

# "The Howling Wolf"



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## *Red House Run Elementary School*

*A National Blue Ribbon School*

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### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."*  
~Malcolm X

May	3	Kindergarten Round Up (Please call for an appt.) 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Science Night	
	7	<b>Kindergarten and PreK – Conference Day</b> <b>No School for Kindergarten and PreK Students – Only</b>	
	8	<b>PreK Conference Day – No School for PreK Students – Only</b>	
	10	PreK Screening (Please call for an appt.)	
	14	Grade 5 Field Trip – Washington DC Zoo	
	17	5:30 – 7:30 p.m. RHR Family Literacy Night	
	21	6:30 p.m. Band/Orchestra Concert	
	22	6:30 p.m. Chorus/Instrumental Concert	
	28	<b>Memorial Day Closed – Schools and Offices Closed</b>	
	29	Grade 2 Field Trip – Herr's Chip Factory	
	31	5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. RHR Math Night @ Giant Grocery Store (see inside)	
	June	1	Grade 5 – Picnic – All Day
		4	Grade 5 Marshy Point Field Trip Grade 3 – Sports Day (AM) and Picnic (PM)
5		Grade 4 - Sports Day (AM) and Picnic (PM)	
6		Grade 1 - Sports Day (AM) and Picnic (PM)	
7		Grade 5 – Sports Day (All Day)	
8		Grade 2 - Sports Day (AM) and Picnic (PM)	
	8	Kindergarten - Sports Day (PM)	

- 11** 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Assembly –  
Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Beasman, and Ms. Ammerman
- 12** 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Assembly  
Ms. Sprole and Ms. Toland
- 13** **Last Day for Pre-K Students – Only**
- 14** **\*\* 12:15 p.m. Dismissal – School Closes 3 hrs. early Elem. & Middle**
- 15** **\*\* 12:15 p.m. Dismissal – Last Day of School – Elem. & Middle Schools**  
**Close 3 hrs. early**
- 29** **SHARED DOMICILE RENEWALS – LAST DAY to be turned in**
- 29** **Grade 5 Residency Verification to be completed**



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Believe it or not we are approaching the final quarter of school, but homework is just as critical as it was in September.

Throughout the year, parents often query teachers regarding homework. From family to family, parents have different expectations regarding what homework should entail and the number of hours it should occupy. Whatever the belief, certainly homework is a bridge that joins schools and parents. Daily assignments allow teachers to monitor independent progress and afford parents the opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of educational change.

Red House Run does not assign homework merely to occupy time. We believe that homework assignments and studying serve several essential educational needs. Homework allows youngsters to review what they have covered in class, to prepare for an in-class activity or assignment, or to prepare for long term assignments such as projects or papers related to core subject areas. Homework provides an opportunity for children to develop self-discipline, study habits, responsibility, and time management skills. Further, when homework proceeds smoothly it can nurture positive relationships between parents and their children.

Parents are often unsure how best to help their children with homework; as a result, many children do not maximize their homework time. Below are some suggestions that establish general homework and studying guidelines. Tailor these guidelines to match your children's needs, and you'll be on your way to improving their academic experience and performance.

- ✚ First, show through your own actions that education and homework are important activities; make homework a priority. Provide a quiet, well-lit place for your child to study; agree on a regular time each day to do the work and stick to the schedule.
- ✚ If your child has difficulty with one subject, have him/her begin a homework session by completing the assignment first while he/she is fresh. Homework for favorite subjects can be finished last.
- ✚ Provide your child with necessary homework supplies and resources. Introduce children to the many available resources that can make homework easier (the library and internet).
- ✚ Set a good example by reading and writing, showing that these activities are valuable for other reasons than just school.
- ✚ Monitor your children's assignments. Some homework tasks ask children to attempt the work without help, while others are intended to get the entire family involved. By learning more about assignments and their accompanying due dates, you will be better able to keep track of your children's skills and progress. Also, some assignments are given over a period of time. Make certain your child is adhering to a feasible time line.
- ✚ When providing guidance, learn about and understand your children's learning style. People learn differently and this knowledge affects the type of help your children will need to comprehend new material.
- ✚ Today's news is history in the making. Watch the evening news with your child and talk about the current events at the dinner table. Choose one or more stories to follow closely. Read more about them in newspapers and magazines.

