



BULLDOG NEWS

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Letter from the Principal:

Welcome back to the 2009/2010 school year. It's hard to believe that we are already 4 weeks into what I anticipate to be an amazing year at Rickman Elementary School. I hope everyone is settling into their class schedule and are enjoying their teachers. I would like to thank the Rickman students, parents, faculty, and community for the warm embrace as the new principal. The support thus far has been phenomenal. The strong academic tradition of Rickman Elementary will continue for each and every student.

I would like to remind all parents and students of a few important procedures.

1. Attendance to school is very important. If your child is absent, the student must return to Rickman with a signed excuse stating the date(s) absent within 3 days of his/her returning to school. Missed work should be made up within 3 days of their return and turned into their classroom teacher.

2. Students should be on time to school and classes. School starts promptly at 7:45 am and dismisses at 2:45 pm. Any student arriving to school after 7:45 am must be signed in the office by a parent/guardian. Arrival and departure from school is important to the safety of your child and should follow these procedures: students will not be permitted into the building before 7:00 am and those arriving between 7:00-7:30 am should wait in the gym until classes are called. Students K-4 with their older sibling(s) should be picked up at the gym entrance. Students in grades 5-8 should use the front entrance. **ALSO:** If your child is signed out at anytime during the school day, this will count against his/her perfect attendance for the school year.

3. If your child needs to take any medicine during the school hours, there must be a form filled out (in the school office) by the student's physician with directions for dispensing the medicine and form signed by the physician. All medicine must be in the original container and delivered to the school by the parent.

4. Please keep all contact information for your student updated and current. Please send a note with updated information to school or call the office with this information. It is very important that we have current and up to date contact records.

I want to wish everyone a happy and fantastic school year! I strongly encourage everyone to attend the first Parent/Teacher conference meetings on Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 3:00-6:00 pm.

I am always available for questions and concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (931) 498-2825 or e-mail at amybrown@rickmanelementary.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday, September 3rd

- Jr. Wildcats Football vs. Celina (H) 6:30 pm

Monday, September 7th

- No School: Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th

- Jr. Wildcats Football vs. Smith Co. (H) 6:30
- Rickman PTO Mtg. 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9th

- Mid-9 week reports

Thursday, September 10th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Sparta (H) 5:30

Friday, September 11th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Avery Trace (H)

Monday, September 14th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Algood (H) 5:30

Wednesday, September 16th

- Rickman Candy Sale begins thru Oct. 5th

Thursday, September 17th

- Jr. Wildcats Football vs. Jackson Co. (H)

Saturday, September 19th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Crossville (A)

Thursday, September 24th

- Jr. Wildcats Football vs. Sparta (H) 6:30 pm

Friday, September 25th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Avery Trace (A)
- Welcome Back to School Dance 6-8 pm

Saturday, September 26th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Crossville (H)

Monday, September 28th

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Burke MS (H)

Thursday, October 1st

- Jr. Wildcats Football vs. York (A)

Friday, October 2nd

- Girls Jr. Wildcat Soccer vs. Algood (A)

Tuesday, October 6th

- Fall Picture re-takes
- Jr. Wildcats Football vs. Cannon Co. (A)

Friday, October 9th

- Rickman 8th grade Talent Show

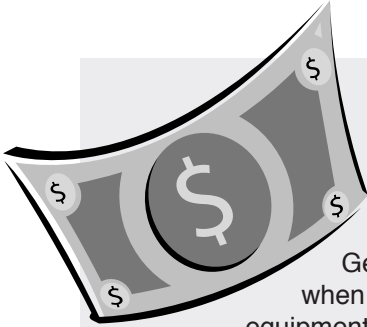
Monday, October 12th -

Friday, October 16th:

- FALL BREAK



Sincerely,
Amy Brown

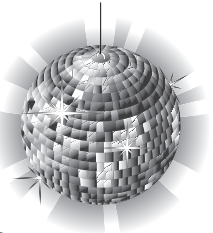


Free Money: \$\$\$

Keep sending in those Campbell soup labels, General Mills BoxTop, and Tyson labels. These labels, when sent into the school, are turned into free money or equipment for Rickman Elementary. This money/equipment is used within our school by our students. We have also found a new helping hand program thru Coke products. Save bottle caps and UPC codes from 12 or 24 drink packs of Coke and Minute Maid products. Send these into school and we will load these into the Coke website.

Also, Cooper's Recycling is taking our empty cans. A trailer has been provided in the back parking lot to take your cans. Help the environment and Rickman- RECYCLE.

Dance Rescheduled:



The Welcome Back to School Dance has a new date- Friday, September 25th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The dance will be sponsored by the RES PTO and held in the cafeteria. The dance is open to all RES students in 5th thru 8th grades. Only Rickman students may attend.



Rickman Elementary Basketball

Teams Set For 2009/2010 Season:

Tryouts for the girls and boys basketball teams were recently held. We want to congratulate each member of the Girls and Boys Teams.

GO BULLDOGS!

2009/2010 Girls Basketball Team:
5th grade - Myla Sells, Sydney Story, Casey Sircy, Vallie Johnson;
6th grade - Megan Whitson, Jordan Sidwell, Dominique Barlow, Isabella Dishman, Brooke Bruner, Jessica Gilliam, Skyla Looper, Kaleigh Hammock;
7th grade - Susanna Story, Ashley Melton, Kassity McAllister, Kayla Smith;
8th grade - Jessica McAllister, Marlee Sells.

2009/2010 Boys Basketball Team:
8th grade- Jared Gray, Ross Swallows, Hunter Poston, Austin Harris;
7th grade - Kaleb Qualls, Wade Eldridge, Drew Gore, Austin Dodson, Zach Chapman, Mason Mahaney;
6th grade - Logan Clark, Zeb Randolph, Blake Goolsby;
5th grade - Zander Miller, Ethan Reagan, Lance Jackson, Ethan Wilmoth, Lucas Staggs, Tyler McCann, Nathan Reeder.



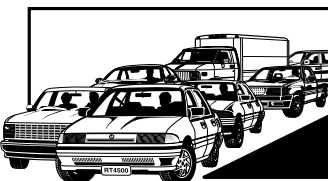
Library News

Welcome back to school from the Library! Parents should have received their Bulldog Birthday Book Club information by this time. If you have not completed this form yet, please do so! It is a wonderful way to make a contribution to the library honoring your child's birthday. If you have not seen a form for this, please ask your teacher or Mrs. Gore, the librarian.

We are very excited to tell everyone that a new Accelerated Reader program has been purchased! It is up and running, and hopefully, your children have already taken tests using it. This new program is web-based and allows our students to take tests on any book that has been published and your child has read. Your child now has the opportunity to take tests on books that they have at home that may not be in the Rickman library.

With the help from the RES PTO, we have purchased this program for the 2009/2010 school year and hope to continue renewing our agreement with the company each year. Thank you so much for the \$1500 donation from the PTO!

PARKING



As Rickman Elementary continues to grow, we are constantly focused on student safety. This is especially important during the arrival and dismissal of students each day. It is our goal to dismiss car pool students efficiently as we attempt to avoid traffic on HWY #293 and HWY#42. Rickman Elementary asks for your assistance with this issue. Please review the following procedures. For both the gym (grades K-4) and front (grades 5-8) entrances: PLEASE PULL FORWARD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. This is especially important for the front entrance. Pay attention and be willing to move forward as far around the circle as possible. We will walk your child to the car.

Thank you for your cooperation. Dismissal continues to improve each day.