

Tiger Tales

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Mission Statement

Rockfish Elementary School is committed to providing a quality education for all students by providing a safe atmosphere in which all children feel secure, loved and challenged.

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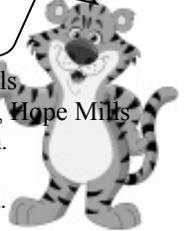
- 19 ~ PTA All Day Dine Out Rudino's Hope Mills Mention Rockfish
- 18-22 ~ Battle of the Books Tryouts
- 21 ~ Title I, Curriculum Night, PTA 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 21 ~ Fall Fundraiser Kickoff -- Ends Oct. 16
- 27 ~ Early Release for Students - 1/2 Day!! Progress Reports Go Home!!
- 30 ~ *All required student records must be on file in the office in order for a student to remain in school.*

Looking ahead...

October 2017

- 3 ~ PTA Dine Out Arby's 4-8 p.m. Hope Mills
- 4 ~ PTA Dine Out - 4-8 pm - Firehouse Subs, Hope Mills K-2 Reading Rocks Dance 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 5 ~ PTA Board Meeting 2:45 p.m. 3-5 Reading Rocks Dance 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- 6 ~ PTA Fall Tiger Trek 8:30-9:30 RFES
- 9 ~ SIT Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- 12 ~ Grades 2-5 - AR Family Night - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 14 ~ Reading Rocks Walk-a-thon 8-11 a.m.
- 16 ~ RFES Fall Fund Raiser Ends

"Don't forget to read a book today!!"



Expect the Best

From the Principal's Pen...

SEPTEMBER 2017!! Welcome back to a great new year of growing and learning at Rockfish Elementary School where we empower our students for success and always *Expect the Best!* The high expectations we have for students are further extended to our parents and staff.

Some timely guidelines for student success include:

- **Be on time every day and remain in school for the full day.**
- Be responsible for your behavior at school. Distractions and disruptions will not be tolerated.
- Tell an adult at school and/or at home if you are bullied.
- Get help when someone else is being bullied.
- Dress appropriately - Student dress code is in the Parent-Student Handbook.
- Take advantage of extra-curricular opportunities planned for students and parents.

Parents please read the *Parent-Student Handbook* and go over it with your child. It includes a calendar of special events as well as important information that explains school policies. For those families who are new to the Rockfish community, you will discover that we have many wonderful activities available for parents and students. When we have a school-wide event that is not noted in our handbook-calendar, your child will bring home a note or flyer with specifics, and you will be notified by phone through ParentLink.

As your new principal, I look forward to a very successful year and believe that with our mutual system of support—staff, students, parents, community—your child can and will succeed!!

From the Social Worker

Make a difference by helping others!! Help support the Ronald McDonald House by saving your aluminum tabs from beverage or food cans and putting them in the container located in the front hallway outside the office. Thank you!!

From the Media Center

The 14th annual Reading Rocks! fundraiser is in full swing. We will be hosting a school dance for all our students. The cost is \$5.00 for admission, pizza, chips, and a drink. Students may bring in the money anytime between now and the dance to purchase pre-sale tickets or they may purchase tickets at the door. Students in grades K-2 will have their dance from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4. Students in grades 3-5 will have their dance from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. All funds raised will be used to purchase new books or electronic reading devices for our Media Center. So, come out and have some fun while showing that Reading Rocks at Rockfish!

Counselor's Corner

September's character trait is respect. Remind your children to always be respectful. Showing respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being. Showing respect for others also includes caring enough about yourself that you don't do things that will hurt you.

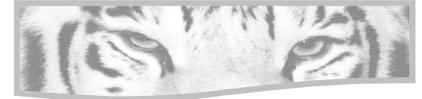
October's character trait is responsibility. Remind your children to always be responsible by doing things like bringing in their completed homework and turning in required paperwork, field trip forms, etc. Being responsible also means being responsible for your actions.

Every month, two children from each class will be chosen as Terrific Kids based on the character trait. They will participate in a celebration at school in addition to receiving a certificate, sticker, bumper sticker, McDonald's coupon, and pencil. I am excited to see who our first Terrific Kids are going to be. Thanks to Hope Mills Kiwanis for sponsoring this program.

In October, we will celebrate Bullying Prevention Month. When it comes to bullying, remind your children to never be bystanders. Bystanders are people who see bullying happening, don't stand up for the victim, and don't alert a proper adult. Rockfish Elementary School is a Bully Free Zone, and we do not tolerate bullying. If your child is bullied, let his/her teacher, the counselor, or an administrator know.

