



Reedy Creek Middle School

# CONNECTIONS

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Greetings RCMS Parents!

Welcome to the new format of *Reedy Creek Connections*, Reedy Creek Middle School's monthly newsletter.

## CURRICULUM NIGHT TONIGHT!

Curriculum/ Meet-the-Teacher Night

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

5:00 - 7:00 PM

5:00-5:15 Welcome/Introductions, PTA General Session- Budget Approval -AUDITORIUM

5:15-5:30 AG (Academically Gifted) Informational Meeting for 6th Grade Parents and Parents of students new to RCMS. -MEDIA CENTER

5:45-7:00 Classroom Visitations

## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

- 2010-11 school hours are 7:30 - 2:15.
- A student will be marked tardy after 7:30

Absence notes are required in order for your child's missed time to be excused. This includes arriving to school late because of illness or doctor's appointments. Notes must be received within two days of the student's return to school and placed in the box marked "Attendance Letters" in the front office. Absence notes should not be given to teachers.

Each note should be clearly written and contain:

- student's full name
- grade
- homeroom teacher's name
- date(s) of absence
- reason for absence
- parent/guardian signature

Many notes are brought in with the student's nickname, no other identifying information and the parent has a different last name than the student. If you submit a note like this, your child's absence WILL NOT BE EXCUSED. If you have any questions, please call Peggy Kelly at 460-3511.

Thank you

# A LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Hello Reedy Creek Middle School Parents,

I am Therman Flowers, the new principal of Reedy Creek Middle School effective October 11, 2010. What an honor it is to serve as Reedy Creek Middle School's new leader and to work with your children during their adolescent years. I am eager to meet all of you and wanted you to know a little bit of information about me before my arrival.

I have been a principal for ten years and an educator for eighteen years. Since ninth grade, I knew I wanted to become a teacher. A graduate of North Carolina A& T State University, I followed in my parents' footsteps when deciding to become an educator. My dad taught at my high school; my mom was an elementary teacher. The one person who most influenced my decision to become a principal however, was my Uncle Eddie, a former middle school principal who worked on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. I was always fascinated by the many stories he would share with me; the athletic events that seemed so exciting, and the social challenges of middle schoolers that intrigued him so. Although his job seemed quite complex, I envisioned me one day choosing school administration as my "dream job" as well. What an honor it has been to achieve my dream! I am thrilled about this outstanding opportunity to continue my professional journey here at Reedy Creek Middle School.

I am married (16 years) and my wife, Kendral and I, have two wonderful children. Jasmine, a seventh grader and Cameron, a first grader, both attend Wake County Public Schools. As a devoted father and educator, I have high expectations for myself, my children, and for every student I am responsible for educating. I take these responsibilities seriously and hope to gain your trust by building solid relationships with each Reedy Creek family.

I value the challenging role parents play and strongly believe that active parenting must not stop in elementary schools. Upon my arrival, I ask three things of all RCMS parents. First, if you have not already done so, I invite you to join our P.T.A. So far, I have met several Reedy Creek parents. Of those, many work closely with the P.T.A. I look forward to working closely with all RCMS parents and know that our school will continue to soar when 100% of our parents are P.T.A. members and actively involved in the lives of their child. Membership is just \$7 for Eagle level and \$100 for Platinum Eagle Level. Please go onto the Reedy Creek Middle School P.T.A. website for more information.

Secondly, I ask that you continue to support our outstanding sporting events and arts programs. Fall sports will begin very soon. Please encourage your child to tryout for one of our teams and/or become and remain physically active. Research suggests that "becoming physically active sharpens one's minds and makes one more alert and attuned". Moreover, the arts (i.e...music programs) build students' creativity and allow them to show their musical giftedness and talents. Both sports and music is a huge part of my life. I sing and play piano yet, the game of basketball is one of my passions as well. I must say my "jump-shot" is something to behold on a "good day". Thanks for helping your child develop his/her talents by encouraging active participation in one of these programs here at Reedy Creek Middle School.

Finally, I invite you to join me for "Coffee with the Principal Sessions" that will be held throughout the school year. These sessions will give you an opportunity to learn more about me as well as allow you to give input regarding areas you would like to know more about in order to assure continued success for your child. More details about "Coffee with the Principal Sessions" will be forth-coming.

