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Robert L. Craig Newsletter

November 2018



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:

November 13, 2018
6:30 P.M.
RLC Cafeteria

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

It has been a wonderful month of school. We are looking forward to a great fall. As the days turn colder, please remember to have your children dress appropriately. Saturday school and chess have started on November 5th. If you are interested in chess or tutoring, please call the school and ask for Mr. Facendola or myself. We are excited about our academic growth on our 2017-2018 assessments. We want to collaborate with everyone to assure our continued success. It takes a village; we need your input.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., Superintendent/Principal

Always Remember: Do Your Best and You Are Special!

PTO News

October was a great month! We celebrated with our Annual Family Halloween Day. The kids had fun trick or treating and parading in their favorite costumes. The day ended with the Halloween Party where everyone enjoyed music, dancing and games. November starts with the Scholastic Book Fair on November 6th and 7th. The Square One Art sale starts on November 19th. Every child has drawn a picture that will be sent home and families can order items made with their child's creation. This is a great idea Holiday gift. The month ends with the Polar Express Movie Night for grades Pre-k to 5 on November 30th in the gym.



Happy Thanksgiving to all
PTO

Important Dates

- 11/5 PTO Square One Art Sale starts
- 11/6 Scholastic Book Fair 9am - 3pm and 6pm - 7pm
- 11/7 Scholastic Book Fair 9am - 3pm
- 11/7 Fire Prevention assembly Pre-K - 4
- 11/7 First Marking Period ends
- 11/8-11/9 School Closed
- 11/12 Second Marking Period begins
- 11/13 Report cards distributed, BOE Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/14 Parent conferences 1pm dismissal, YMCA program closed
- 11/15 Parent conferences 1pm dismissal, YMCA program closed, Burger King Cash-O-La 5-7 pm
- 11/16 Rec. Night 6-8pm (Grades 3-5), YMCA program closed
- 11/21 1pm dismissal, YMCA program closed
- 11/22-11/23 School closed
- 11/29 School picture retakes
- 11/30 Polar Express Movie Night (PreK-5)

REMINDER from Nurse Donna Gallo

PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MUST HAVE FLU VACCINE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2018 TO CONTINUE WITH SCHOOL IN JANUARY 2019. 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.

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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>



THE RLC BEAT

By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse

Did you know that New Jersey Law requires all children under 17 years old must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle? 40% of all bicycle accident deaths are children and head injuries is the number one reason. Wearing a helmet decreases the chance of a head injury by 90%. Inexpensive helmets can be found for under \$20. Protect your child and obey the law. Insist that your child wear a helmet. They are worth it!



We would like to **CONGRATULATE**

Jessica Chimbay, Ambar Avila and

J-Lin De Los Santos for being chosen as the

October Students of the Month!



Supporting Your Early Reader

By: Ms. Mawdsley

Wondering what you can do to help your young child learn to read? There are many things parents can do to support this essential skill even before your child starts to read.

- Read regularly to your child! This helps to develop vocabulary, learn about characters, plot, book structure, print, and learn that stories have a beginning, middle and end. It also introduces them to a good story and introduces reading as a positive activity they will associate with "parent time."
- Ask your child questions about the story before, during and after reading. This will strengthen comprehension.
- Teach your child the letters and sounds of the alphabet. ABC books, letter blocks, and magnet letters are great toys to help children learn the sounds.
- Have your child look for and read familiar signs when in the car, on a bus, or walking. (STOP signs, Walmart signs, etc.)
- Talk (and sing) to your children regularly. Language is the foundation for literacy. If you want your child to be a good reader, he/she needs to be exposed to a significant quantity and variety of words.
- Ask your child to tell you a story and write down what they say, even something as simple as listing what they like. Again, this reinforces the idea of the print and language connection. Keep pencils, crayons, and markers on hand for writing and practicing writing. Those early scribbles and doodles are an important step towards literacy development!



Meadowlands Area YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Center



October at YMCA 21st CCLC Afterschool Program

Meadowlands YMCA 21st Century Community Learning Center at Robert L. Craig School in Moonachie, New Jersey participated in Lights on Afterschool on Thursday, October 26th. Our children celebrated Lights on Afterschool by decorating light bulb cookies and coloring light bulbs. For Halloween students created chocolate dipped pretzel rods.

