



# BULLDOG NEWS

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## Letter from the Principal:

As we begin the month of October, I would like to remind you of a few important dates. First and most importantly, October 9th will be the end of the first 9 weeks. Report cards will be distributed on October 21st. Also, fall break will be October 12-16. We have had an outstanding first 9 weeks. Enjoy your fall break and come back ready to work hard the second 9 weeks.

Our candy sale is going very well. The sale will be ending on October 5th, but we will extend the sale if there is extra candy to be sold. I would like to thank all students, parents, and teachers who have assisted with the sale. I look forward to announcing the amount raised for Rickman Elementary, as well as the prizes and awards for students and classrooms.

At this time, I would like to recognize some very important people at Rickman Elementary School. They are the secretaries, custodians, cafeteria staff, and a maintenance worker. I feel that OUR school is the best kept school in the county. These professionals work hard daily to assist in Rickman Elementary to be its very best.



Sincerely,  
Amy Brown  
Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Monday, Oct. 5th:**
  - Chocolate Candy Bar Sale money turn in
- Tuesday, Oct.6th:**
  - Rickman picture re-takes
- Thursday, Oct.8th:**
  - 6th grade field trip to Pumpkin Patch
- Friday, Oct. 9th:**
  - End of 1st 9 weeks
  - 8th grade Talent Show
- Saturday, Oct. 10th:**
  - Fun Run and 1 mile Family Walk
- Monday, Oct. 12-16th:**  
FALL BREAK
- Wednesday, Oct. 21st:**
  - Report Cards issued
- Thursday, Oct. 22nd-28th:**
  - Rickman Fall Book Fair
- Friday, Oct. 23rd:**
  - YMCA Kid's Hero Half 5:00pm
  - 1st grade cookbook money due
  - 4th grade field trip to State Capital and History Festival
- Monday, Oct.26th-30rd:**
  - RED RIBBON Week
- Tuesday, Oct. 27th:**
  - Rickman PTO Meeting 6:00pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 28th-31st:**
  - Red Boiling Springs Tip-Off Classic
- Friday, Oct. 30th:**
  - Rickman Halloween Parties 1:00pm
- Thursday, Nov. 5th:**
  - RES. vs. DeKalb Co. (H) 6:00pm
- Friday, Nov.6th:**
  - Rickman Christmas Pictures (pre-pay only)
- Monday, Nov. 9th:**
  - RES vs. VAN Buren (H) 6:00pm
- Thursday, Nov. 12th:**
  - RES vs. Wilson (A) 6:30pm
- Friday, Nov. 13th:**
  - U.S. Cellular favorite school vote starts

## CAR DUTY

As you have noticed, Rickman Elementary has created a new way to assist car pool students. These car duty students are 7th and 8th grade students who are chosen and willing to help with loading cars both in the morning and afternoon. This was developed to help the traffic move faster and smoother. I would like to thank the teachers, students, and parents for assisting in this NEW procedure which I hope becomes a Rickman Elementary tradition.

## Counselors Corner

The week of October 26-30th, Rickman Elementary School will be observing Red Ribbon Week. The purpose of this is to show our commitment to living a healthy, drug-free life. During the week, we ask for everyone to participate by wearing the following: Monday- red, the color that represents Red Ribbon Week. Tuesday- mismatched socks, because drugs and kids don't match.

The show we join the fight against drugs. Friday- a Halloween costume, because drugs are scary.

## 4th Grade

The 4th grade will be visiting the State Capital and the TN History Festival on Oct.23rd. We enjoyed our trip to Alvin C. York and Cordell Hull homes on Sept. 25th.

Mrs. Peek's class favorites are Caroline Huntley and Caleb Thompson. Mrs. Lamb's class favorites are Morgan Lee and Blake Qualls. Mrs. Puckett's class favorites are Joshua Bilbrey and Emily Hammons. Congratulations to these students.

## 6th Grade

The 6th grade will be going on a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, Oct. 8th. Everyone is very excited. They will be going through a corn maze, and doing a lot of fun activities.

## 1st Grade

The 1st grade will be selling their annual How to Cook a Turkey cookbook. This money will be due Oct. 23rd.

On Saturday, Oct. 10th the 4th Annual Amber's 4 mile Fun Run and 1 mile Family Walk. The proceeds from this great event will benefit Happy Haven Children's Home for Christmas, local needy children, and the Make a Wish Foundation. Contact Paula or Greg @ (931)445-7403 for more information. Enjoy this great way to support a cause and get some exercise.

## U.S. Cellular Favorite School

U. S. Cellular is starting on Nov. 13th a program to vote on your favorite school. The 10 schools that receive the most votes will each receive \$100,000 to use however they choose. All schools, public and private, K-12 qualify. Visit our local U.S. Cellular to learn how to vote for Rickman Elementary.

## P.E. News

The YMCA in Cookeville is having its 1st annual Kids Hero Half! With the rise of obesity in the U.S., the P.E. department here at Rickman Elementary wants to encourage your child to participate in this exciting event. The event takes place Oct. 23rd at 5:00pm and will cost \$15 to participate. If we have enough interest, the fee will be reduced to \$10 instead of \$15. We will return the extra \$5 if this happens. Please know this is voluntary. Please call the P.E. department with questions at (931)498-2825.



## New Cheerleaders for Rickman

The new 2009/2010 Rickman Cheerleaders are: 8th grade- Allison Nimmo, Cora Wilson; 7th grade- Crystal Marie Auberson, Hannah Jolley, Bailey Kennedy, Rachel Masters, Esperanza Munis; 6th grade- Paige Bowman, Ciara Huitt, and Hailee Walters. Congratulations to these girls and GO BULLDOGS!



## Jr. Wildcat Girls Soccer

The Jr. Wildcat Girls Soccer team have had a great 2009 season! They have finished their season 9-2. They start the Upper Cumberland Soccer League playoffs this Tuesday, Oct.6th and play in the finals on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Congratulations to Rickman soccer girls Ciara Huitt, Courtney Smith, Emily Huntley, Hailee Walters, and Claire Coleman, and Savannah Gillentine. Good luck in the play-offs!

## R.E.S. PTO News

The "Back to School" dance was a great success. Over 130 Rickman students attended and had a great time with DJ Troy Ammenen. Proceeds from the dance went into the PTO account for future spending on Rickman students. Thanks to all the Parents who volunteered to chaperone.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 27th. This is also Family Night at the Fall Book Fair.

## Flagpole Tradition

Rickman Elementary will be continuing to observe a tradition the first Thursday morning of each month during the school year. This began in the early 1990's. The Boy Scout Honor Guard raises the American flag and Tennessee State flag. We say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then have a short prayer, honoring prayer requests. Students, parents, teachers, and administration are encouraged to participate.

Rickman Elementary has a FCA group for all students in grades 5-8. The group meets each Thursday morning in the Library. There local speakers, Livingston Academy FCA members, and others who will be visiting during this time. FCA is supported by our banks in Overton County and Ramsey's Market of Rickman.

## Technology Education

Our 7th and 8th grade students have been enjoying working with Microsoft Word to create imaginative drink labels. I am very proud of their designs. We also are working on designing and building platforms. The platforms are made with 4 index cards, a small amount of tape, and glue. thehalf of this 9 weeks, held 50 textbooks. It was designed by Josh Stover, Hunter Poston, and Dillon Garrett. Congratulations boys!

Thanks,  
Mrs. Pendergrass

