

December 2018

* Resource Schedule

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3 * 5 Soccer Club Cheerleading Club	4 * 1 Student Led Conferences 5:30 pm - 7 pm Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club Student Council Officers 3:30 pm	5 * 2 K - 2nd Musical Auditions 3:30 pm - 6 pm Odyssey of the Mind Club Student Council Representatives 7:30 am	6 * 3 Young Achievers Club (4th & 5th) Wilderness Club	7 * 4 3rd - 5th Musical Auditions 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	8
9	10 * 5 Soccer Club Cheerleading Club	11 * 1 Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club	12 * 2 SAC Mtg. 3:45 pm	13 * 3 PTO meeting 3:30 pm Young Achievers Club (4th & 5th) Odyssey of the Mind Club Wilderness Club	14 * 4 Giving Tree	15 Pancakes with Santa 10 am - 12 am
Holiday Shop - Students shop during media resource						
16	17 * 5 Soccer Club Cheerleading Club	18 * 1 Otterly Outstanding 9:30 am Young Achievers Club (2nd & 3rd) S.T.A.G.E. Chess Club	19 * 2 3rd - 5th grade Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m. PBIS Ugly Sweater \$1	20 * 3 Young Achievers Club (4th & 5th) Odyssey of the Mind Club Wilderness Club	21 * 4 Early Release Students released at 1:15 pm	22
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No School - Winter Break						
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TOGETHER WE RISE!

A Note from the Principal

I would like to thank all our families for your continuous support. Our staff plans a variety of activities to develop well rounded students and you never cease to amaze in regards to how much you are willing to give in order to support student growth. Last month we had our Mother / Son dance, ESOL night, Staff Talent Show, Relay for Life/Campout, and Canned Food Drive. Research shows parent involvement increases student success. All we have to do to see proof of that is to look around us. Our parents are involved in so many ways. For your support, we thank you.

This month brings student-led conferences, auditions for our fourth annual musical, Giving Tree Event, the Holiday Shop, and Pancakes with Santa. Again, your support is what makes all of these events possible.

As we approach the holiday break I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well—Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza, and a good Winer Solstice. Enjoy the season and here's to a Healthy and Happy 2019!

~ Mrs. Walukiewicz

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Growth Mindset

I made a mistake



Mistakes help me learn

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Please go to the St. Lucie School Board website, select "Our Schools," and click on Rivers Edge Elementary. Click on our website and then scroll down to find "Calendar and Newsletter." Click on it and the list will be on the left hand side.

Grade Level News

Kindergarten - December is an action-packed month. Our Kindergarteners have started taking home the SFA Reading Books, along with the Read and Respond papers to be signed every day. The students will also be learning about different types of weather. So, ask your meteorologist “what will the weather be?” They also will be learning about the season winter. Maybe we could make a sandman! We will celebrate the different holidays around the world. The children will make crafts, sing songs, listen to stories, and watch educational videos on the various countries we explore. In Math we will be doing addition and subtraction. As you can see the children will be actively engaged in exciting activities. The Kindergarten Team wishes you a Happy New Year!

First Grade - Our hearts are full of love and gratitude as we move into December. We have been studying historical resources and timelines. Now we are sharing personal timelines and our life stories with our classmates as well as discussing the similarities and differences. The timelines are amazing! In math, we continue to add strategies to our math toolbox: count on from the greater number, think addition to solve subtraction, use fact families and draw a picture. The First Grade Teachers wish you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season.

Second Grade - The holidays are upon us! Second grade is going to be mighty busy the next few weeks. In math, we will be working on analyzing data and geometry. In reading, we will be working on compare and contrast, and how an author uses reasons to support specific points. For content, our theme is Energy. Happy Holidays!

Just for FUN

When Santa wanted to change his name, his wife told him “No.”
Santa asked, “Why?”
She responded, “Just be Clause.”

Third Grade - December is upon us and third grade is heading off to a successful completion of the second semester. Our kiddos have been learning about area. We will be moving to perimeter and working with fractions in the next couple of weeks. Currently, we are progressing through our unit on Energy and working on comparing and contrasting the key details and most important pieces of information between two texts. We are super excited to start our exploration of geography in our next unit on Maps and Globes where we will focus on describing the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text. We have some awesome activities planned as we move closer to winter break. We look forward to a wonderful December.

Fourth Grade - In reading, our fourth grade students will be working with informational and literary texts which connect to their social studies unit. They will be continuing to implement skills and strategies, such as finding the main idea of texts, using context clues to figure out unknown vocabulary, and comparing multiple text sources.

In social studies, students will use their Document Based Question books to further explore their new social studies topics.

In writing, students will be working toward improving their writing skills with the purpose of writing an opinionative essay.

Fourth grade will continue to learn about energy transformations during science. In math students will compare and identify equivalent fractions.

