



From the Principal

Dear Richard Bowling Parents and Guardians,
I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable time with your families over the holiday break. It is hard to believe that this week we will begin the month of December! At this point in the year, you should have an established relationship with your scholar's teacher and you should have a predetermined mode to communicate with them. I look forward to improved academics this school year and the ability to regain our fully accredited status. I would like to highlight the following:

-Afterschool clubs: Please expect to see a flyer and information come home soon that will allow your scholar to sign up for clubs. The afterschool clubs will be open to pre-k through 5th grade students and parents must pick scholars up from school. There will no transportation provided for clubs. Clubs will be held on Tuesdays. I can't wait!

-Arrival: The temperature is beginning to change and the cold weather is near. Please do not allow your scholars to arrive to school early and have to stand outside. We do not open our doors until 9:00am and students will be unattended and cold if they arrive early. It is also unsafe for scholars to stand outside unsupervised. Thank you for your help in this matter.

-BoxTops: Parents, almost everything that you and your scholars consume will have a BoxTop! Your cereal, waffles, biscuits, and even Capri Suns! We are collecting BoxTops for education as a fundraiser for our school. Please send all BoxTops in with your scholars! Thank you

-Chew and Chats: Do you want a one on one with Mr. Goodman where he provides you with updates about the school and you can ask questions or express concerns? Please join him at our monthly Chew and Chats. They are held every month. The next one will be held December 13th.

-Concerns/suggestions: if you have any concerns or suggestions for the school, please feel free to fill out a blue card on the front office counter and drop it in the box labeled RBES Stakeholder. You do not have to leave your name, but we would love to hear your suggestions. This information will be shared with me and if you would like to be contacted, please leave your personal information.

-Dismissal: Thank you for your patience with arrival and dismissal. As a reminder, the office will physically close at 3:30pm each day to ensure we have proper coverage during dismissal. If you pick up your child each day, we are requiring you to stay in your car and place your car visor on the dashboard. If you were not given any yellow visors, please see the main office. If you are not able to pick up your child from school, then you will need to give the visor to the person that is picking up your child. The visor is your acknowledgement that person has your permission to pick up your child. If you walk to pick up your child, then you will need to report to the courtyard area, find the marked door for your child's grade level, and then pick up your child. Please try not to change the way your child gets home each day. Try to be consistent! In an effort to ensure the safety of our scholars, **beginning December 2, 2016 any parent or guardian (K-5) that comes to the cafeteria door to pick up a child will have to keep the walk way clear and wait until after all students have been dismissed to the cars.** Having your child get home safely each day is our #1 goal.

I look forward to assisting with creating an environment where students can't wait to come to school the next day.

Mr. Eric Goodman, Principal

Shoparoo

This year we are excited to be partnering with a fun, free, and truly easy fundraiser called **Shoparoo!**

Shoparoo is school fundraising made easy: the free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. All you have to do is shop as you normally do, snap pictures of your receipts with the app, and voila

Just shop, snap, earn!

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts
3. Select your scholar's grade and get started!

Thank you for your support!



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PTA Corner

PTA Meeting - December 15

5:30 p.m.

Ms. Terry Rivers, President

PTA

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DATE TO REMEMBER

December 7

Math Workshop

Grades K-2 @ 11:00 a.m.

Grades 3-5 @ 12:00 p.m.

December 8

Early Release Day

(Students released 2 hours early)

December 13

Principal's Chew and Chat

(Broad Creek Recreation Center)

@5:30 p.m.

December 15

Winter Program

6:00 p.m.

December 21

Early Release Day

(Students released 2 hours early)

December 22-January 2

Winter Break



AROUND THE HALLS

READING

The Power of Time Spent Reading!

| WHAT MATTERS: TIME SPENT READING! | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Percentile Rank | Minutes Reading | Words Read Per Year |
| 98 | 65 | 4,358,000 |
| 90 | 21.1 | 1,823,000 |
| 80 | 14.2 | 1,146,000 |
| 70 | 9.6 | 622,000 |
| 60 | 6.5 | 432,000 |
| 50 | 4.6 | 282,000 |
| 40 | 3.2 | 200,000 |
| 30 | 1.8 | 106,000 |
| 20 | .07 | 21,000 |
| 10 | .01 | 8,000 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 |



Students who read just 14 minutes a day scored in the 80th percentile.

Arletha Davis

Reading Specialist

MATHEMATICS

Our scholars just completed their first DBA (District Benchmark Assessment). In order to be proficient in Mathematics, your child should have received at least a 70%. If you do not know your child's score please be sure to ask your child's teacher. The next DBA will take place in February, but please sit down with your scholar and develop a realistic goal for improvement. Thank you continuing to support your child's math instruction.

Dawn Bofo

Math Specialist

HISTORY

During the month of December the kindergarten and 1st grade scholars will study economics. They will learn about making choices, earning, saving, and spending money.

While K and 1 focus on economics, grades 2-4 will use their map skills to adventure across the world to begin their exploration of ancient China and Greece.

Our 5th grade scholar's studies will be focused around the expansion, culture, and life in early Virginian colonies.

Geneva Collins-Harris

Interventionist

From the School Counselor

Greetings Richard Bowling Family,

Do you know what middle school will help your scholar reach their goals? Middle School Specialty Program applications are now available! Please see Mrs. Vinson for an application. Applications are also available on Norfolk Public School's website (www.nps.k12.va.us).

Mrs. Vinson

School Counselor

