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Hand in Hand, Together, We make a Difference

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of several activities that will be taking place at our school over the next several weeks.

Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 11, from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Research has shown that involved parents help children succeed in school. Take a moment to visit and learn more about your child's progress in the classroom.

We will host a St. Jude Math-A-Thon beginning Monday, February 11, and running through Friday, February 22. We would appreciate your support in this very worthy cause. On Friday, February 15, qualifying students will participate in a mid-term celebration. As a reminder, we will be out of school on Monday, February 18, for President's Day. Also, our Science Fair will be held on February 22. In addition, grades 2 -6 will take the ThinkLink Test on the 26th, 27th and 28th.

We are looking forward to a fun week beginning March 3. To start, on Monday, we will observe "Read Across America Day" which is also Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday. We plan to celebrate Dr. Seuss throughout the week. On Monday, the cafeteria will serve "Green Eggs and Ham". On Tuesday, March 4, students will observe "Design Your Own Sock Day" and wear their creations to school. On Wednesday, March 5, the entire student body will visit a designated bulletin board to sign the Dr. Seuss 3D birthday card. On Thursday, teachers will pin stars on every student to celebrate "Everybody is a Star Day". On Friday, March 7, we will enjoy "Silly Hat Day".

The school year is passing quickly and we are beginning to schedule end-of-the-year events. We will register Pre-School, Head Start and Kindergarten students for the 2008 – 2009 school year on Tuesday, March 11. Those students whose last names begin with letters A – L will register from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Those students whose last names begin with letters M – Z will register from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The next incentive field trips are scheduled as follows: Grades K – 3, Thursday, March 27; Grades 4 – 6, Friday, March 28. We are planning to take students to Fun Expedition in Johnson City. Students may qualify for the trips by having no more than two unexcused absences, zero discipline referrals to the office, and by making A, B, and C's on their grade cards at the end of the third grading period. Students will need to pay \$5.00 to participate in the field trip once they

are found eligible. Students are sure to enjoy the BoxCar Buffet which includes pizza, salad, beverages and dessert. The most awful part of taking students on the trips is having to leave some of them behind and that's not acceptable. It's our goal to have every student in grades K – 6 qualify. To help assure every student's success, we offer after school tutoring for students who are struggling academically. Teachers are always more than willing to provide practice work for children to complete at home. To better serve students who are having behavior difficulties, our school counselor, Mary Lipford and school social worker, RoseEdda Slempe, are eager and available to help. John Mast, assistant principal, is more than willing to consider extenuating circumstances or emergencies when assessing individual student absences. Don't hesitate to contact Mr. Mast and make him aware of sudden or unexpected situations.

TCAPS will be given in Grades 2 – 6 the week of April 14 – 17. Teachers are diligently working to help students master the skills needed to score proficient and above on the exam. To assure maximum learning, students need daily reinforcement once they leave the classroom. I want to thank you for emphasizing the value of hard work both in and out of school and for continuing to support your child's education each day.

Field Day for students in grades Pre K – 6 will be held on Wednesday, April 30. Should it rain, the event will be held on Wednesday, May 7.

PAC is selling youth and adult-sized RCE- themed t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies. The shirts are gray with teal lettering and range in price from \$5.00 - \$12.00. Order forms will be sent home soon. PAC will be taking orders at parent / teacher conference, as well. If paying by check, please make payable to R.C.E. P.T.O. PAC would like to remind everyone that they are collecting General Mills box tops, Tyson and Campbell's Soup labels.

RCE recently registered to participate in Food City's Apples for Education Program. When making a purchase at the store, please mention our school because every dollar you spend equals points for our school which are redeemable and good toward a number of supplies and equipment we could use. It will take a couple of weeks for Food City to process our registration but we hope to be in their system by March 1.

You are always welcome to stop in or call whenever you have questions and we would be happy to help you. Remember, hand in hand, together, we make a difference.

Sincerely,

Dana Stafford
Principal