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Through a Facebook contest, RCES parents and staff won this precious sign to welcome students back on the first day of school. The contest was sponsored by Sign Gypsies in Barnwell.

Scholastic Book Fair and Grandparents Breakfast in September

Please make plans to visit the Scholastic Book Fair that will be held in the Richard Carroll Library September 5-13, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember that all purchases help raise money to buy new books and resources for our RCES library. There will be an 8% sales tax added to purchases.

Also students, please invite your grandparent(s) to join you for breakfast on Friday, September 7 from 6:45-7:25 a.m. for grades K-3; and on Monday, September 10 from 6:45-7:25 a.m. for grades 4-6.

Any grandparents or guest will be required to pay \$2.25 for a breakfast. After breakfast, be sure to bring your grandparent by the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing all of our Grands!

Cheerleading registration sent home

Mrs. Huffstetler, Rec League cheerleading sponsor, has sent registration forms home in students' folders. All forms and money must

be turned in by August 31, 2018. There will be no exceptions. Please check your child's folder for more information.



Mrs. Murdaugh's class celebrated their first day in first grade. They all agree, "Our First Day, Rocks!"



Notes from the Principal

Stacey Walter

Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. What a FANTASTIC year it is going to be at RCES! We are excited to see all of our new faces as well!

The first week of school ran very smoothly and the children seem to be adjusting to their classes and teachers just fine. Please remember, that after this week, we ask that you do not walk your child in unless you have to. Our Safety Patrol, as well as adults, will be on duty both inside and outside of the building to ensure each child gets to the proper place. This helps with transitioning and also with the flow within the school. It has been interesting and quite humorous at times seeing some of you walking your child in as the child tells you "Don't come with me mommy (or daddy)." The look on your faces is priceless, but also heartwarming. I, too, remember the day our daughter told me that and in fact, it was kindergarten! It breaks our hearts, but also reminds us that we have done something right and that they feel safe within our walls already!

We have preliminary spring test results back from the state and see improvements from the year before, which tells me we are doing things right! If your child was in grades 3-5 last year, they will be bringing their student report home soon regarding their results. Our Student Incentive Trip to Jammers Skating Rink is planned and boy did I have to make some adjustments based on those test results. In May, students were encouraged to do their best on the state test and most of them certainly

did!!! Out of approximately 400 students that took the test - almost half are going on the trip! That is about 200 students!!! WOW - so I quickly made some adjustments, accordingly, to see that they ALL get their reward. The dedication of the faculty and staff here at RCES is something that is immeasurable and stands out among the surrounding areas.

Our *Leader in Me (LIM)* process continues to show us how important it is that we exhibit the *7 Habits* daily and strive to teach skills to our children that will assist them throughout their lives in so many ways. It warms my heart to hear comments from visitors and parents that compliment us on how well mannered and behaved our children are. This year we are going to focus on the academic link and parent component of *LIM* even more. Evidence has shown that the more parents are involved and knowledgeable of what goes on

at school the better their child will perform. This piece will complete us and allow us to soar to even higher heights - but we need you to get there. Please join us on family nights and other events to assist us in ensuring that we do everything possible to help your child, and every other child at RCES, succeed.

Our Clothes Closet is running low, so if you have any gently worn clean clothes that your child has outgrown - please send them to school. These come in very handy quite often when students need a change of clothes.

In conclusion, we are a dynamic school in a dynamic district located in a dynamic community! Let's continue to focus on what we know is best for our children and watch them be "Rockin' Leaders" this year! My door is always open and I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Educationally,
Mrs. Walter



RCES Vision Statement

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

Last year's third and fourth graders celebrate SC Ready successes



Last week, last year's third and fourth graders who scored met or higher on one or more of the the SC Ready tests enjoyed their Student Incentive Trip to Jammers Skating Rink in Orangeburg. A similar trip is scheduled for the last year's fifth and sixth graders.

RCES Principal Stacey Walter says she is excited about the improvements in test scores made since last year. She gives credit to the hard work of the teachers and staff. Walter says, "RCES has come a long way, but each year we are seeing gains because of their dedication to our students."





Students in Miss Lewis' 3rd grade class completed their STEM challenge to "Save Sam" during the first week of school. Students had to save Sam (a gummy worm) whose boat capsized (clear cup) and his life preserver (gummy life saver) was only one rule...you couldn't use your HANDS only paperclips! Such a fun time was had by all and yes Sam was saved quite a few times.



Ms. Kilgus' second graders synergize to sequence events from the story she read, "The First Day Jitters." Pictured left to right above are: Aaron Hamilton, Iyanna Welcome, Phaizon Hayward, Alli Ward, and Paul Proveaux.



Mrs. Ness introduces her class mascot on the first day of school!

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 27 - Math MAP testing begins

Wednesday, August 29 - Student Lighthouse Team meets, 2:45

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 4 - ELA MAP and DRA testing begin

Wednesday, September 5 - Scholastic Book Fair begins

Friday, September 7 - Pre-K - Grade 3 Grandparents' Breakfast

Monday, September 10 - Grades 4-6, Grandparents' Breakfast

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