



Richard J. Rundle Newsletter

In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind!

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Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are already so far into the school year! Your children are working hard and it is showing. During our last read-a-thon, the students read and passed quizzes on 1053 books! We are so proud of all of their hard work. Speaking of hard work, did you know your child can access ST Math from home? This online program helps our students strengthen their math skills. We currently have 33% of student accessing ST Math from home. Our highest grade level is second grade, with 55% of all second graders using the program at home. There are three ways you can help your child at home.

1. Encourage reading. We know that the more kids read, the more they learn and the more prepared they are to be successful in all subject areas.

2. If possible, encourage some time spent on ST Math. This will help keep those calculation skills sharp and ready to apply in more advanced math concepts.

3. Find ways to connect with your child. Research has shown us that a child's learning happens in the context of relationships. Strong family connections promote learning and success in school and in life. We work hard to not overwhelm your child with homework so that you have time to spend quality family time together nurturing those ties that lead to success. You can turn regular daily requirements into fun learning opportunities for the whole family. Preparing a meal together is a great way to reinforce both reading and math skills without the paper and the pencil. It can be so fun your kids may not even realize they are learning. As you take the normal routines in life and turn them into family together time, you are strengthening the single most important connection for your child: the family connection.

Here's to continued success!

Mrs. Sly, Assistant Principal

Report Card Distribution

Semester 1: December 22nd

Semester 2: May 24th

Student progress reports will be sent home with all students (K-5) approximately every two weeks. Check Infinite Campus for live access to how your child is performing at school. Check with the front office if you do not know how to access Infinite Campus.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14th	Snack Time with Books 3:15 p.m.
	PATT Meeting
Nov. 17th	Read A Thon
Nov. 20th	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27th	Classes Resume
Dec. 2nd	Movie Night on the Field 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 6th	Ornament Night 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 12th	Snack Time with Books 3:25 PATT Meeting
Dec. 20th	Kinder APTT 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 22nd	PAHLM Award, Read A Thon,
	Ugly Sweater Day
Dec 25th	Winter Break
Jan. 8th	Classes Resume
Jan. 9th	Snack Time with Books 3:15 p.m.
	PATT Meeting
Jan. 15th	Milk Day, No School

News from Pre-K

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) is a critical part of helping your child be successful at school. Please put these important dates on your calendars and plan to attend. You will see your child's beginning of the year data at the first meeting. Teachers will introduce activities to increase student achievement.

Kindergarten Dates:

September 13th, at 2:00 p.m.

December 20th, at 2:00 p.m.

May 24th

First Grade Dates:

September 13th, at 2:00 p.m.

January 24th, at 2:00 p.m.

April 18th, at 2:00 p.m.

Second Grade Dates:

September 14th, at 3:20 p.m.

January 24th, at 2:00 p.m.

April 18th, at 2:00 p.m.

Third Grade Dates:

September 19th, at 2:00 p.m.

January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m.

April 24th, at 2:00 p.m.

Fourth Grade Dates:

September 20th, at 2:00 p.m.

January 30th, at 2:00 p.m.

April 17th, at 2:00 p.m.

Fifth Grade Dates:

September 21st, at 2:00 p.m.

January 25th, at 2:00 p.m.

April 19th, at 2:00 p.m.

In November Pre-k will be learning all about families. Students will be encouraged to write letters to their family members to help show our young learners the importance of writing and that writing conveys meaning. This will give students multiple opportunities to demonstrate their emerging writing skills. In Math we will be building family homes so students can practice thinking symbolically and using symbols and images to represent something not present. Students will also explore and describe spatial relationships and shapes. We really enjoyed our pumpkin investigations in October too.

FLS

Our primary and intermediate FLS classes have been very busy collecting data using our Unique Learning System program. We use the News To You program to allow our kids to see what is happening in our country. The intermediate class celebrates monthly birthdays with cake and ice cream parties. Our pumpkin crafts were very creative for October thanks to the help from our Speech Therapist Mrs. Pavese and we are now focusing on November projects.

