



Raidertown Times

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A record number of RCES students qualified to be Duke Tip nominees after being in the 95% or higher range on SC Ready or MAP.

RCES recognizes Duke Tip nominees

RCES is proud to share that we recently nominated over 42 students for Duke TIP (Talent Identification Program) recognition. These students, in grades four through six, qualified based on a most recent test score (SC Ready or MAP) being in the 95% or higher! Duke TIP offers programs for gifted students that accelerate and enrich their educational experiences and this program is free of charge. We are excited for these student's achievements!!!

Duke Talent Identification program nominees are: **Fourth graders:** Shirniyah Ritter, Noah Sawyer, Aysiah Bonaparte, Riley Godley, Wyatt Templeton, Madison Wise, Joneta Dixon, Gabrielle Wade, Janae Goodson, Laney Kinard, Michael Ducharme, Addison Linder, Richard Westbury, William Fralick,

and Benjamin McCormick, **Fifth graders:** Lexie Barnwell, Camren Johnson, Jacobie Wright, Isabella Castellano, Joshua Goodson,



This happy group was excited about their musical instruments and their participation in the musical parade. Left to right are Tyrek Banks, Nilajash Edwards, Jason Ransom, and Trinity Ransom.

Ashe's homeroom wins ELA Night pizza party



Mrs. Ashe's class enjoying their pizza celebration for having the highest percentage of parents attend ELA Family Night.

Duke Tip nominees

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Camren Johnson, Benjamin Bush, Reese Caddell, Canden Johnson, Darion Sease, Raelynn Jarrett, Kaydon Kearse, Kaylee Mann, Darion Sease and Tyler Smith, and **Sixth graders:** Matthew Herndon *(Scores based on 4th grade scores/skipped 5th/Promoted from 5th to 6th in August 2019) Talon Fanning, Gracie Jones, Haven Bunch, Adrielle Bowers, Austin Fisk, Mau'Real Kimble, Graclyn Rice, Garrett Wade, Tanner Woods, Olivia Trafton and Trinity Rahn.

Not pictured are Adrielle Bowers and Laney Kinard.



Art by Nilajash Edwards

Veterans photos needed

We will celebrate Veterans Day by creating a patriotic paper star display to honor those who have served. In this activity, your child will help create a memorial celebrating the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Using construction paper, your child will create a red, white, or blue star to display in the hall.

If you have a veteran in your family that you would like to honor, please send a COPY of their picture (3x5 or 4x6 only please), along with their name, rank, and branch to school no later than Friday, November 8th. It's a nice way to honor loved ones who have served, or even lost their lives during battle. The display will hang throughout the month of November to honor our hometown heroes. Thank you for your help with this project.



RCES Vision Statement

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



Miss Lewis' third grade class shared their science Habitat Projects with Mrs. Harper's first grade class.



Emma Lynn Huffstetler and Paxton Black from Mrs. Mixon's third grade class had a wonderful learning experience recently completing their Habitat projects! Emma Lynn stated, "My habitat was the ocean and I enjoyed when my mom and I worked on this together. I found the animals for my project all by myself, and mom printed some of my pictures." Paxton said, "I learned that a lot of animals live deep down in the ocean. My favorite animal that lives in the ocean is the one with the light on his head, the anglerfish!" Both students realized afterwards that they each included a swordfish in their project!!



The #kindnessrocks slogan at RCES has really been embraced by all of the school. Staff and students alike are finding ways to promote it. This cute little pumpkin was painted to say, "Throw kindness like confetti!" It's a small, subtle reminder of how easy it is to spread kindness in the school environment.

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 4 - Raiderthon begins
Operation Christmas Child begins
Mid-year DRA testing begins

