

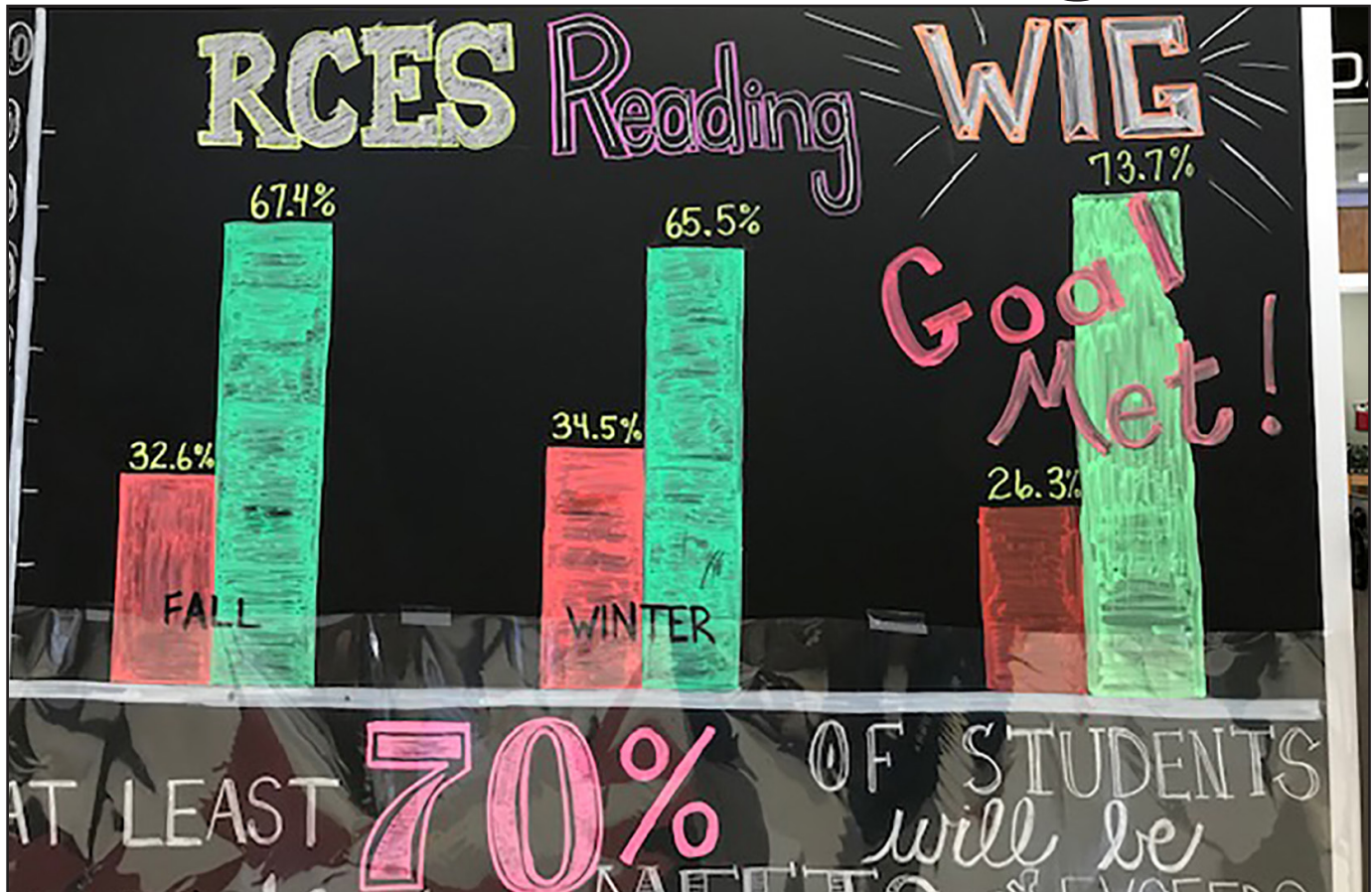


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RCES meets Reading WIG



The staff and students are to be commended as they met yet another *Leader In Me* WIG (Wildly Important Goal)! The administration set a goal that at least 70% of the students in grades 1-6 would score approaching, met, or exceeding on the Spring Reading MAP test when projected with SCReady. The final results were: We topped over 73%. Way To Go, RCES! It's time to celebrate!

Relay for Life Spirit Week a success

RCES *Relay for Life* Spirit Week was a huge success, as the students raised \$2,276. The week was full of fun activities and ended with parade on Friday morning.

