



# Raidertown Times

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Mrs. Herndon's sixth grade class was excited when donations from the Kids In Need Foundation came. Herndon applied to the organization and each student received a pencil bag with a box of pencils, an ink pen, crayons, a big pink eraser, a pencil sharpener, and a glue stick. Additionally, each student was gifted a folder, a notebook, a ruler and a box of markers. Mrs. Herndon received scissors, pens, and copy paper for her class. Herndon stated they were thankful for the gifts.

## RCES Art students create masks from around the world

RCES art students created masks from around the world. Under the instruction of Mrs. Carol Smith, RCES art teacher, they used paper pulp, tempera paint, puffy paint, and construction paper.

Pictured at the left are just a few of the masks that have been completed. The bright colored masks with creative designs, line the red hall.

**This is the last week  
BE Raider tattoos will be  
sold in the cafeteria.**







## Notes from the Principal

*Stacey Walter*

### RCES is blessed in many ways

With this being our last newsletter of the year 2018 and the start of 2019, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We are blessed beyond measure that we get the opportunity to work with your children every day.

Richard Carroll is proud to have a rating of Average by the State Department of Education. A rating that is very difficult to attain with the standards that they utilize now for the state report cards. This tells me that we are doing GREAT things here and will continue to do so as we move forward but we cannot do it alone. As we move forward into the second half of our school year, things will begin to get fast paced as we move towards May and state testing. I ask that you work with your child, as we do here, to ensure they get the best of both worlds academically. Our goal is to be Excellent!

I encourage you to come out for our Annual Supper with Santa on the 13th - get your child's picture made with Santa himself - and see some fantastic programs by kindergarten, first, and second graders. This year you will also be able to purchase a CD of the Supper with Santa programs for \$10.00. This will enable you to enjoy the program and not have to worry about recording it yourself! There will be a table set up when you enter where you can order your own CD.

The programs scheduled during the day on December 11 and 12 have been canceled due to RCES's busy schedule. We are trying to complete mid-year MAP testing

among other things. We will hold our Spring Concert for parents to attend as planned.

Our Annual Christmas Parade will be held at 8:30 on the morning of the 21st so please come out!

We will have early dismissal on the 21st at 10:30 and students return to school for a full day on January 7th. This date was originally a teacher workday but will now be a makeup day, due to inclement weather.

In conclusion, thank you for the gifts that you share with us and letting us be a part of your lives! Have a safe, restful, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Educationally,  
Mrs. Walter



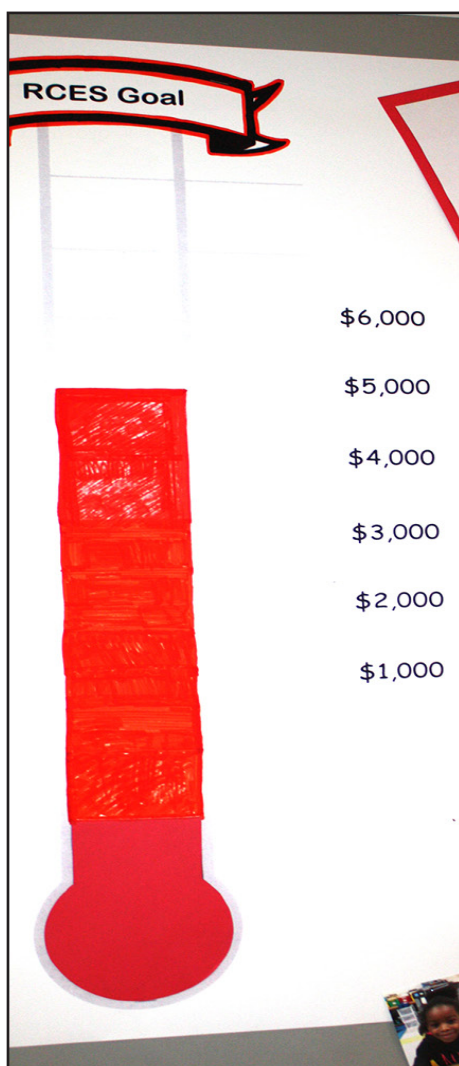
**Phaizon Hayward has been blowing through Accelerated Reading books in Mrs. Jeffcoat's reading class. He is the first, second grade student in the 2018-2019 school year, to fill his gumball machine by scoring 80% comprehension or higher on the Accelerated Reader books he has read! Way to go, Phaizon!!!**