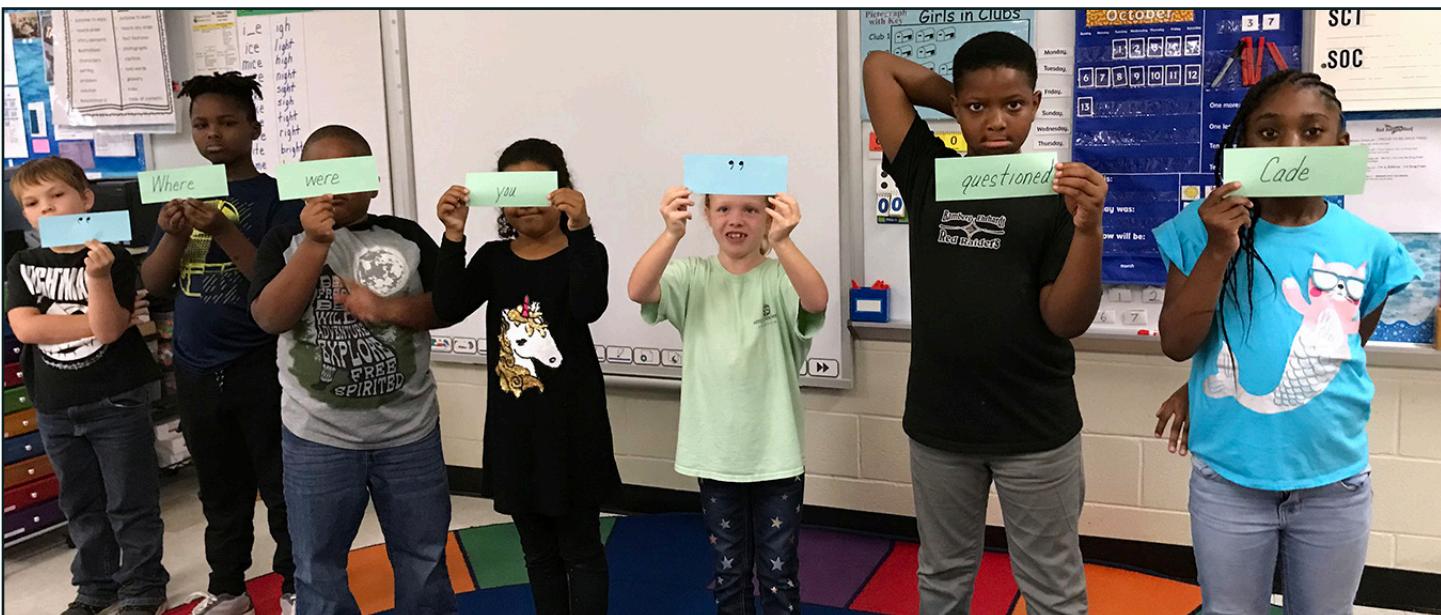
Wednesday, November 6 - Student Lighthouse Team meets,
3 - 4 p.m.

Monday, November 18 - Interims sent home

Wednesday, November 20 - Student Lighthouse Team meets,
3 - 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 21 - Mother-Son Event, 5 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26 - Raiderthon Day



Left to right, Jaxon Barnes, Kaylin Green, Kadeem Robinson, JaLynn Dyches, Rozana Barton, KaRon Key, and Mar'Laja Kimble model where quotation marks are placed in sentences.



During art, Mrs. Smith took Mrs. Glasper's kindergarten class outside to observe our state tree, the Palmetto! Two Palmetto trees were planted right outside of the art room.

Lowe's grant funds help beautify RCES grounds

Mary Ida Padgett, a former RCES teacher's assistant, received a Lowe's grant totaling \$5000 entitled "RCES Rainbow Reading Garden". The grant money is being used to enhance the RCES composting program, plant trees to shade the playground areas, and build a greenhouse for plants and tools.



Second graders show their "love" for their new trees that will one day supply shade, fall leaves, and attract a variety of birds to our school grounds. These trees were planted using the Lowe's grant funds received.

RCES's Wellness Mission Statement:



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

First graders design and create musical instruments



Mrs. Mixon's third grade class visited Mrs. Ness' first grade class to see the instrument display. All first graders presented their instruments to the yellow, green, and red halls on Friday, October 18, with a musical instrument parade.



These first graders are proud of their musical instruments. Left to right, Jane Anne McCormack, Lorelei Templeton, Madison Murdaugh, and Emma Griffin.