Fifth Grade - Exciting things are happening in 5th grade! In Social Studies, students are learning about Early European Explorers. In Writing, students are continuing to practice with gathering information to support writing their essays. In Reading, students are using multiple texts to look at how the author’s perspective influences how events are



PTO is hosting their annual Holiday Shop the week of **December 10th-14th**. Students will be given the opportunity to shop for their friends and families. Shopping will take place during students’ media resource time.



Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, December 13 at 3:30 pm in Room 307.

ALL are invited.



Join Santa for breakfast on Saturday, December 15 at REE. Hosted by the PTO, this will be a memory making morning for all!

In a continuous effort to give back to our community, we are asking families who participate in Breakfast with Santa to consider donating to “Grace Packs.” Grace Packs supply food to students who may be suffering from food insecurity by providing food items students can easily prepare themselves. Items such as granola bars / cereal bars, oatmeal packs, applesauce / fruit cups, peanut butter, jelly, juice pouches, easy Mac, Chef Boyardee, raisins and cereal will help supply breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks to those in need.



Otterly Outstanding

Congratulations to the Following Students:

Kindergarten

Bradley – Alexandria Miller
Fischer – Addison Ferreira
Freberthausen – Kylie Janez
Holbert – Daneen Casen
Jaramillo – Gordon Epperson
Epting – Matthew Sanchez
Young – Jeremiah Torres



First Grade

Carlin – Daniella Flores
Carr – Anna Larsen
Doole -Mirjah Gontran
Hodgson – Kelsey Burlace
Zaragoza – Michael Piseck



Second Grade

Brown – Zoey Dienemann
Kaste – Aaliyah Williams
Miller – Melina Gonzalez
Girling – Margaret Allen
Votino – Walter Gael Martinez
Gardner – Carmelle Wallace
Price – Dylan Hatch



Third Grade

Fawcett – Emilia Correa
Hyde – Josephine Leiti
Jean – Cesia Perez
Moler – Mia Daniel
Waffner – Jordan DiPre
Redding – Trevor Johnson
Ray – Jaxen Alexander

Fourth Grade

Owens – Jaydon Bryant
Power – Kemberlie Jean Baptiste
Ramsey – Amir Attaway
Slappey – Ayla Coleman
Brehm – Abigail Fulton
Hoffman – Jasmine Evans



Fifth Grade

Madden – Alexandra Etienne
Reynolds – Colby Master
Schroeder – Logan Benson
Slappey – Landon Miller
Woulard – Keirra Pelletier
Garcia – Veronica Forero
Hoffman - Francesca Alexis
Price – Esaeli Javier



Congratulations!

REE is proud to announce our
“of the Year” winners.

Teacher of the Year

Bridgett Hyde

Outstanding First Year Teacher

Brooke Waffner

Distinguished Minority Educator

Elena Jaramillo

School Related Employee of the Year

Maria Mendoza

Club Corner

Student Council

The Food Drive was an enormous success! The hard working members of Student Council solicited donations of food from Winn Dixie, and food and bags from Publix. They decorated the bags, collected food every morning, sorted and categorized food items, and packed up the Family Feast bags. Rivers Edge students donated hundreds of pounds of food for local Treasure Coast families. D&D Garage Doors donated \$300 in Publix gift cards. Congratulations to Mrs. Brehm's class for winning the pizza party by donating over 120 food items.

