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*Hand in Hand, Together, We Make a Difference*

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Dear Parent:

Spring is around the corner and the pace is picking up as we prepare for the final quarter of the school year. The hustle and bustle is always a challenge this time of year but I am confident we'll be able to keep students focused on learning and complete the school year calmly.

Congratulations are in order for our annual science fair and school-wide talent show winners. The following students will move on to the county-level science fair scheduled for March 20th, at the Armory National Guard: **Sixth Grade** – First Place: Gerald Seaburg, Second Place: Chase Phillips, Third Place: Aaron Osborne; **Fifth Grade** – First Place: Moriah Franklin, Second Place: Sawyer Phillips, Third Place: Hannah Courtner; **Fourth Grade** – First Place: Isaiah Penley, Second Place: Dent Johnson, Third Place: Alyson Scott. We have four students who will be moving on to the county-level talent show scheduled at Heritage Hall on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The top two winners from grades 4 – 6 are Moriah Franklin and Mitchell Stockinger. The top two winners from grades K – 3 are Evan Sluder and Josie Ward. The following students have been chosen as alternates in each of the grade categories: Brandon Vannoy, 4 – 6; Nathan Mink, K – 3.

Several activities have been scheduled for the month of March. Spring individual and class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, March 4th. On Saturday, March, 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Christian Appalachian Project will distribute blankets and food from our parking lot to anyone in need. RCE's Pre K and Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday, March 17th. Students are gearing up for the spelling bee which will be held in the cafetorium on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Shelter Rock will be at our school to distribute food to families in need. The third grading period will end on March 19<sup>th</sup>, with report cards going home on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

The next vacation days are scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a luncheon for our volunteers on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The TCAP test will be given the week of April 20th – 24th. Discount tickets to Dollywood are being made available to all students and parents at RCE for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Fifth grade teachers are sponsoring the event and ticket costs are at a substantial savings. Additional information will follow in the very near future. Our third nine-week's reward trips have been scheduled for Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will be

visiting Fun Expedition in Johnson City, at a cost of \$5.00 per student. Grades K – 3 will travel on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and grades 4 – 6 will travel on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shelter Rock will be visiting our school again to distribute food. Please help us get the word out to anyone in need. RCE field day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and a rain date of May 11<sup>th</sup>, has been set. Sixth grade students will be participating in field day activities at Johnson County High School on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and a rain date of May 11<sup>th</sup>, has been set. Our Kindergarten classes will hold a “Kindergarten Celebration” on May 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., the same evening, we will host the Citizenship Awards. The sixth grade cookout, sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. As of today, the last day of school will be on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day, unless the school board decides to honor the date as a holiday. Of course, the weather is unpredictable and the projected ending day is subject to change due to school closings. In planning ahead for the next year, you may want to preview the 2009 – 2010 school calendar posted on the Johnson County School’s website.

Recently, I received a notice from the Johnson County Young Artists announcing their three, one-act play event, scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Hall. They’re in need of talented youth to perform at the event. If interested, contact Caroline Roark at 727-5920 or send an email to: [jcyoungartists@yahoo.com](mailto:jcyoungartists@yahoo.com).

On behalf of the school, I want to express our gratitude to everyone who attended the “Teacher Idol” performances held at Heritage Hall on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The 7:00 show sold out and we had to add another thanks to your overwhelming response. Many of you have requested DVD’s of the performances and those are available in the office at a cost of \$10.00. All proceeds will benefit RCE students. If you would like to view pictures of the show, you may visit the following website: [www.susanlongphotography.com](http://www.susanlongphotography.com)

In closing, it’s important to note that free and reduced lunch applications are available in the office or cafeteria throughout the year as needed. If an application was turned down at the beginning of the year, a parent may re-apply as financial circumstances change.

The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room and you are invited to join us. Thank you for your continued support as we wind down the school year. As always, you are welcome to call or visit at anytime.

Sincerely,

Dana Stafford  
Principal

