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## Robert L. Craig Newsletter

### June 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:

June 11, July 16, August 13,  
2019 at 6:30 P.M.  
RLC Cafeteria

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

The end of the year is upon us; however, the school will be open. We have a plethora of programs. The YMCA and the Moonachie Recreation Department will be partnering to bring not only academics, but also enrichment programs. We will also have tutoring programs going on and as always, we will be doing our summer reading initiative. It has been a wonderful school year. Thank you so much for all the hard work.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal

*Always Remember: Do Your Best and  
You Are Special!*



Have a WONDERFUL summer and  
please make sure to  
**READ, READ, READ!**



#### **PTO News**

What an amazing school year at RLC! The PTO would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent volunteers who help to make our school the best place to be. We would also like to thank the teachers, support staff, and administrators who have worked with us this year to enhance the experience of all the kids at RLC. We had a ton of fun! In September, we welcomed our teacher's back to school with breakfast and participated in back to school night. In October, we hosted the family Halloween party. November we held our fall book fair and the polar express movie night. December we played BINGO with Santa and hosted the holiday shop. In March, we participated in Read across America Week and hosted a Green Eggs and Ham party. In April, we hosted the spring book fair and the spring fling dance that featured our school mascots. We celebrated teacher appreciation week in May with a week of events dedicated to honoring our terrific staff. June is the month we celebrate our graduates and participate in Graduation. Mia Rubin and Robyn Monti will be leaving the PTO at the end of the school year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the RLC community. Please consider becoming an involved parent. The kids need you! Please contact the PTO if you wish to be involved in the 2019/2020 school year.

***Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart – Elizabeth Andrew***  
Adrianna Ayres President (973-699-3996), Linda Esposito Secretary, Brenda Garcia Treasurer  
Crystal Lopez Board Member and Jen Turbay Board Member

#### **Important Dates**

- 6/3 PTO Father's Day sale begins, Pre-K Fun Bus
- 6/4 Grade 2 and Grade 3 field trips, Pre-K Family Night 6-7pm
- 6/5 Grade 4 field trip, Moonachie Sports Night 6:30pm
- 6/6 Last day of the YMCA program
- 6/7 8th grade Student Day, L.E.A.D. basketball game 7pm
- 6/8 YMCA Saturday Program 9am-12pm, Chess tournament 9am
- 6/11 BOE meeting 6:30pm
- 6/12 PTO Father's Day sale ends
- 6/13 Pre-K celebration 9:30am, Burger King Cash-O-La 5-7pm
- 6/14 Kindergarten celebration 10am, Father's Day sale distributed
- 6/15 YMCA Saturday Program 9am-12pm
- 6/17 Early dismissal 1pm
- 6/18 Early dismissal 1pm, 8th grade graduation 6pm
- 6/19 Early dismissal 1pm - Last day of school
- 6/21 YMCA begins 8:30am-12, Moonachie Summer Rec begins 8:30am-2:30pm



## THE RLC BEAT

**By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse**

JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> IS FAMILY HEALTH & FITNESS DAY

Studies show that children who live near and frequent parks weigh less than children who live in less green areas. In addition to the Robert Craig School playgrounds and field, Moonachie is fortunate to have the Joseph Street Park and the ballfields on Redneck Avenue. Parks provide a connections to nature, relieve stress, tighten interpersonal relationships and improve mental health. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) recommends you celebrate Family Health and Fitness Day this weekend (and every weekend in June) by doing the following: Walk to the park as a family, swim if you are able, enroll in a fitness program, start your own exercise routine, play outside with your children. Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using #NRPFamilyFitDay. For additional information, visit [www.nrpa.org/familyfitness](http://www.nrpa.org/familyfitness).

We would like to **CONGRATULATE** Christina Sibre, Jill Patel and Aedan Choi for being chosen as the May Students of the Month!



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



The YMCA 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC and Robert L. Craig School continued its Saturday School Program providing free academic support and tutoring for students in Grades 3 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. We started our vacation school program over spring break and will continue this program during the month of August.

The Chess team had a scrimmage against West New York on Saturday, May 11, and participated in The Northwest NJ Scholastic Team Tournament at Sussex County Community College in Newton, NJ on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, from 9am to 2pm.

The YMCA 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC afterschool program displayed the opening of the garden and handed out apples and oranges that were donated by Segovia Restaurant and Gargiulo Produce at the Curriculum Expo on Thursday, May 9.

The YMCA 21st CCLC Free Summer Program for Grades 3 to 8 begins Friday, June 21, 2019 to Friday July 26, 2019 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. We offer tutoring, STEAM activities, enrichment classes and field trips. If you are interested in any of our programs for your child, please contact Mr. Facendola at 201-206-8774.



### **Big News in Pre-School!**

Another Family Engagement Night was held this week for Pre-K4 families to attend with their children. The children enjoyed using magna-tiles, making unicorn slime, and sensory bottles to explore STEAM topics. They worked together with their peers and families to investigate, and problem solve.

