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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

Rachel Carson Elementary School's Mission Statement

The staff, students, and families of RCES will share responsibility for ensuring that each child demonstrates consistent, measurable progress on the way to reaching his or her potential as a learner and responsible citizen.

A CHARACTER COUNTS! SCHOOL!

NEXT WEEK AT RACHEL CARSON

SUNDAY

10/18

NASA Federal Credit Union Halloween Young Run



MONDAY

10/19

1:45 p.m. SGA Elections

3:10-4:10 p.m. Mad Science (K&1 Rm. 139, 1&2 Rm. 147, 3-5 Rm. 148)

3:15-4:15 p.m. French Level 1 (Room 149)

TUESDAY

10/20

3:10-4:10 p.m. HoopEd K-1 (Gym) & Crazy Beads 1-2 (Room 126)

3:15-4:15 p.m. Spanish Level 2/3 (Room 145)

6:00-8:00 p.m. RCES Marble Slab Night



WEDNESDAY

10/21

7:55-8:40 a.m. Introductory Spanish (Room 150 & 151)

9:00-10:30 a.m. Pre-K Parent Meeting

Chess Club

3:10-4:10 p.m. Tae Kwon Do K-5 (Gym)

6:00-7:00 p.m. Learning Center Parent Curriculum Night

THURSDAY

10/22

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Grade 1 to Green Meadows Farm

Math Olympiad

3:10-4:10 p.m. HoopEd 2-5 (Gym) & Crazy Beads 3-5 (Art Room)

3:10-4:10 p.m. Mad Science (K-5 Rm. 108)

3:15-4:15 p.m. Spanish Level 1 (Room 144)

FRIDAY

10/23

Fall Individual Pictures Taken

7:55-8:40 a.m. Introductory Chinese (Room 146)

3:10-4:10 p.m. Hip Hop 2-5 (Gym)



LOOKING AHEAD

10/26 **RED RIBBON WEEK**

3:10-4:10 p.m. Mad Science (K&1 Rm. 139, 1&2 Rm. 147, 3-5 Rm. 148)

3:15-4:15 p.m. French Level 1 (Room 149)

3:30 p.m. *School Improvement Team Meeting*



10/27 **9:30 a.m. Bus Evacuation Drill**

3:10-4:10 p.m. HoopEd K-1 (Gym) & Crazy Beads 1-2 (Room 126)

3:15-4:15 p.m. Spanish Level 2/3 (Room 145)

7:00 p.m. *Grade 3 Highly Gifted Center Parent Meeting at Quince Orchard HS*

10/28 7:55-8:40 a.m. Introductory Spanish (Room 150 & 151)

Chess Club

3:10-4:10 p.m. Tae Kwon Do K-5 (Gym)

10/29 Math Olympiad

3:10-4:10 p.m. HoopEd 2-5 (Gym) & Crazy Beads 3-5 (Art Room)

3:10-4:10 p.m. Mad Science (K-5 Rm. 108)

3:15-4:15 p.m. Spanish Level 1 (Room 144)

10/30 **First Marking Period Ends**

Grade Level Newsletters Distributed

7:55-8:40 a.m. Introductory Chinese (Room 146)

1:30 p.m. Halloween Parade (Walk for the Homeless) and Parties Begin

3:10-4:10 p.m. Hip Hop 2-5 (Gym)



COLUMBUS DAY - OPEN HOUSE

We were thrilled so many parents, grandparents and other relatives found time to join us for the Columbus Day Open House. Parent volunteers greeted many guests at the sign-in table. The coffee and cookies were provided through the PTA. We appreciate the support of our parent volunteers and PTA, who together with our wonderful staff, made this day an outstanding experience for all.

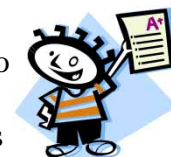
NOVEMBER PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please make sure you have scheduled a **Parent-Teacher Conference** on either November 11 or 12. There will be a **Spanish** interpreter available on **Wednesday, November 11 from 12:30-4:15 p.m. and Thursday, November 12 from 12:30-4:15 p.m.**, and a **Chinese** interpreter available on **Wednesday, November 11 from 12:30-4:15 p.m.** Conferences are scheduled on fifteen minute intervals. Call or write your child's teacher to request a specific time if needed.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Report cards will be handed out during the **November 11 and 12** parent conferences.

