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Moonachie Families and Friends-

We hope everyone is enjoying this extremely mild winter and this community update finds you well. As we begin to navigate the last third of the 2022-2023 school year, we wanted to inform everyone of things happening and upcoming events.

Playground

The playground replacement project has begun! We are projecting a three-week timeline, ready for spring! Please stay clear of the area that is marked with construction fencing during this time.

Ice Skating

The free ice-skating event at Van Saun Park is rescheduled to Saturday, February 25th at 5pm. Here is the updated flyer with information and to pre-register: [Ice Skating Information](#)

Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week is next week! We are looking forward to a wonderful week of celebrating the joy of reading with our students and families! Our theme is: Cultural Literacy. Please see attached flyer with events for each day: [Read Across America Daily Events](#)

Cultural Literacy Night

Join us on Thursday, March 2nd from 6:30pm-8:00pm at RLC for our Cultural Literacy Night, as we celebrate reading and Moonachie's diverse cultures! More information: [Cultural Literacy Night - March 2nd](#)

Book Fair

The Spring PTO Book Fair is on Wednesday, March 1st and Thursday, March 2nd. The Book Fair is OPEN to families during our Cultural Literacy Night on the evening of Thursday, March 2nd.

STEAM TEAMS

Congratulations to our STEAM TEAMS! All three (3) of the RLC STEAM TEAMS have earned a spot in the Regional Finals of the STEAM TANK Challenge next Tuesday, 2/28! Congratulations to our teams and good luck!

PTO Events & Dances

Our amazing PTO continues to host exciting events for our students and families! The VIP Dance for grades K-5 was great! The next event is a Middle School Dance, for grades 6-8, on Friday, March 24th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. More information forthcoming.

Strengthening Families

RLC is excited to host another wonderful resource for our families. Strengthening Families is a program offered through a grant with the State of NJ. It is designed to build stronger bonds between parents and their

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children. The program consists of 7 sessions with dinner, babysitting, and a \$100 gift card provided to families upon completion. You must pre-register by clicking on this link: [Strengthening Families Information](#)

National Junior Honor Society Induction

On January 19th, the newest members of our National Junior Honor Society were inducted! Congratulations to our newest members for earning this honor and to our veteran members for always modeling the NJHS Pillars of Excellence: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship!

Assembly Sponsored by the PTO

Our PTO is sponsoring an assembly on March 16th by the Harlem Wizards. Topics of discussion will be teamwork, respect, hard work, well-being, and kindness/anti-bullying. Please join us at home continuing these discussions with your students.

Attendance Matters

The State of NJ defines Chronic Absenteeism as missing 10% or more of school, regardless of the reason. Letters went out to families this week for children who are over or approaching this threshold. We know and appreciate the importance of family events, family vacations, and that this winter has been exceptionally difficult with a variety of illness. As we enter the warmer months, please make every effort to get your students to school when not ill.

Positions Available

The YMCA After School program is still looking for counselors from 3pm-6pm, daily. Please contact Mr. Facendola for more information.

RLC is in need of daily substitutes as well as Part-Time Classroom Aides. Please contact Ms. Alyssa Spitaleri in our main office for more information if you are interested in learning more about these positions.

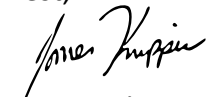
Revised Calendar for 22/23 & 23/24 Calendar

If a revised calendar is necessary, due to unused Snow Days, it will be provided on or around April 1st.

The 2023-2024 Calendar is being finalized and will be shared shortly.

As you can see, there are so many wonderful things happening within our RLC community! We encourage all parents to continue to engage with your teacher, our school, and most importantly, with your child! As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. I can always be reached by calling the main office at (201) 641-5833 or e-mail at jknipper@moonachieschool.org.

Best,



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