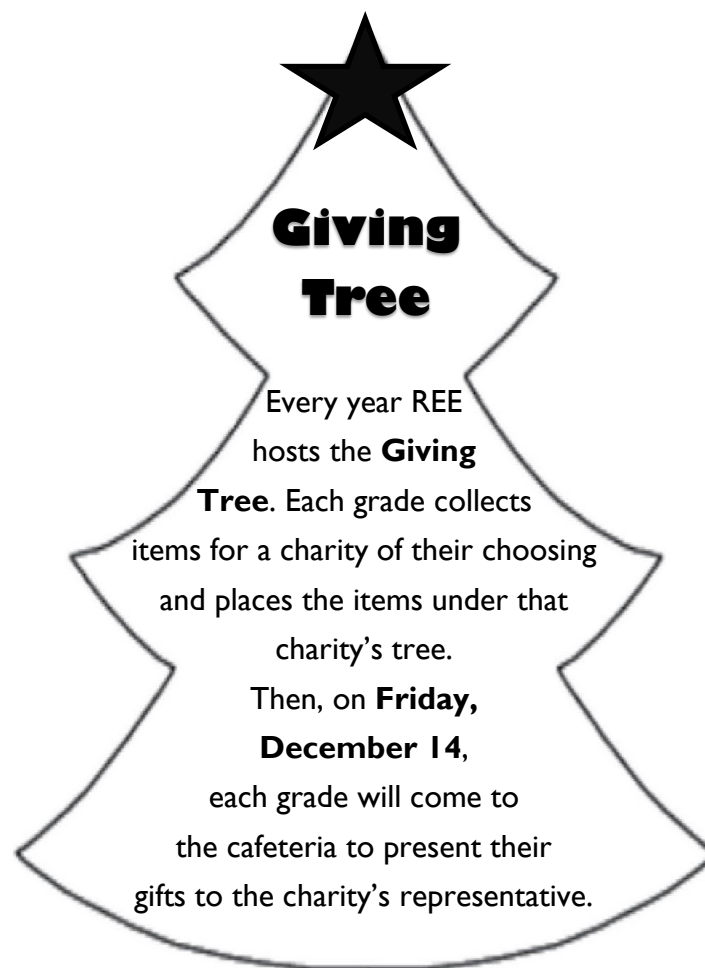
Chess Club

Students are playing mini-games to gain proficiency with each piece. This month we are playing Pawn Parade, Bishop's Beware, Queen-Rook Checkmate, Horse Race and Last Man Standing. Chess is not only a fun game but also:

- Involves all levels of critical thinking.
- Improves problem solving skills.
- Teaches concentration and self-discipline.
- Enables students to assume responsibility for their decisions.
- Rewards determination and perseverance.
- Raises self-esteem and promotes good sportsmanship.

Wilderness Club

This year is flying! We have only four hikes left for the first session of Wilderness Club. In the coming weeks we will be bird watching, searching for Native plant life and even creating a craft for our families using nature. Sign ups for Session 2 will be arriving soon so be on the lookout! Happy Trails, The Wilderness Club.



The following is a list of each grade level and the charity they are sponsoring.

Kindergarten - **Real Life Children's Ranch**

First - **Be a Santa to a Senior**

Second - **Quantum House**

Third - **The Humane Society**

Fourth - **The Salvation Army**

Fifth - **Military**

Explorer - **Toys for Tots**

told. This helps them to be able to answer questions knowledgeably and efficiently. In Math, students are continuing to work with fractions, and they have now moved into multiplication and division. In Science, students are exploring Earth and Space. Students are beginning to bring in paperwork and payments for our fun field trip that will be in May. Every Friday, students can wear their new orange 5th grade t-shirt with uniform bottoms, and they will also be able to wear this shirt for 5th grade events that will take place at the end of the year. Finally, we are really looking forward to the holidays and to the annual Giving Tree event that is held here at school. 5th grade supports the Military. Please look out for the information coming home about this.

Gifted / High Achieving

- In Reading, 3rd grade is describing characters and their traits in a story. Fourth and fifth graders are describing characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explaining how their actions contribute to the sequence of events. In Math, The 3rd and 4th grade mathematicians have finished learning about the attributes of 2 dimensional shapes and the ways they are classified. The 5th graders ended with adding and subtracting fractions. All classes incorporated food to help them make real world connections within their units. During the month of December, 3rd graders will learn how to identify and explain patterns in arithmetic which will include picture and bar graphs. 4th grade will learn to represent and solve problems involving patterns in algebra and end the month with relating fractions and decimals. Finally, the 5th graders will still be working with fractions, however they will learn how to multiply and divide fractions. Finally, in Writing/Science/Social Studies, 4th and 5th grade students are working on their Science Fair projects. They are also working on making their elaboration better during writing. 3rd grade is starting new unit in Science: Energy. We are going to have great science experiments to learn about this topic.

Resource Report

Media with Mrs. Gardner

There are a lot of special activities occurring in the media center this month. Dec. 10 - 14th, students will have an opportunity to shop in the Holiday Shop. Students will also create colorful pieces of art so loved ones can order keepsakes with their child's artwork. Order forms will be sent home after the winter break.

Music with Mr. Epting

The 3rd- 5th Grade Chorus will be presenting a holiday concert on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30pm. All are invited to come and enjoy a very special evening. Congratulations to **Anais Tavares** and **Evelyn Votino** for winning President and Vice President of the Chorus.

PE with Coach Hoffman

Students in PE have finished up the Shuttle Run, Pull-ups, Sit-ups and Sit-and-Reach test. All that is left is the mile run. Before Thanksgiving break, all classes completed a half mile. When we get back from break, the first week we will continue with the half mile and then the following week we will add another lap making it 3/4 of a mile. The mile run test will be the last week of school before Winter break.

PE with Coach Ray

For the past several weeks the students have been practicing and testing for the President's Physical Fitness Program. They have just one more test: the mile run. We will be practicing for that activity until the middle of December, when the students will take the test. The students are enjoying the challenge of becoming physically fit.

Special Dress Days

Ugly Sweater Day - Students can support PBIS on Wednesday December 19th by wearing an ugly sweater / t-shirt to school for \$1. The tackier, the better. We will be looking for the ugliest "sweater" from each grade level. Students who participate can wear jean or jeans shorts - no rips / tears, and must be fingertipped in length or longer.