arts and Math. In the coming weeks, your student will be bringing home the assessment schedule for grades 3-8. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns jknipper@moonachieschool.org.



Important Dates

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| 1/2 | BOE Meeting 6:30 pm |
| 1/8 | PTO Meeting 7 pm |
| 1/10 | YMCA Program closed |
| 1/10 | Burger King Cash-O-La 5-7 pm |
| 1/11 | YMCA Program closed |
| 1/11 | Rec Night (Grades K-2) 6-8 pm |
| 1/15 | Officer Phil Assembly
(Grades K-4) 1:30 pm |
| 1/18 | YMCA Program closed |
| 1/18 | Rec Night (Grades 3-5) 6-8 pm |
| 1/21 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day -
School closed |
| 1/24 | Spelling Bee |
| 1/25 | Rec Night (Grades 6-8) 6-8 pm |
| 1/28 | PTO Valentine sale begins |
| 1/31 | 2nd Marking Period ends |





THE RLC BEAT

By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse

Happy New Year RLC family! Parents want a healthier lifestyle for their children. *KidsHealth* recommends the **5-2-1-Almost None** formula to help parents prevent childhood obesity and improve their child's good health. The **5-2-1-Almost None** formula recommends:

- Eat **5** or more fruits and vegetables daily
- Limit screen time to less than **2** hours each day
- Do at least **1** hour of physical activity daily
- And drink **almost none** of soda, sports drinks or sugary beverages each day

For more information on the **5-2-1-Almost None** program and tips to improve your child's overall well-being, please visit KidsHealth <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/healthy-lifestyle.html>

We would like to **CONGRATULATE**

Penelope Jaconetta, Alexander Lopez and

Marc Youhana for being chosen as the

December Students of the Month!



Meadowlands Area YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Center



Saturday School Program and Holiday Celebration

On Saturday, November 3rd, 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, Robotics 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.

Students celebrated the Holiday season by creating Gingerbread Houses and a having a Holiday Party on Tuesday, Dec18th.



National Geographic Geography Bee Held at RLC

On Thursday, December 1, 2018, twelve students from the Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie participated in the annual National Geographic Geography Bee. Participants included four representatives from grades six through eight each. Contestants were selected from preliminary contests held in their Social Studies classes. Participants included:

6th Graders: Jadyn Arnone, Mohamad Karboj, Sofia Mata & Peter Yang

7th Graders: Parneet Kaur, Anissa Lena, Zachary Macalintal & Ariana Silva

8th Graders: Joesph Berrios, Abigail Chandra, Henry Sanchez & Antonio Testino

Students had to answer questions relating to U.S, world, and cultural geography, and were eliminated after getting three wrong questions. The last two remaining contestants competed in a final round, where they both received the same questions.

The runner-up in the school wide competition was seventh grader, Anissa Lena, and the 2018 - 2019 Robert L. Craig School National Geographic Geography Bee Champion was eighth grader, Henry Sanchez. Congratulations, Henry! Henry will now take a qualifying examination for the state geography bee which will be held at Rowan University in April

A special thanks goes out to Mr. Greg P. Keelen for coordinating the Bee.