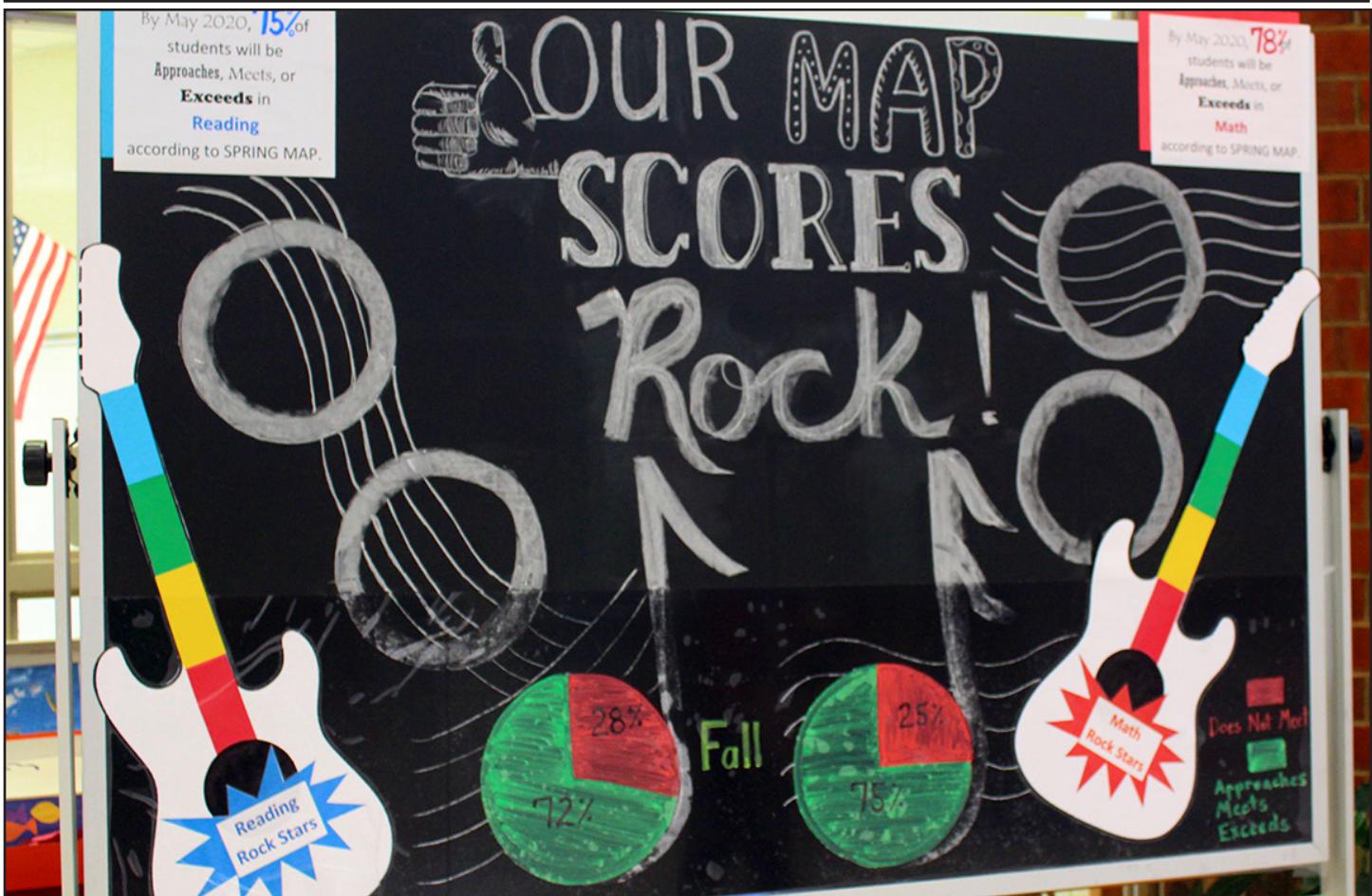
Check out these two RCES first grade rock stars. They look ready to "rock and roll" with their homemade guitars. Left to right are Ramone Eubanks and Kaizley Smith.



Mrs. Glasper and Mrs. Franklin's kindergarten class and Mrs. Bunch's sixth grade class are enjoying being buddies! Several sixth grade students come every morning to read to students in Mrs. Glasper's class and the kindergartners enjoy that time! The classes also worked together as Mrs. Glasper's class studied pumpkins.



Mrs. Ness' first grade visited Mrs. Mixon's third grade to observe their Habitat Projects. They enjoyed browsing through the room and hearing about the different animals and their habitats.



The new 2019-2020 RCES Wildly Important Goal (WIG) is that by May 2020, 75% of students will be Approaches, Met, or Exceeds in Reading according to spring MAP scores. Also, the 78% of students will be Approaches, Met, or Exceeds in Math according to spring MAP scores.

Candy Corn investigation enjoyed by Project Beyond students

Fifth grade Project Beyond students "squealed" with delight to participate in a pre-Halloween science investigation using candy corn. They submerged a piece of candy corn into a cup of water, a cup of salt water, a cup of vinegar water, and a cup of baking soda water to discover what would happen to the candy corn!!!

First, the students hypothesized what may happen based on their past experience with the candy corn. After fifteen minutes, they wrote down their observations and then compared their final results to a control piece of candy corn.

The students realized that candy corn is basically food coloring, sugar, and wax! Students were a bit "weirded out" by the waxy film floating in the cups, the visible food coloring bleeding through the



Left to right, Lexi Barnwell, Benjamin Bush, and Kaylee Mann prepare to investigate how Candy Corn reacts to different liquid solutions.

water, and that the candy corn "dissolved" or "disintegrated" in such a short time because it's full of sugar. Everyone enjoyed eating

their candy corn and then began discussing what was happening to their candy in their bellies while it digested!!!! YUCK!