



SPCAS NEWS

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Mission

We will create a child-centered learning environment where ALL children will learn at high levels.

Vision

At SPCAS the faculty and staff will...

- Purposefully collaborate.
- Empower students to discover, develop, and accelerate academically, creatively, and socially.
- Use practices that are research based and responsive to the needs of our students.
- Collaborate and communicate with all stakeholders to ensure student success.

Upcoming Events

- 1st- New Challenger start day
- 2nd- PBIS March incentive celebration
- 3rd- Academic Recognition Ceremony
- 4th- Teacher Olympics at Adventure Air
- 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 10th- 4th grade field study
- 11th- Showcase of Accelerated Studies
- night 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 15th-19th- Spring Break
- 22nd- Make-up Day (students are in attendance)
- 25th- Quarter 4 Progress Reports go home
- 25th- Terrific Kid Program 9am



Save the Date for FIELD DAY 2019

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORTHCOMING

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER: DR. WHITE

Hello!

Happy Springtime to everyone! What a beautiful and exciting time of year it is right now! I can hardly believe that we are already into the fourth nine weeks' grading period. Time really does fly when you are having fun! And speaking of having fun, have you seen what wonderful things are going on here at school? Our students and staff members are up to all kinds of wonderful things. We would love to have you come by to visit our classrooms if you have not done so in a while!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who have attended and helped support our efforts during the open enrollment process for next year, provided additional information at various parent meetings, and those who have been vocal advocates for our school. As we expand our Accelerated Studies Program, your feedback and support is essential. Please continue to share your thoughts with us as we continue to design programs that will benefit all of our students. I, as your principal, want you to know that we are providing your children with the highest quality of education that our district can offer. It is my personal goal for every child to have a strong, differentiated academic experience here at Sunset Park. We hold high expectations for ourselves and our students. Please know that your children are our most precious resource in our Rock Hill community. They will always receive our very best!

Did you know that children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior? Eating dinner together is great, but other meals count, too. If you work at night, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. Or, you might try a picnic lunch on the weekend.

If you have not been to Sunset Park lately, let me extend a very special invitation to you. I would like to encourage our parents to join us for lunch any day and to stop by our classrooms to observe instruction. We are very proud of our students!

Sincerely,

Tammy T. White, *Ph.D.*

Principal



MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MRS. BROWN

Students in 3rd-5th grade will take the South Carolina State Assessments (SCREADY & SCPASS) this spring. The information below will provide important dates and information regarding the assessments. Please try to schedule any doctor/dentist appointments around these dates. Students need to be at school and on time each day!

Assessment Dates:

SCREADY ELA (2 days): May 7, 2019 and May 9, 2019

SCREADY Math: May 14th, 2019

SCPASS Science: (Only 4th grade students) May 16, 2019

SCPASS Social Studies: (Only 5th grade students) May 16, 2019

Students may not be in possession of any electronic or other device that can be used for communicating, recording, timing, creating, or storing images. These devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, iPad, smart watches, etc. Any electronic devices at school will be collected.

Assessment Formats:

SCREADY ELA, SCREADY Math, and SCPASS Science/Social Studies will all be computer based assessments this year for 3rd-5th grade students. (Students will be asked to leave their school assigned computer (& charger) at school prior to testing.)

Please feel free to contact me at 803-981-1260 if you have any questions or concerns regarding state assessments!

MAP testing will also take place for Kindergarten-5th grade beginning mid-May through the end of May. Teachers will send out specific dates as the time draws closer.

Physical Education News from Ms. Bundy:

Fitnessgram

Fifth grade students are currently completing their Fitnessgram assessment in the gym. Fourth and third grade students participate in these activities during class to learn the proper techniques of each fitness component. All students are encouraged to be active 60 (sixty) minutes a day. Fitnessgram components are height and weight of the student, the PACER run to measure cardiovascular endurance, curl-ups to measure muscular endurance, push-ups to measure muscular strength, flexibility is measured by both the sit and reach test, and the trunk lift. Fifth grade students will receive a Healthy Fitness Zone document in their final report card with information concerning their fitness level as they leave us to go to middle school.

FIELD DAY!

Field Day is May 24th. Believe it or not it will be here before we know it! We invite YOU to volunteer to make our field day special. Our SPCAS field day is a day filled with fun and fellowship to celebrate our school year. In order for our field day to be successful we need many volunteers. Please save the date Friday, May 24, 2019 so that you may join us in all the fun!

PE Camp at India Hook Elementary School

If you are looking for a fun way for your child to spend some mornings during the week of June 17-20 this summer you might want to consider a PE Camp at India Hook Elementary School. Karen Roof, India Hook Physical Education teacher, and I offer a PE Camp on these dates from 9:00am-12:00pm. Please refer to the flyer that came home in your child's communication folder for details. Please note that there is a cost for participation.

Message from Mrs. Gray:

Congratulations to our 2019 Battle of the Books Team! This year's team consisted of all girls: Hannah Andrychowski, Amiya Bufford, Meredith Cooper, Julia Faircloth, McKenzie Hiller, Amalia Pattison, and Kaitlyn Suthers. This year's competition was held, Friday, March 29th at the Flexible Learning Center. In addition to the competition the team also participated with the other 16 elementary schools for the Elementary Media Specialist Annual Read-In.