- ✚ Make frequent trips to the public library. Consider the “rule of thumb” when choosing books for your child. Have your child read a page of the book aloud. Each time he/she encounters an unknown word, tell him/her to put up one finger. If four fingers and a thumb are held up, finding five or more troublesome words on the page, the book is most likely too difficult and another book should be selected for independent reading.
- ✚ Reward your child for doing well. However, keep in mind that always offering money or presents for special accomplishments will leave an impression that people only work for rewards...and not for the pride of doing a job well. Try rewarding outstanding performance with time together. Let your “star” choose an activity for the family to enjoy together –picnic, a favorite CD, a book, a hike in the woods, or a visit to the zoo.
- ✚ Finally, if your children continue to struggle with their homework, contact a teacher or counselor at school. They will be able to look through your children's work and make recommendations that will help your children with learning. The recommended help may include conventional, online, or peer tutoring. The most important thing for you to do is to keep open the lines of communication with your children and their teachers.

With Best Wishes for Continued Achievement,

Ms. Whitney  
Principal

## **Shared Domicile Renewals – Important!!!!**

If you are in a Shared Domicile situation, you will be receiving a renewal form in the beginning of May. The process for completing the form, prior to June 30th, is a very simple one. Please know that if you do not complete the renewal form by June 30<sup>th</sup>, your child will not only be withdrawn from the school, but you will have to go through a very complex registration with the Office of Residency as if you have never participated in this process before.

## **Giant A+ School Rewards Program**

Our grand total amount for the 2017-2018 school year is **\$395.44**. Thank you for everyone who participated the A+ Giant Reward Program.

## **Box Tops**

Our total this year as of January 31<sup>st</sup>: \$ 1,092.50  
Keep sending those box tops to school and thank you for your support.

## **Pre-K Screening**

Red House Run will hold a Pre-K screening on **Wednesday, May 10, 2018 by appointment only** for children who celebrate their fourth birthday on or before September 1, 2018 (actual birth date **9/2/2013 – 9/1/2014**). Parents will need to contact Mrs. Rogers at 410-887-0506 to schedule an appointment for PreK Screening.

## **Registration for Kindergarten for the School Year 2018 – 2019**

We will have the annual Spring Registration for kindergarten students on **Thursday, May 3, 2018 by appointment only**. Children who celebrate their fifth birthday on or before September 1, 2018 (actual birth date **9/2/2012 – 9/1/2013**) should register for kindergarten as mandated by Maryland law. Parents will need to contact Mrs. Rogers at 410-887-0506 to schedule an appointment.

Please share this information with families who do not receive our newsletter, but may have the appropriate school age children.

## **Special Transfer Application Period**

“In accordance with Board of Education Policy and Superintendent’s Rule 5140, *School Attendance Areas*, Baltimore County Public Schools will be accepting Applications for Special Transfer for the 2018 – 2019 school year from parent(s)/guardian(s) who are requesting special transfers within the school system. Applications are available in all Baltimore County Public Schools and should be completed and submitted to the requested principal between April 1, 2018 and June 1, 2018.



## Red House Run's Family Math Night is Coming! **Giant**



Red House Run will host its annual Family Math Night on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the Rosedale Giant in the Golden Ring Plaza! (8665 Philadelphia Road) There will be grade level specific activities for students to participate in from PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Stop by any time between 5:30 and 7:00pm and your student can apply his/her math skills through real-life experiences within the supermarket. All families who attend will be entered into a raffle and receive a light dinner. Be on the lookout for the flyer to be sent home with your student, and please send back your RSVP by May 17, 2018. We look forward to seeing you then!