If you have not scheduled a conference, please contact your child's teacher. Parents who do not schedule a conference will receive their child's report card on **November 11 via their child**. The parent conference is the perfect time to ask questions about your child's progress. Parents are encouraged to make every effort to attend.



INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PICTURES

Mark your calendars and practice those “smiles”! Our students will have their **individual school pictures** taken on **Friday, October 23**. More information will be distributed a couple of days prior to this date.



RED RIBBON WEEK-OCTOBER 26 – 30

During **Red Ribbon Week**, our staff and students will work together to spread the message about the dangers of drug and tobacco use. Throughout the week, students and staff will participate in activities to gain an understanding of the risks of smoking and drug use. “**Wear Red Day**” will take place on **Wednesday, October 28**. We invite and encourage everyone to wear red that day, to show support of the fight against drug and tobacco use.

RACHEL CARSON HELP THE HOMELESS WALK

Once again, Rachel Carson Elementary School (RCES) will participate in the Fannie Mae Foundation Walk for the Homeless. The walk will take place on Friday, October 30, in conjunction with our Halloween parade. This is not a separate walk and the children will still wear their Halloween costumes. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to make a difference for the families-in-need in our community. RCES will walk to raise money for Gaithersburg HELP, an all-volunteer organization that helps area residents in need of food, prescriptions, transportation for medical services, as well as diapers and formula. Last year, RCES had 113 registered walkers who participated, and we raised \$1,705 for Gaithersburg HELP. Look in your child’s backpack for a flyer about the walk, which includes the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Siegel at 301-330-2260 or robsiegel_2000@yahoo.com.



PUMPKIN ESTIMATION

Once again this year, Peter and Paula Pumpkin will soon be visiting RCES (starting Oct. 19)! Peter and Paula will be on display near the main office. Children will have an opportunity to estimate the weight of Peter and Paula throughout the rest of the month of October. The student who estimates the correct weight (or closest weight) of Peter and Paula will take the pumpkin home after our Halloween festivities. Children in grades K-3 will estimate the weight of one of our pumpkins in pounds and ounces, and students in grades 4 and 5 will have an opportunity to estimate the weight of our other pumpkin in kilograms. This would be a great time to discuss pounds, ounces and kilograms with your children at home. This activity reinforces the concept of estimation taught in math and science.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) ELECTIONS

Our Student Government Association sponsors, Ms. Troilo and Mrs. Saidman, met with all students (Grades 4-5) who expressed interested in running for a SGA officer position. These students received additional information for parents, and important dates and deadlines of upcoming SGA election requirements and events. Our SGA candidate speeches will be conducted during a school-wide (Grades 1-5) assembly on **Monday, October 19, beginning at 1:45 p.m.** Elections will be held after the assembly (time permitting) or the next morning.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

In a few weeks we will be celebrating Halloween, and children will be wearing their costumes in our annual Halloween Parade. Please discourage your child from wearing any costume that depicts violence to school. **Items that will not be permitted at school are those that resemble weapons.** This includes **metal fingers, knives, guns, etc. (even paper replicas)**. This is in keeping with the MCPS weapons policy and our goal of providing our children with an appropriate model of a safe school environment. Please remind your child that these items are not to be brought to school. This request will be strictly enforced.



For children who do not celebrate Halloween, a flyer will be sent home for parents to complete and return indicating that they would prefer their child be involved in an alternate activity during the parade and parties.

****If you would like to donate slightly used costumes to RCES students, please send them to Mrs. Vaca or Mrs. Seubert.**

!!NO PEANUT PRODUCTS PLEASE!!

Halloween is just around the corner! If you are supplying snacks for your child's class, **please make sure you read the ingredients to make sure the items do not contain peanut products.** Many of our children have allergies, and one of the most serious is an allergy to peanut products. Did you know all M & Ms have peanuts in their ingredients? All snacks brought into school must be store bought, so the ingredients should be available for you to make sure your snacks do not contain any type of peanut product.

Chocolate Lovers/Peanut Free

Good news! While M&Ms are not peanut and nut free, Hershey's Kissables ARE! (Also, they happen to be gluten free.) Hershey's candies have excellent allergen information on their packages. If parents are looking for peanut/nut free candies, particularly chocolates, Hershey's company will state any allergens in the ingredients' list or just below it. **Who needs candy though? Consider providing healthy treats such as fruits and vegetables. After all, the children are going to enjoy lots of candy the following day(s).**



THE SPELLING BEE IS COMING SOON!

