

Reeths-Puffer Elementary

Calendar

September 23, 2011

September

- 30 Box Tops for Education/Campbell Soup Label Collection
- 30 R-PHS Homecoming Football Game and Chicken Dinner

October

- 4 No School, District In-Service
- 5 Geskus Picture Make-Up Day
- 5 Count Day
- 11 MEAP Testing Begins
- 13 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Media Center
- 14 Limo Ride for Candy Bar Sale Winners
- 27 MEAP Testing Ends
- 28 Box Tops for Education/Campbell Soup Label Collection
- 31 Halloween Parties
 - Kdg AM.....10:45 a.m.
 - Kdg PM-4th...2:45 p.m.

November

- 4 AM Enrichment/AM Kdg-4 dismiss at noon, Record's Day in the PM
NO CLASSES IN THE PM
- 7 Book Fair Begins
- 8 Kdg Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 9 Full day of school, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- 10 PM Enrichment/PM Kdg-4 dismiss at noon, Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:45-3:45 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m.
NO CLASSES IN THE PM
- 10 Book Fair Ends
- 17 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Media Center
- 18 Box Tops for Education/Campbell Soup Label Collection
- 23 AM Enrichment/AM Kdg-4 dismiss at noon
- 24-25 No School...
Thanksgiving Break
- 28-30 Hearing and Vision Testing



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MEAP TESTING

RPEL third and fourth grade students will be involved in a very important testing program during the period of October 11-28. This is when the State Department of Education has designated schools to administer the annual MEAP test. Third grade will be tested in math and reading, while fourth grade will be tested in math, reading and writing. It is extremely important that students are in school these weeks and families avoid doctor/dentist appointments. Results will be shared with parents.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

Recently, the office has Experienced students left without transportation after school. Upon further communication with parents, it was discovered that the students should have been on the bus. Please send a note with your child if they will be picked up instead of riding the bus. Unless your child brings a note to school stating differently, they will be placed on the bus. If you need your child to receive a message before they leave for the day, please call the office no later than 3:30 p.m. Any child that arrives before 8:30 a.m. or is not picked up by 4:00 p.m. will be placed in Rocket Club Daycare where there will be a charge of \$10 with an additional charge of \$3.75 per hour.

DIBELS

RPEL tests all K2-4th grade students in reading fluency using the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) test. The DIBELS test scores are based on how many words your child can accurately read in one minute. This test supplements our current language arts series, which is focusing more on comprehension. All students will be assessed three times during the school year and individual classroom teachers will be reporting those scores to you. The first assessment was given this week and will be followed by assessments in the winter and spring. Please read your classroom newsletters regarding any questions you may have about your child's score and strategies that will help support your child's success in reading.

R-P CHILDCARE

Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Ages: 3 years to 12 years
Registration Fee for Year: \$25
Hourly-\$3.75
(5 hour min. per week)
Questions: 744-6335



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ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cellular phones are prohibited in school buildings at all times. Pagers (and look-a-like devices) are not to be worn by students at any time during school hours, school events, or on school property. Record devices, camera phones, radios, headsets, tape players, MP3 players, electronic games, remote controls toys, skateboards, slingshots, Gameboys, Bakugan cards and balls, Tamagotchis, etc. are not to be brought to school. These items will be confiscated and may be picked up in the office by a parent or guardian. This information is found on page 21 of the student handbook. These items are very distracting in the classroom and if they come up missing or accidentally get broken, we have hurt feelings. Thank you for your help!

GOING GREEN

This year RPEL is "GOING GREEN" in a whole new way! We are taking on some new initiatives that will help us reduce our energy costs and protect the environment. Parents can help by looking for this section in each school newsletter and talking it over with their child. The first push will be reducing energy costs. Our next initiative will be recycling!



"GO GREEN" TIP #1—Did you know you could save energy and money by turning off lights and other power sources when not in use? This week, try to practice turning things off when you are not using them at home and at school. Imagine the money you will save your family and school and how good you will feel about protecting the earth!

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The annual Reeths-Puffer Arts & Crafts Show will be held on Saturday, October 1st at R-PHS from 9-3:00 p.m.

There will be over 100 booths with holiday crafts, floral, metal and wood art, jewelry, food booths and much more.

ALL FORMS

Please take a few minutes and fill out the emergency card that your child brought home. It is imperative that the office has up-to-date accurate information. Please notify the office if your address, day care provider, work number, home number, cell number, or emergency numbers change during the school year. These need to be accurate in case your child becomes ill or is injured at school.

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

RPEL is enrolled in Meijer Community Rewards. It's free to join and can be done on-line at Meijer.com or by picking up an application at the Meijer help desk. When applying for your Meijer Community Rewards, please use the RPEL Meijer Guest Card Number 608103. Join Meijer Community Rewards, shop at Meijer using our Meijer Credit Card, PIN-Debit Card or cash and earn cash rewards. It's that easy!

PARENT NEWS

If you plan on helping in your child's classroom, being a chaperone on a field trip, or helping with a PTO function, you must have a Criminal Background Check Form on file. Forms are available in the elementary office.

Contact Information:

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Mr. Klimsza's BLOG: www.reeths-puffer.org

Secretary: Mrs. Nancy Goudzwaard - x2031

Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Vollink - x2000

Bond Updates:

Check out what's happening with the bond. Updates can be found at:

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