Kindergarten

We just went on our first field trip! We went to the Sunrise Library where the librarians put on a show with Halloween stories and songs. Students were also told about how to get a library card and that they can check out 50 books and/or movies at one time. Thank you Sunrise Library and our parent chaperones!

Our little Rainbow Rangers are charging full steam ahead! Here is what our break down looks like as of the end of October:

I am learning to...

- Red (write first name) 45
- Orange (name uppercase letters): 18
- Yellow (name lowercase letters): 4
- Green (say letter sounds): 7
- Blue (write last name): 3
- Indigo (read 50 sight words): 11
- Violet (read 100 sight words): 1
- Wonder Reader (first grade level): 0

Between now and Winter Break, kindergarteners will be working on...

Reading: finding the main idea and key details in a story; asking and answering questions to get more information or to clarify; and retelling stories (beginning, middle, end).

Mathematics: build, read, write numbers 0-20; 2-dimensional (square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon, circle) and 3-dimensional (cube, sphere, cylinder, cone) shapes; and sorting groups by attributes (color, shape, size, number).

Writing: write first and last name and write a simple sentence about a topic.

Parents, please work with your students on memorizing their phone number and home address.

Thank you for all your hard work!

First Grade

First grade is off to a great start with Reading Rangers! Students have been working hard to achieve their goal of graduating Wonder reader by winter break in December. Many of our students have already met that goal, and are working on their end of the year goals. First grade has already had 46 students graduate Wonder reader, and 4 graduate Ninja reader! Please continue to read nightly with your children; your efforts are paying off!

In reading, students are currently working on using key details to identify characters, setting, and events in their stories. This information helps them with comprehension and prepares them to take their AR quizzes.

In writing, students are currently writing on what they are grateful for. At this point, students should be able to write a topic sentence, three to five details, and a conclusion. Please review your students graded writing and see if they have met this goal.

In math, first grade students are working on addition and subtraction within twenty. They have learned strategies such as counting up, using a number line, and using ten frames to assist them. Please have them complete their math facts homework nightly to increase math fact fluency.

Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate all you do!

Second Grade

Second grade has been working hard on informational text. We are able to identify non-fiction text features, main topic, and purpose. In math we have been working on compare two 3-digit numbers using place value to see if a number is less than, greater than, or equal to. We have also been reading and writing numbers in standard, expanded, and word form. We learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin. We have had 76 Reading Rangers graduations. Remember to check your child's backpack every day.

Third Grade

November is a busy but short month! We have so many things to do in such little time! We have our field trip to the Smith Center, Thanksgiving Break and so many other fun things planned for this month!

Third graders will focus on multiplication and its inverse operation, division. Strategies to help students fluently solve problems using these two operations will be introduced and practiced. We also encourage parents/guardians to help their children practice basic facts mastery at home. We will also continue to focus on character traits and begin reading fables and folktales.

Thank you for all your support!
Third Grade Team

House Council

House Council has enjoyed all the work that we have been doing. We got to enjoy a night at Target with The Big 3, judge Trunk-or-Treat, and write some songs. Each house has learned a new song that was written by the House Council members. We are excited to add our parents into our houses. So many parents have spun, and we hope to get more. Which house will win the first time for the parents?

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Biblioteca

We are so excited about the amount of **Reading Ranger Graduates** we have had this year. Students are continually using the library to exchange books to get their next star or badge. Students have been learning how to use the library catalog system to help them find that perfect book for Reading Rangers.

Way to Go!

COMING SOON

We are looking forward to all the new books that we have recently ordered that will help each of our students find books on the levels they need to graduate. Keep an eye out for the new books.



One last note from the library-

We will not have a Holiday book fair this year. Our only book fair this year, will be in April.