Expect the Best

Classroom News and Views:



Kindergarten

Kindergarten students are off to a great start! Your children are currently working on recognizing and writing numbers 1 through 10 in math. They are learning all about scientists, lab safety, and the scientific method. We are discussing Rock-it behavior in social studies: R for *responsible*, O for *orderly*, C for *considerate*, and K for *keeping on track!* ELA: Kindergarten students are building and writing their name, sorting lower and upper case letters, and learning the letter sounds from the alphabet. It is a privilege to teach your children each day, and we look forward to an amazing school year!

First Grade

First grade welcomes Mrs. Kriner to our team!

Parents, we ask that you support your child by working with him/her at home with counting from 1 to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's; writing numbers 1-50, by 1's, 5's, and 10's; and practicing addition fact fluency. We also encourage you to read with your child each evening for at least 15 minutes and listen to him/her read level appropriate books to you as well.

Please remember to check your child's homework folders for homework and notes. Homework is an essential practice. When it's not completed students are unprepared for review lessons the following day.

First grade students are working diligently to learn their individual student identification numbers. They use them each day at lunch and when they go to the Computer Lab.

We look forward to seeing you at Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 21. You can get information about the first grade curriculum, ask questions, and enjoy a tasty dinner.

Thank you so much for your support!

Second Grade

In second grade, 2017-18 has started out to be an amazing year, and second grade teachers are excited to be working with your children. Here are a few things you need to know and a few ways you can help at home:

Literacy – Please encourage your child to complete all station work on a daily basis. Station work reinforces skills taught in whole and small group and helps to support academic success. We highly encourage your child to read at home nightly and to take an AR test daily in the classroom.

Writing – We are beginning to write a personal narrative paper. To help at home, allow your child to write detailed sentences and remind them to begin the sentence with a capital letter and to end with a punctuation mark.

Math – Rockfish is striving for a quicker pace of math fluency. We will be working on basic addition and subtraction fluency to the sum of 20. We encourage you to buy/create your child a set of addition and subtraction flashcards to use nightly at home.

Science – Second grade classes are currently receiving money (\$7.50 CASH ONLY) for our in-house Science Field Trip related to force and motion on Thursday, September 28. Ask your child what they have learned about force and motion.

Terrific Third Grade

Our third graders are off to an amazing start! Third grade is a great responsibility, but our students are up to meeting the challenge. Students are recording homework in their planners and focusing on being responsible. We completed our first Probe, "All About Me," which was great fun to share with the class. Students took the BOG in reading, and we will continue to focus on reading test taking strategies. They will learn how to Skim, Scan, and Rap a passage for excellent results. Our cursive handwriting is amazing.

Third grade teachers are super excited about all the wonderful things our students will accomplish this first nine weeks! We will appreciate your home support as we move forward into a thrilling third grade adventure.

Fabulous Fourth Grade

Fourth grade teachers thank you for a GREAT start to a new school year! In math, we have learned how to read and write numbers to the millions place value and how to round numbers. All fourth grade students have STAR tested and are working to meet their AR goals. Please check with your child weekly to assure he/she is *keeping on track* to meet his/her AR goal. In science, we have reviewed rules and are exploring magnets. Ask your child to share about the awesome experiments we are performing! Parents, we request that you please help your child learn all multiplication facts! We know our students worked extra hard on multiplication fluency in third grade, but it is extremely important as we begin the next few weeks of Math that they know all their facts. Multiplication fluency will release their brains from figuring out facts and allow them to focus on the process of how to solve more complex math problems. We want to thank you for making sure your child is at school on time and all day!

Fifth Grade

- √ Fifth grade welcomes Mrs. Klekotka to our team.
- √ This year Fifth Grade has two teams: The Avengers and The Justice League
- √ Please accept your ClassDojo invitation to stay informed on your child's conduct and academic progress.
- √ Constitution Day will be recognized on September 18.
- √ To encourage math fact fluency, we have an operational fluency test every week. Students who score 75% or below are required to practice their facts as "Weekend Math Warriors." Check planners weekly for your child's status.
- √ Every fifth grade student should be working toward earning his/her individual Accelerated Reading goal by reading every day for thirty minutes.
- √ Please remember to check your child's planner for homework and notes.
- √ Homework is essential practice. When it's not completed students are unprepared for review lessons the following day.
- √ Encourage your child to ask questions about homework prior to leaving each day.

Reminder: Students are required to get a tardy pass from the office if they are not in the classroom when the 7:45 a.m. bell rings. Breakfast ends at 7:40 a.m.