Counseling Corner:

Parents/ Guardians:

We all had a ball participating in our Career Day on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Students were able to learn about different career paths from professionals in various fields. Please view our schools social media page(s) to view pictures taken during this event. Also, please speak with your children about some of the things they may have learned and seen during our Career Day.

In classroom guidance, we have started our career exploration unit. This unit will provide the students with more career choices (that may not have been viewed on Career Day). Students will also engage in kid-friendly interest inventories & search tools that can be used to research a number of careers. Also, our fifth grade students will have a chance to speak with middle school counselors and learn more about the middle school process. This is such an exciting time of year; the students really seem to enjoy these topics!

Lastly, in addition to classroom guidance if you feel your child has a need for individual or small group counseling services, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The goal is to help our students succeed in school—I am here to help us reach that goal. As always, please know that I am available should you wish to speak with me regarding your child's needs at Sunset Park. Have an Astounding April!

Meisha Woods, B.A., M.A.

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Message from Mrs. Dieguez:

Hello Everyone,

We are in the last nine weeks of this school year. This year has gone by so quickly. Everyone still needs to make sure to arrive on time and send excuses if absent. Every school day is important and every minute counts. Please be mindful that 5 unexcused absences or 10 unexcused tardies will require an Attendance Plan to be written. Parents can write 5 parent notes each year if your child was sick and did not go to the doctor. If you have attendance questions, please call or email me.

Thank you

Dana Dieguez

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Mrs. Blackwell- GT/Math Coach & PBIS Coordinator

ORIGO ONE is a series of videos that show you how to create light bulb moments for your students. These videos take a mathematics concept and break it into pieces that are easy to understand and only take a minute to watch. Follow the link below to see how math concepts are being taught.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7UfkoUOW3FmTAuhx9upSA>

Congratulations to our March "Responsibility" Students

Mrs. Nivens- Literacy/Yearbook:

Reading at home is very important for all students. Sometimes we need to get creative about encouraging our children to read! Think about a special outdoor place to read. Have your child keep a book in the car to read as you run errands. Allow your child to create a box with art supplies and paper to make a journal about the fun and exciting things that you do. Bring a book that you and your child read together while waiting at a restaurant, doctor's office, etc. Is there someone special that your child could video chat with to read them a story? Keep your children reading and growing!

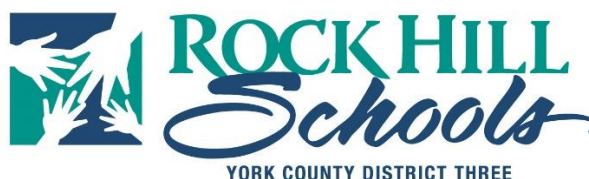
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Edison Cubbedge
Fielding Faulkenberry
Alejandra Olivo
Rhi'Ona Brooks
Carleigh Boulware
Asar White
Ja'Nyia Cunningham
Kennedy Richmond
Nolan Stow
Kerrington Ratliff
Nehemiah Douglas

La-Chasity Walton
Kaylin Harvey
Brody Baardseth
Shaniya Strong
Carson Moore
Alyssa Slaughter
MacKenzie Thomas
Dawson Muir
Brennan Washington
Ji'Kel McGriff Agers
Amelia O'Sullivan
Haleigh Faulkner
Ryder Loncaric
LaDavean West
Mason Cluppert

Samara Pope
Romeo Monteserin
MaKenna Thompson
Denyana Alexander
Gracelynn Walborn
Gavin Sliva
Ava Barrett
Kairon Whitehead
Kennedi McMullen
Jaina Nichols
Blake Wise
Cayden Sanders



****Please note this will go into effect next school year.**



Based upon USDA Nutrition Standards and School Board Policy ADF - District Wellness, the following list of approved snacks are the only allowable snacks for classroom celebrations or parties. No homemade goods are permitted. Snacks must be individually wrapped or in purchased container/package.

Valentine's Day parties are excluded from using the list.

The list was compiled by the district Health Advisory Committee using feedback from the School Improvement Councils (during the 2017-18 school year), and parent survey responses from the spring of 2018. The snacks listed meet SMART Snack guidelines recommended by USDA.

Pretzels

Cheddar crackers or graham crackers

Sun chips or similar baked chips

Frozen fruit bars (Ex. Whole Fruit, Outshine, Dole or store brand equivalent)

Fresh fruit – Individual serving/wrapped or in purchased package container

Fresh vegetables – Individual serving/wrapped or in purchased package container

Low fat dips

Fruit cups (Ex. In water, light syrup, or 100% juice)

Yogurt

Apple sauce cups

Sugar free gelatin cups or sugar free pudding cups

Fruit and veggie pouches

Cheese sticks (Individually wrapped)

Pepperoni or turkey pepperoni (In purchased package container or individual sticks)

Water/Flavored Water

*This list does not address allergies. Please remember to always check specific allergies with your classroom teacher 48 hrs. prior to bringing food to the school. Accommodations will be made for students with allergies.