Monday, was Crazy Mix-Match Day. The students and staff came dressed in a variety of mix-matched attire. On Tuesday, everyone that chose, came dressed

in "workout" attire. Hawaiian Day was Wednesday, and colorful floral attire was very popular. Throwback Thursday had everyone dressing like it was the 1980's. For the *Relay for Life* parade on Friday, the pirates seemed to take over RCES.

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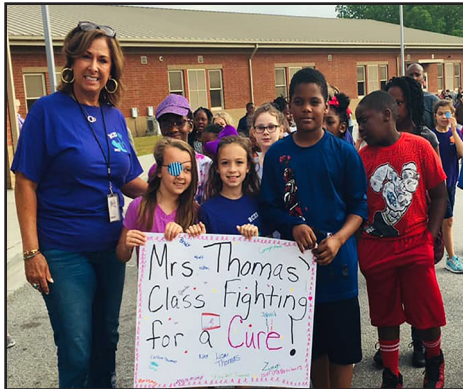
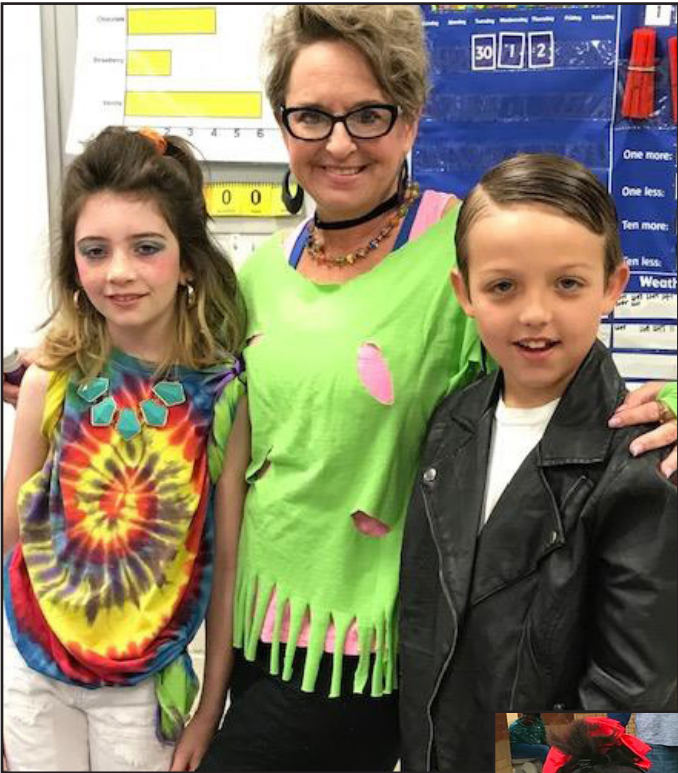
Juelz Simpkins

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RCES Vision Statement

We are Richard Carroll Elementary School
and together we
Learn with Passion,
Lead with Integrity, and
Succeed with Confidence.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 30 - Awards Program, Grade 4, 9 a.m.
 Awards Program, Grade 5, 11 a.m.
 Grade 6 Field Day at Middle School

Thursday, May 31 - Awards Program, Grade 6, at 8:30 a.m.

Teachers got “pied” when *Relay for Life* goal was met



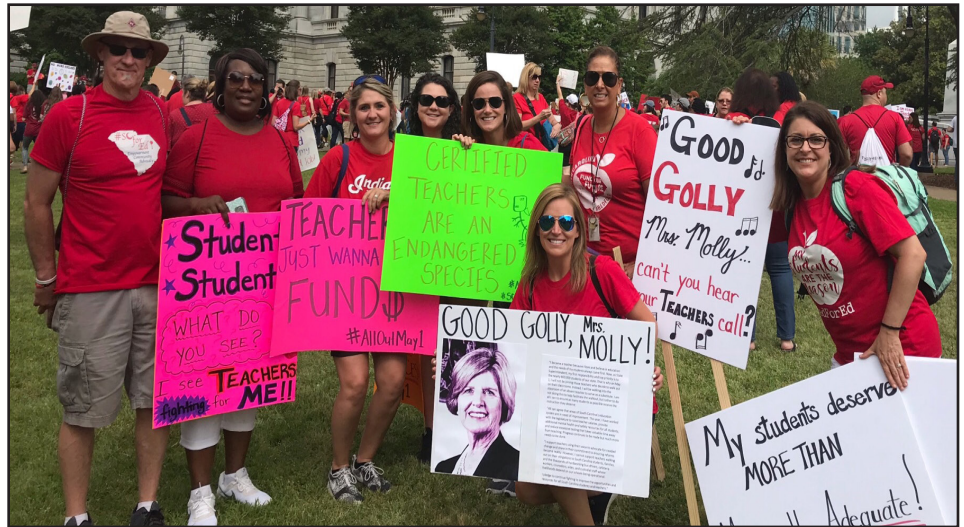
Arlene Crosby



Second graders are guided in replanting the raised beds sponsored by Southeastern Housing and Community Development. The refreshed beds house tomatoes, peppers, flowers, herbs, and more. Lara Buss helps the students transplant the new plants into the bed.