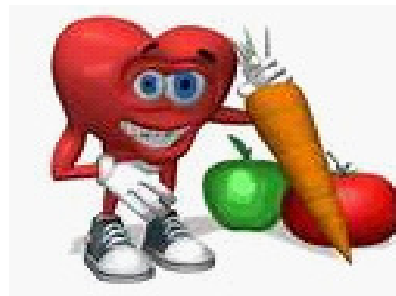
**Students in Ms. Breland's fifth grade math class concluded their lesson on comparing decimals. Here, students are pictured playing a competitive game to review their learning. Each player had to pull a card and write that number on a place value chart in the spot where it would have the largest value. Once all eight spots were filled, students used the  $<$ ,  $=$ , or  $>$  to compare.**



Mrs. Susan Hammond, a sixth grade teacher, said she was proud of her homeroom after they collected 13 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. She said this was the most any one classroom collected. Trinity United Methodist Church sent a letter to the school and said they collected 736 shoeboxes from 14 different churches, four families and one school. RCES donated a total of 73 packed shoeboxes to support Operation Christmas Child.



Raidertown goal not yet met. Please continue to send in your pledges.



### RCES's Wellness Mission Statement:

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

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, December 3 - Monday, December 17** - MAP testing

**Thursday, December 13** - Supper with Santa, 5 p.m. -7 p.m.,  
Kindergarten Performance, 5:30 p.m.  
1st and 2nd Performance, 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 17 - Friday, December 21** -  
Penguin Patch Open  
Students can purchase gifts for loved ones

**Friday, December 21** - Annual Christmas Parade, 8:30 a.m.  
School dismissal at 10:30 a.m.

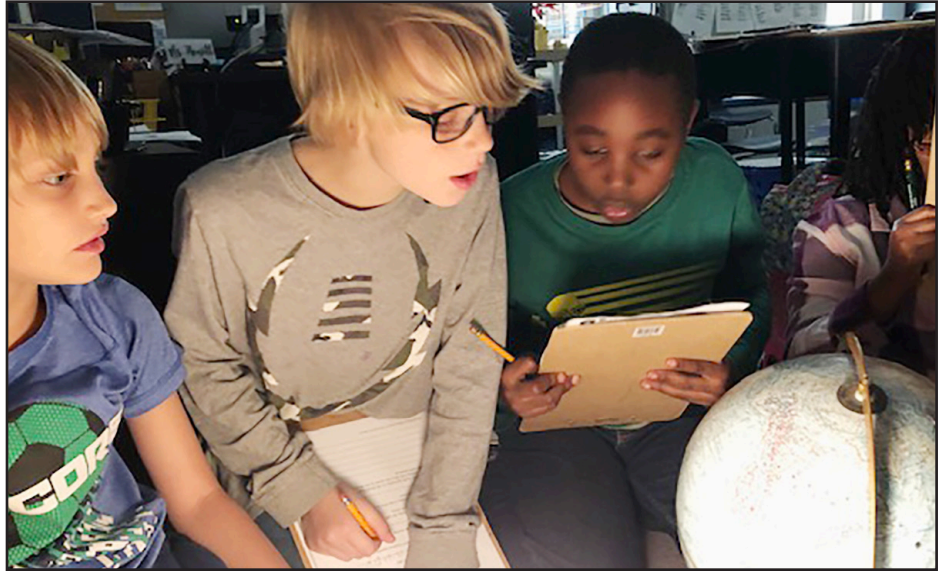
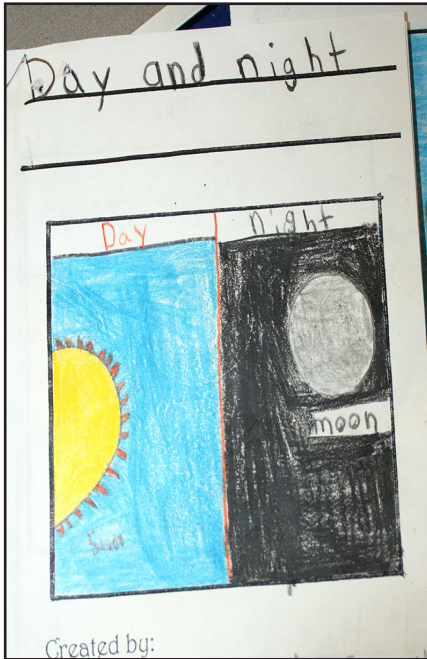
**December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019**  
**Christmas Holidays**



## Fourth graders learn how Earth's rotation affects day and night

Mrs. Hewitt's fourth grade science students have been studying how the Earth's rotation affects day and night. During this lesson, the students used a globe and a lamp to see how the Earth's rotation causes day and night, and how places move in and out of the light (sunrise and sunset).

Using the knowledge gained, they later created day and night picture books like the one below.



Left to right, Caleb Breaux, Shuler Apgar, and Mo'Reece Singleton investigate how the rotation of the Earth creates day and night.



Left to right, La'Nayshia Clemons, Aubrey Faust, and Paige Ulmer investigate how sunrise and sunset arrive as the Earth rotates.



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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.