RISE Learning Center

March 2023

The Rocket Report

RISE and The Southport Police Department

The RISE Learning Center Rockets basketball team was very excited to partner with the Southport Police Department (SOPD) in a special community basketball game on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The game featured players from both organizations, as well as the RISE Rockettes and Southport Cheerleaders, and a great time was had by all! There was an admission fee of a monetary donation or a dry good food item. Our partnered event raised over \$220 and we collected over 100 canned goods. A huge thanks to our many volunteers that made this event possible! Without you and the families in attendance, this would not have been such a success! We look forward to hosting the Southport Police Department for many more events in the years to come.





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March 20

March 31

SAVE THE DATE!!!

What: RLC Prom

When: Friday 5/5/22

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Who: RLC Students. Must be 14 or older to attend and in good standing with school

behavior.





"In my world, everyone's a pony and they all eat rainbows and poop butterflies!" ~Dr. Seuss



- ⇒ Pacer Game ~ March 9; money was due Feb 13
- ⇒ SAT Window ~ March 3— 14
- ⇒ IREAD Window ~ March 6 -17
- ⇒ End of 3rd Grading Period ~ March 10
- ⇒ Clocks "Spring Forward" ~ March 12!
- ⇒ Spring Break ~ March 20 -31
- ⇒ I AM Test Window ~ April 3—May 12
- ⇒ ILEARN Test Window ~ April 17—May 12
- ⇒ Last Student Day of School ~ May 24



Dog Treats



3 for \$1 18 for \$5

Flavors: Peanut Butter & Honey

or

Peanut Butter & Pumpkin

Homemade, all natural dog treat sales support the MOVE program at the RISE Learning Center. Please email all orders to Monica Ponce at mmay@riselearningcenter.org. Cash or check (made out to the RLC) accepted. Please allow 1 week for delivery.

Southport Police Department, Homecroft Police Department, and Mayor Cooney of Southport will have collection boxes at their offices. Thank you to them and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office (MCPO) Outreach Team for partnering with us to fill our pantry!!





- March 1 31
- Hosted by MCPO Outreach Team

March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month and the Community Outreach Team is hosting a food drive for the Rise Learning Center.

Rise Learning Center is a school for students with special needs. Their program includes a curriculum of Education, Life Skills, and MOVE (Mobility Opportunities via Education).

NOTE:

The pantry is in need of non-perishable items





March is *National Save Your Vision*Month

Save Your Vision Month is observed every March and sponsored by the American Optometric Association. Save Your Vision Month aims to increase awareness about good eye care and encourages people to get regular eye exams. With computers becoming an everyday part of people's lives, the risk of eye strain and damage is higher than ever.

Save Your Vision Month reminds us not to take eye care for granted. From work to play, eyes are a large part of our everyday life. It is important to note that just like visiting the dentist regularly, regular eye checks are also important. Digital technology not only redefines how people interact with the world, but also how they see it, making it all the more important to make smart eye care choices.

Stop Staring

A record number of people of all ages are spending many of the hours each day looking at a computer, tablet or phone. Try this helpful trick! Limit your digital eye strain by adopting the 20/20/20 rule developed by the American Optometric Association. Take a break from your screen every 20 minutes, focusing on something at least 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

Stay Hydrated

Staying hydrated is important for the health of your eye. Dehydration reduces the lubrication of your eye, which can make eye-strain and dry-eye even more uncomfortable. Dehydration can even cause blurred vision and headaches. Just like proper diet and exercise is important for your overall health, hydration is another way to keep those headaches at bay, so be sure you are getting enough water.

Cover Up

Wear your sunglasses, your hats and your protective goggles when necessary. When the days are longer and the sun is shining, don't forget to protect your eyes with 100% UV blocking glasses. Donning a hat is also an extra layer of protection. Just like sunscreen protects your skin, these protect your eyes from light damaging rays. Those windows don't give you as much protection as you might think. Sun damage can happen quickly, but it also compounds over time, so it is important to be diligent.

The same goes for protective goggles if you are participating in a sport. The dangers of playing baseball, for example, can result in orbital fractures, cornea abrasions or even a retinal detachment. Protective eye wear is key in reducing sports-related eye injuries.

If your child has been referred for a vision screening please send the result of his/her Vision Professional to the School Nurse.



A special Thank You! to Lighthouse Baptist Church and Jeff and Delores Tyree for gathering food donations for our school pantry. We greatly appreciate the generosity and giving hearts from all. We serve 87 families on a weekly basis so the donations are greatly appreciated.









Is your child/young adult interested in participating in SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK & FIELD at RISE Learning Center this school year?

Join us for track & field practice beginning the week of Monday, April 3rd, from 2:30 to 3:30 (dates and schedule coming soon).

If you **HAVE NOT** completed the Athlete Registration and Medical Forms, please do so before beginning track practice. On the form, under Local Area/Delegation, you will need to select "Marion County South". https://medform.specialolympics.org

If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to school or contact Mr. Krebs prior to Spring Break..



Monica Poncé

Sincerely,

Todd Krebs

Athletic Director	Coach
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Name of student:	
Parent signature:	

^{*}To be eligible to participate in Special Olympics, you must be at least 8 years old and identified by an agency or professional as having one of the following conditions: intellectual disabilities, cognitive delays as measured by formal assessment, or significant learning or vocational problems due to cognitive delay that require or have required specially designed instruction.

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