



December 2023 Newsletter

Dear Royersford Families,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful community we have here at Royersford Elementary School. It has been a joyous and enriching journey of learning and growth.

This time of year reminds us of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and togetherness. I am immensely grateful for our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our incredible students who bring energy and enthusiasm to our school every day.

May this holiday season bring you warmth, joy, and cherished moments with your loved ones. As we pause to celebrate, let us also embrace the spirit of giving and compassion, extending a helping hand to those in need.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Royersford family. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with hope, health, and happiness.

Warm regards,

Teresa M. Carboy, Ed.D

Principal

WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT -

With the approach of our holiday season comes the fabulous winter concert presented by our Third Grade Students and Mrs. Kay Clauss! Each 3rd grade class has been hard at work over the last few weeks learning several holiday songs. This year the performance will take place on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 pm. Students are asked to arrive by 6:15 in their concert attire (no jeans and t-shirts please) and report to the music room. Parents should go directly to the all-purpose room.



Concert Etiquette Tips to share with your kids:

- Refrain from talking during the performance
- Remain seated during a musical selection
- Turn off or silent all electronic devices
- Applause at the end of each selection is appreciated
- Please remove a disruptive child from the room if possible

IT'S BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF FUN !!!!!

Once again, the RES PTO Gingerbread house contest is getting ready to begin! There will be two categories, Student House and Family House with gift cards as prizes. Flyers have gone home detailing the rules and categories. So, start getting your creative ideas ready!



HELP US HELP OTHERS

During the month of December RES is hosting the Giving Tree project again this year. The purpose of the Giving Tree is to come together as a school community to assist RES families who need help for the holidays. Donations are being accepted now through December 15. Each child who donates will be given an ornament kit to take home to assemble. The ornament will be brought back and hung on the Giving Tree. The ornaments serve as a visual reminder of the generosity of our RES families.



Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW.....



Winter weather is not far away so it is important that you have your Skylert account up to date with all your current phone numbers as well as email address' in the event that we have a delayed opening, closing or cancellation of school. In the event of a two hour delay, Morning Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 4, school will begin at **11:00AM**. Those students in PM Kindergarten, school will begin at **2:00PM**.

Also please be sure to send your kids to school with the proper attire for outside recess. Our district wide recess policy is as follows:

- We will use WeatherBug (which averages the wind chill) as a tool to decide regarding recess for students.
- If the wind chill is below freezing, but above 20 degrees, lunch recess is at half time (15 minutes.)
- If the wind chill is 20 degrees or lower, students do not go out at all for recess.
- High winds (sustained winds of 15-18 MPH or greater) regardless of the temperature cancels recess.
- Weather decisions related to recess will be announced before 11 am when the weather is questionable.



GOLDEN AWARDS 2023-2024



Once again, our special area teachers will award various homerooms for good behavior during our celebration assemblies which are held at the end of each marking period. Homerooms receive a special trophy that they hold on to for an entire marking period. Here are the classrooms that received awards for the 1st marking period

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| Golden Book: | Mrs. Ellis (K-2) | Mrs. Thompson (3-4) |
| Golden RAM Quest: | Mrs. Vaccaro (K-2) | Mrs. Thompson (3-4) |
| Golden Note: | Ms. Nealon (K-2) | Mrs. Trimble (3-4) |
| Golden Sneaker: | Mrs. Kurtas (K-2) | Ms. Hunsicker (3-4) |
| Golden Paintbrush: | Mrs. Ellis (K-2) | Mrs. Trimble (3-4) |



GRATITUDE TREE – The RES Student Leadership Team put together an activity to highlight the virtue of gratitude. Students in the school were asked to highlight the things they were most grateful for and write it on their leaf, which became the “Gratitude Tree.” This was a project during the month of November. Under the direction of Ms. Hunsicker and Mr. Mest, the Student Leadership Team continues to focus on guiding projects and building school culture at RES.



December School Nurse Updates



Covid and other Respiratory Illnesses

Based on the Montgomery County Health Department, Covid and other respiratory illnesses (e.g., RSV, the Flu) will fall under the normal sick policy at Spring-Ford Area School District at this time.

Please follow these steps if your child tested positive for COVID, the Flu, or another respiratory illness:

- Call in the absence as normal to the attendance line. There is no need to report information to the school nurse.
- Monitor symptoms at home and contact your PCP or family health provider with specific questions or concern
- Students can return to school when fever free for **24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication** (Tylenol, Advil, etc.) and when they are well enough to participate at school. There is no mandated quarantine time.
- When your student returns to school, please send them in with a note for the days that they were absent. Masking is optional.

Additional actions you can take to help protect you, your household, and your community:

- Stay up to date on vaccinations
- Stay home when sick
- Optimize ventilation
- Hand hygiene
- Cover coughs
- Cleaning and disinfection



Cough Drops at School

Cough drops are available in the nurse's office for students who have coughs or sore throats. The general rule used by the nurses is a student can have up to 2 cough drops a day for 2-3 days. If a student needs cough drops past this time period or would prefer to have their own brand/flavor, parents can send in cough drops to school. (Please do not send in lollipops) In elementary school, the nurse or the teacher should keep the cough drops to ensure that they are being used properly and not shared.



Chapstick

We have all probably noticed our lips getting chapped all of a sudden as the weather has changed and the heat is on. It is a great idea to send in a Chapstick that your student can keep at school in their desk to use as needed, especially before or after outdoor recess. Vaseline/Aquaphor is also always available at the Nurse's Office whenever needed.



School Nurse Contest for Winter 2023 Coming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The contest is a **Healthy Fruit and Veggie Snack Challenge** and here are the basics:

Every time a student Grades 1-4 brings a **fruit** or **vegetable** for snack time from *January 3rd to February 16th*, they can add a mark on a 100-count chart in their classroom. The class with the most fruit and veggies will also get a prize

©. This contest is optional but a great way to add fruit and/or veggies to our kiddos' diets.

An email with a reminder that the contest is starting and more details to come.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec 5 - T-Shirt Tuesday - Wear your RES T-shirts

Dec 8 - Festive/Ugly holiday sweater - Wear your ugliest most festive sweater

Dec 11 - Winter Concert 6:30pm (students arrive 6:15pm)

Dec 18 - 22 Pre-Winter Break Spirit Week!

Dec 18 - Wear your favorite winter hat/scarf

Dec 19 - Holiday pajamas

Dec 20 - Wear something sparkly, shiny, white, or bright

Dec 21 - Wear your favorite holiday colors

Dec 22 - Wear your favorite holiday sweater

Jan 10 - Virtual PTO Meeting 7:00pm (this is a date change from Jan 11)

Jan 12 - Family BINGO Night

Feb 5 thru 9 - SOUPer Bowl Food Drive

Dec 23 thru Jan 2 - Winter Break

We will see everybody back on January 3rd, 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

