

The Gopher Gazette

March 1, 2024

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March's Upcoming Events

- Mar. 13—Early Dismissal
- Mar. 20—Report cards
- Mar. 23—Mar. 31—Spring Break



~VPK Screening~

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Packets are available for pickup
March 4th - March 22nd.

*These packets
must be filled out
and turned in no
later than **April 12th.**

ATTENDANCE/TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide a written statement indicating the reason for the absence within two (2) days of the student's return to school. If the written statement is not provided by the parent, the absence(s) will be unexcused.

After 10 days of excused or unexcused absences, a written statement of illness from a licensed health care practitioner will be required for subsequent absences due to illness indicating they are under the supervision of the physician.

TRANSPORTATION

If you have ANY transportation changes, they **MUST** be in writing. You can either fax your change to 352-249-2143 or email to Thomsonj1@citrussschools.org.



Principal's News

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Spring season at Rock Crusher! We are finishing the 3rd quarter and entering the 4th quarter of the 2023-24 school year. As we begin this last quarter, we will continue to emphasize academic achievement.

This Month we will encourage our students' love of reading through our Elite Readers with Accelerated Reader. This competition will recognize students for reading books and taking quizzes at school. Another fun initiative will be March Math Madness. Students will be given the opportunity to complete timed math facts activities with a prize for the class with the highest facts mastery. We are excited to see how our students grow and achieve.

This month Spring Break will begin on March 25th. We hope you enjoy special time with your family outdoors in the beautiful weather typical at this time of year. Students will return to school on April 1st.

The staff here at Rock Crusher and I would like to thank you for a magical year so far. It has been a pleasure to partner with you to support the success of our students and our school.

Sincerely,

Amanda Haynes
Principal

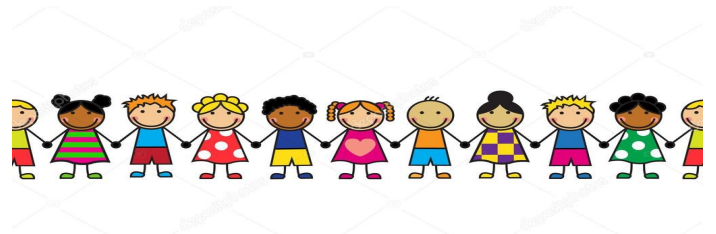


Title 1 News

We would like to thank all the families that participated in our annual **Read Me a Bedtime Story** night. Once again we had a great turn out!

Please check out the Title I section of **April's Gopher Gazette**. We will be announcing another fun filled **Parent and Family Engagement Night**.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces.





Our Amazing Staff

RCE is proud that all our teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. All teachers at RCE are certified in the area in which they provide instruction.

RCE is looking for any willing people to join our team as a **substitute**. If interested, please contact

(352) 795-2010

Zone Requests

Special Attendance Preference Forms to attend a school other than your zoned school, are available online starting **March 1st**.

The **deadline** to complete and submit this request is **May 29th, 2024**.

Lost & Found

Please remind your child to check the lost and found for any article of clothing/ lunchbox/backpack they may be missing.



We're on the Web!
Rockcrusherelementary.
com

Mark your calendars!

Kindergarten End of the Year Program:

Friday, May 17th

10:00 RCE Café



Please arrive at 9:30 with your i.d. for check-in at the front office.

FSA/FAST 2024 Testing Schedule

iReady PM3 testing dates TBD sometime in May.
All tests are computer based.

	BEST Writing	STAR/FAST PM# 3	CBT Science
K-2nd Grade		April 15- April 18	
3 rd grade		May 1 May 2	
4 th grade	April 3	May 7 May 8	
5 th grade	April 3	May 1 May 2	May 8 May 9

It's that time of year again!

Dear Families,

If you have a student in 5th grade, it's time to start thinking about middle school. To find the middle school you are zoned for, please go to citrus-schools.org, click on parents, scroll down the drop down menu on the left to 'find Zoned School'-click on it. Then, click on 'Current School Year' and type in your street address. Student's will be receiving information regarding field trips to the middle school in the near future, so please check those book bags! If you are interested in AVID, information and applications can be found on your zoned school's web page.

KG round up date is April 26th! Details of this event will be posted on the Rock Crusher Elementary facebook page in the near future. All registrations are to be completed online. You must set up a Skyward account first. Directions on how to do this are also located at CitrusSchools.org, under the parent tab.

VPK screening dates have yet to be decided but will also be posted on the Rock Crusher Elementary web page in the very near future as well.



The SUCCESS Club!

Congratulations to all of our students who were chosen by their teacher to be in "The SUCCESS Club." Each month we have a monthly theme and for February it was "Trustworthy". Students that earned this honor were celebrated on stage and given ice cream. We have so many trustworthy students at "The Rock". The theme for the month of March will be "Kindness".



Reminder to Parents/Guardians:

Any child **10 years of age or older** who has not received a **Tdap vaccination** should receive one dose of the vaccine. A dose of Tdap vaccine is required for entry into **7th grade in Florida schools**. Please check with your student's physician to see when your student is eligible for the **Tdap vaccination**.