Again, I am excited about serving as Reedy Creek Middle School's next principal. I look forward to working closely with the RCMS's administrative team, our faculty and staff, our parents, and our high achieving middle school students. Thanks in advance for your continued support of Reedy Creek Middle School and for the instrumental role you will continue to play in the lives of your child.

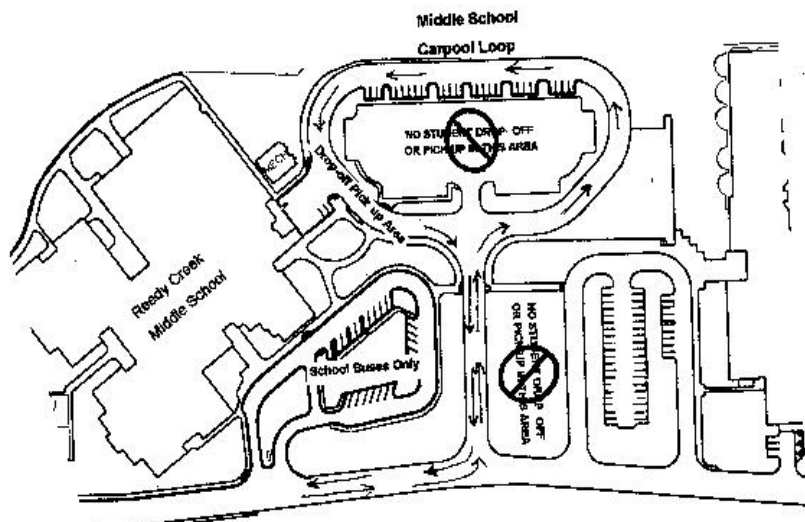
Sincerely,

Therman Flowers

Principal of Reedy Creek Middle School

(Effective October 11, 2010)

# RCMS CARPOOL INFORMATION



All carpool students should use the rear traffic circle to drop off and pick up. To alleviate congestion in the mornings, students should exit vehicles as quickly as possible. Parents are encouraged to drop students off along the entire length of the sidewalk. This will allow students to exit 10 or more vehicles at one time. Students may enter through the side entrance. Parents are not allowed to enter the staff parking lot or bus loop to drop off or pick up students. Carpool students must be picked up by 3:00pm.

## FALL FUNDRAISER

RCMS Annual Fall Fundraiser begins...

Reedy Creek Middle School PTA is kicking off our fundraiser using the Gourmet Cookie Dough and Signature Collection catalog.

Please show these brochures to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Door to door sales by unaccompanied students is not recommended.

Our sale starts September 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends September 20<sup>th</sup>. Our pick-up date is Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Below are some of the programs your PTA funds with the proceeds:

- Cultural Arts programs for all grades
- Language Arts workshops for all grades
- Curriculum supplies
- Technology
- Departmental needs (Athletic, P.E., Band, Art, etc.)
- AR Celebration
- Honor's luncheons and recognition
- Classroom Grants
- Staff Mini-grants for academic projects
- Overall school needs that Wake County does not supply

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to the students of RCMS!

PTA Fall Fundraiser Chair 2010 - Dawn Walls

## RCMS SPIRITWEAR

A wide variety of Reedy Creek Middle School Spiritwear is available to purchase including t-shirts, hoodies, water bottles and more. Visit [http://www.rcmspta.org/html/spirit\\_wear.html](http://www.rcmspta.org/html/spirit_wear.html) for more information and to print an order form.

# WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

The PTA will hold the first "Wake-Up" Wednesday breakfast event for teachers and staff on Wednesday, September 15th. Coffee, juice and breakfast foods will be served at the concession stand before school that morning, starting at 6:45 a.m. Parent volunteers are asked to donate items such as muffins, breads, fruit or yogurts. Please bring items on Tues, Sept 14th. Any questions, please contact Amy Murray at amyomurray@gmail.com. Thanks for your help to make this event a big success!!

# REFLECTIONS VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

2010-11 Reflections Program Theme: "Together we can."

PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting their entries to their local PTA unit. Reedy Creek PTA is hopeful that our students to have the opportunity to participate in this program therefore, we are currently seeking a parent to chair this position. Please contact the PTA Secretary, Sherri Phillips at sherridee4@yahoo.com if you are interested. For more information on the program: [www.ncpta.org](http://www.ncpta.org) and search under programs.

# REEDY CREEK EAGLES ATHLETICS



RCMS fall athletics are currently underway. Visit the Athletics section of the Reedy Creek Middle website for Schedules and information. Admission to all RCMS athletics is just \$4, so come out and support RCMS Eagles Football, Girls Soccer and Girls Volleyball!

**Winter Sports** Parent Meeting Wednesday **November 1st** 5:30 - 6:15 in the Gym

Girl's & Boy's Basketball

1st day of tryouts November 15th times TBA

# HONOR REWARDS COMMITTEE

Parents, just a reminder that the Honors Rewards Committee will be giving an ice cream sundae dessert to First Quarter A and A/B Honor Roll students following report cards in early November. Please remind your children to keep up with their work and keep up their grades so they can participate. We will be asking for donations later, and have more information for you, too.

# BOOK FAIR

The Reedy Creek Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to our school in November. Parent volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Please look out for more information regarding the Book Fair! Contact Rebekah Hotelling [rhottelling@nc.rr.com](mailto:rhottelling@nc.rr.com) for more information.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Reedy Creek Middle School is proud to introduce Mrs. Elizabeth Malone as our new Guidance Technician. We also welcome counselors, Mr. William Strader and Mrs. Keri Kite, who have joined our one returning counselor, Mrs. Sunshine Evans-Salter.

The Student Services Team at RCMS is an integral part of the middle school model and RCMS' own educational philosophy. Counselors are available to faculty, students and parents and will advocate for student academic, personal/social and career success as well as safety in schools. We will periodically update information on the student services webpage about various topics, including study skills, issues affecting middle school students, parenting strategies, etc.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. To schedule a parent conference for your student, you should contact the appropriate grade-level counselor at the phone numbers listed below or send an email through the links provided on the student services webpage.

Grade 8 Mr. William Strader (460-3512)

Grade 7 Ms. Sunshine Evans-Salter (460-3513)

Grade 6 Mrs. Keri Kite (460-3514)

## RCMS SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

14-Sep-2010	Tuesday	RCMS Curriculum Night	5:00-7:00 pm
14-Sep-2010	Tuesday	Wildlife Club	2:30-3:15 pm
14-Sep-2010	Tuesday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
14-Sep-2010	Tuesday	<b>Fall Portraits (Individual and Sports)</b>	
15-Sep-2010	Wednesday	Wake Up Wednesday	Concession Stand
15-Sep-2010	Wednesday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
16-Sep-2010	Thursday	NJROTC Meeting	2:30-3:30 pm
16-Sep-2010	Thursday	Battle of the Books	After School - 3:30 pm
16-Sep-2010	Thursday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
17-Sep-2010	Friday	<b>Early Release</b>	2:30-4:30 pm
17-Sep-2010	Friday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
20-Sep-2010	Monday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
21-Sep-2010	Tuesday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
22-Sep-2010	Wednesday	PBS Ticket Collection	During Homeroom
22-Sep-2010	Wednesday	FOOTBALL vs. Holly Ridge - HOME	3:45 pm
23-Sep-2010	Thursday	Battle of the Books	After School - 3:30 pm
23-Sep-2010	Thursday	SOCCKER & VOLLEYBALL vs Holly Ridge - AWAY	
24-Sep-2010	Friday	PBS Celebration	
27-Sep-2010	Monday	National Junior Art Honor Society	2:25-3:00 pm
27-Sep-2010	Monday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
28-Sep-2010	Tuesday	Wildlife Club	2:30-3:15 pm
28-Sep-2010	Tuesday	Football Practice	2:30-4:30 pm
29-Sep-2010	Wednesday	FOOTBALL vs. West Lake - HOME	3:45 pm
30-Sep-2010	Thursday	Battle of the Books	After School - 3:30 pm
30-Sep-2010	Thursday	SOCCKER & VOLLEYBALL vs West Lake - AWAY	