Libby Murdaugh and Terry Collins

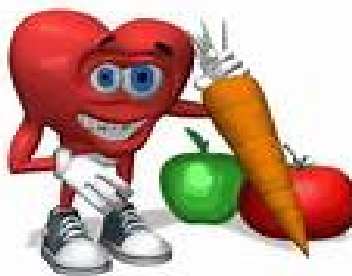


Several RCES teachers marched in Columbia on May 1, in support of lawmakers following through in education reform promises.



Erica Glover

RCES's Wellness Mission Statement:



To provide students with an educational experience that inspires a healthy lifestyle.

Padgett applies for and wins \$5,000 grant for a Rainbow Reading Garden at RCES

RCES recently won a \$5,000 grant for a Rainbow Reading Garden. Mary Ida Padgett, who applied for the grant, recently received news that RCES is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF).

In 2018, with the help of Mrs. Arlene Crosby, Mrs. Christie Rutland, Hollie Roma, Aaron Padgett, and Eric Padgett, Mrs. Padgett began working on the concept and applied for a garden grant to improve the playgrounds at Richard Carroll Elementary School. Padgett said, "Since our school was established in 2013, no shade trees have been planted on the playground. The RCES Rainbow Reading Garden will provide a shady, cool area outdoors, where the children and faculty will not be at risk of prolonged sun exposure or heat. We aim to create a Reading Garden, complete with a compost system, vegetable and herb garden beds, and an overall shady landscape filled with beneficial plants and trees. The reading garden will be an ideal place for students to enjoy a healthy outdoor learning environment."

She stated the mission and goal of the reading garden is "to make reading more exciting and interesting for all of our students, especially for the students who struggle with reading." Padgett said, "when you plant a garden, you plant a seed, both literally and metaphorically. By bringing students outside into a safe and relaxed atmosphere, reading can become a more exciting adventure, and a lasting love for learning can be inspired."

"Beyond the confines of library and classroom walls, this garden could help us encourage students to relax in the fresh air." Reading and learning outdoors allow students to spread out and feel free.

This project will mean so

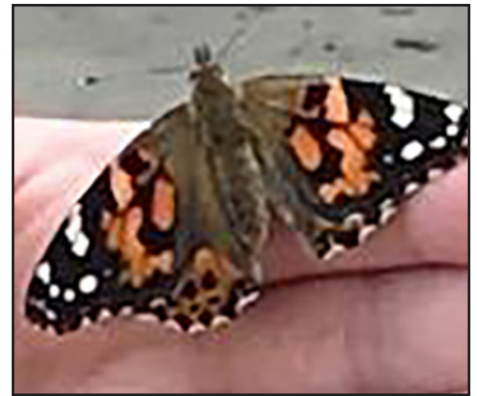
much to our students and school. Reading is where it all begins. Once you catch a student's attention in reading, their grades will improve and this can lead to an improvement in behavior as well. The RCES Rainbow Reading Garden will be an ideal learning environment, not only to challenge the minds of our students, but also to strengthen their motor skills.

This Reading Garden will give our students a chance to become avid readers, dig in the dirt, and learn about growing food, and enjoy the fresh outdoors. We thank you Lowes Toolbox for your generosity and your consideration. We are so happy to include all students, family, PTO, and, staff in this joyous adventure.

We applaud the dedication of Mrs. Padgett and her team as they work to improve RCES.



BE Bands performed at their Gala on Saturday, April 27. Parents and guests enjoyed some great jazz music.



Mrs. Huggins' butterfly spent a few minutes saying goodbye before it flew off into the sunshine.



Ms. Anne Thompson, retired RCES second grade teacher, returned to help Ms. Kilgus with their butterfly release party. After watching the larva change to chrysalis, and the chrysalis to butterfly, the students enjoyed setting the butterflies free in their natural habitat.

“Best Field Day ever” says staff of RCES



GAP Tour always excites RCES students