Art

In the Art Room, every single student in the school painted a smooth river rock with a design of their own choosing (thank you Dr. Tanner). These rocks will be spread out in front of the school, creating a river of student's artwork to welcome one and all to our school in a rather colorful and creative manner. In addition, students have been working on Picasso Pumpkins and Dia de Los Muertos skull drawings as well as completing artwork for various local art contests. Fifth grade students are also working on designs for the 2017-2018 Yearbook cover. Students will also commence learning about the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design shortly.

Humanities

The agency is working hard to learn new skills to master programs.

Kindergarten- We are practicing typing letters. We are learning to type our names with capital letters. We also are creating pictures using Smart Notebook software.

First Grade- We are typing like the older students. We started using Dance Mat Typing. We are mastering keeping our hands on home row. In first grade, we are creating an All About Me book using Smart Notebook software. We have added a title, author, and illustrations to our cover. We have added sentences, characters, and settings to our first page.

Second Grade- Second grade is researching The First Thanksgiving. They are recording their findings on a Word document.

Third Grade - Fifth Grades

We are working to master typing on the keyboard. We will be taking our second timed test in November. We are also working on Thanksgiving projects. We are creating I Am Thankful posters and Slide projects to share with others.

Music

A Winter Choral Celebration!

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is almost upon us! In celebration of the winter season, on December 14, in the multi-purpose room, all Kindergarten-3rd grade classes and the 4th and 5th grade Honor Choir will present a concert to officially bring in the holidays. All the grades have been working hard learning new and diverse seasonal songs, preparing a program that will surely entertain every listener. The evening concert will begin at 5:30 pm on the 14th. There will also be a performance for the students on that same day. Dress rehearsal, or the final practice run-through, is on December 13 from 3:15 to 4:45 in the multi-purpose room. No special costumes are needed for the singers, just seasonal attire. We look forward to celebrating with you during this special time of the year.

Physical Education

It's been an amazing few months in physical education. The students started off playing cooperative and team building games at the beginning of the school year. We have completed many different units already this year. Some of the completed units have been parachute, fitness testing, and soccer just to name a few. The Turkey Trot was held on Thursday November, 9th. The students in kindergarten participated in the ½ mile Turkey Trot, and the rest of the students participated in the 1 mile Turkey Trot. The students were able to walk, jog, or run in the event. The students who completed the Turkey Trot were given a certificate of completion. The top boy and girl from each grade level received a medal, certificate, and a mini stuffed animal turkey. The students really enjoyed the challenge and had a great time. I would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in this event.

Title 1

Several studies have highlighted the relationship between sleep, learning, and the memory process.

The research shows that sleep deprivation may adversely affect a child's ability to learn and remember what has been taught. Lack of sleep and poor sleep patterns can also cause behavior problems.

Parents are encouraged to help their child better prepare for school each day by setting a regular bedtime. It is recommended that elementary children have eight to ten hours of sleep. A good practice is putting Kindergarten – second grade students in bed at 8:00. This is an opportunity for story time. Children that read may take a book to bed to read. Third – fifth grade should be in bed by 9:00. They may read for thirty minutes. This practice is also good for parents. Parents now have more time for many adult duties and joint communication.

Counselor- Mr. April

What is a magnet school you ask? Well, just like a magnet “attracts” metal, magnet schools “attract” certain students. Each school offers different areas of concentration such as science, math, performing arts, and more! Application are due by January 9th, 2018.

Go to: magnet.ccsd.net for more information.

The Rundle ORGANIC GARDEN CLUB has started!

Every Wednesday after school from 3:15 – 4:00 pm students, teachers, grandmas and parents are working in our wonderful garden. It is very exciting for us to see how much we can learn by growing our own food! We are preparing to go sell our food and crafts on November 16th downtown at the Zappos Farmer’s Market from 9 am – 1 pm. If you are available, please plan to go shop around. It is a HUGE student run event! And starting in December watch for our table on Friday Mornings at our morning ceremony! There will be lots of yummy organic food to purchase from our fabulous gardeners here at Rundle! If you have any questions about our Rundle Community Garden, you can get in touch with Dr. Kellie Tanner at Rundle by phone or on Wednesday afternoons in the garden!