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the BULLDOG BARK

Written for the Students and Families of R. B. Stewart Middle School

Save the Date!

Calendar of Events

April

- 03 Report Cards
- 28 Progress Reports

May

- 05 8th Grade Field Trip
- 20 8th Grade Dance
- 25 8th Grade Celebration
- 26 Last day of school



Principal's Message

Greetings Bulldog Families:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Spring Break we plan to finish strong for the year at RBSMS! This is especially important for students interested in participating in sports as their fourth quarter grades determine athletic eligibility for the first quarter of the 2017 - 2018 school year.

Our teachers did a fantastic job of preparing our students to take the FSA Writing test in February and the students maintained a positive attitude regarding testing. Our students are awesome kids and I love being around them on a daily basis! The students handled the pressure of these tests much better than the adults!

Our second round of the state tests will begin on Monday, April 10 and will be completed by May 15. The schedule is posted on the RBSMS school website. Please make sure you child gets plenty of rest and are on time to school ready to start to school on time at the beginning of the day.

We are Bulldog Strong!

Shae Davis,
Principal

The Principal's Pedigree Pack

Students receive Principal Pedigree Bones throughout the year to reward them for showing Stewart pride and excellence in all they do. We have a square board set up in the back office with numbers 1 - 100. When our board completes 10 bones in a row/column they win. These winners get to have pizza with the principal. Stewart's Principal Pedigree Pack has had 5 sets of winners so far this year.

Way to Go Bulldogs! Keep up the Great Work!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Raymond B. Stewart Middle School, we would like to send out a **Thank you** to all of our Community Business Partners and Supporters. We have a lot of community support for our school and we appreciate all of you!

Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce
Pilot Club

The Thomas Promise

KC Busy Hands- Leisure Day RV Park
C.O.P.E.

Mrs. Rose - Dollar General
RBSMS PTO

Our School Volunteers

Other local churches, businesses, organizations
and community individuals.

Citizen of the Month

The Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with RBSMS to honor and reward our students who are willing to help others, the community, make good choices as well as always striving to improve his/her life.

SCHOOL WIDE CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

January: Colton Nelson

February: Savannah Scheuerman

March: Jovonne Guzman

Congratulations to all of our RBSMS Citizens of the Month!

	January	February	March
Princeton Pups	Joey Ryan	Patricia Hansen	Aaron McHenry
Cornell Canines	Maddox Rivera	Joel Paul	Zya-Leah In'dia Ali-Gonzalez
Harvard Hounds	Ny'Jon Zelasko	Holly Hickman	Joshua Pellegrino
Duke Dogs	Alexis Luy	Christopher LaRussa II	Bridget Hemphill
West Point Canine Cavalry	Conni Wade	Kevin Nelson Jr	Jovonne Guzman
Yale Yorkies	Colton Nelson	Fernando Padilla	Rosse Gutierrez
Infinity Academy	Kaitlyn Solberg	Clayton Cornelius	Stephanie Johnson
Georgetown Growlers	Nicholas Butto	Savannah Scheuerman	Patricia Ramirez
Clemson Canines	Robert St. Louis	Bryan Garcia	Kevin Forney

AVID

Students school wide are preparing for the upcoming end of year testing. Now is the perfect time for students to spend time reviewing their Cornell Notes for the school year. By interacting with these notes and reviewing what your child has learned this year he/she is able to retain more knowledge from their academic courses. Ask your student to show you the notes he/she has been taking in class. Encourage him/her to revise the notes, add study questions in the left column, summarize, and study notes nightly to be successful learners.

The 8th Grade AVID Elective students toured Full Sail University during 3rd quarter. During our visit students caught a glimpse into the college offerings, campus, and daily life. We would like to thank everyone who has helped to make our college visit successful!

If you are college bound and interested in joining the AVID Elective, be sure to complete an application for the 2017 - 2018 school year and return it to Ms. Hawk. Applications are available on the RBSMS webpage.

Bryant's Biscuits

TOP DOG

The **Top Dog** program has been in place at RBSMS for over 15 years. Our sponsors, the Pilot Club wanted to do something for the middle grade students of Zephyrhills and have been treating the chosen students to lunch at Hungry Howies, certificates and a very special golden "Top Dog" tag. Each team chooses one student each quarter who exemplifies Leadership, Citizenship, and Academic success. Pilot Club is a service organization in Zephyrhills. They focus their project efforts on children, the aged, and as an international project, brain related illnesses.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3rd QUARTER TOP DOGS!

Princeton Pups

Cornell Canines

Harvard Hounds

Duke Dogs

West Point Canine Cavalry

Yale Yorkies

Infinity Academy

Georgetown Growlers

Clemson Canines

Angelique Braxton

Ireland Sinclair

Joshua Pellegrino

Trent Peters

Gabriel Glazebrook

Anna Rood

Caitlyn Regan

Jane Gillrie

Jessica Womack



Counselors' Corner

Because Mrs. Holzum is on maternity leave, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Pinsky will split 8th grade for the rest of the school year and we are looking to see students' best quarter yet!

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Counselor</u>
6	Mrs. Pinsky
7	Mrs. Banks
	Last name A-L Mrs. Pinsky
	Last Name M-Z Mrs. Banks
Infinity	Mrs. Pinsky

All course cards for all grade levels are over due --- even if it's late, please turn in your course card today!

On Friday, April 28th, 8 graders who identified an interest in Aviation during Careers lesson they will have their field trip to ZHS Aviation to learn more about next year's elective.

VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

Quarter 3 Honor Roll will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 9:15 am in the gym. Students will be issued individual letters for invitations.

8th Grade Activities

Below you will find a list of the 8th grade activities that will be taking place. Please keep this list handy so you don't miss out on the last activities your 8th grader will have in Middle School!

05/05/17	Field trip to Universal Orlando 5:00 pm - 2:00 am
05/19/17	Yearbook signing party 2:00 pm Cafeteria
05/20/17	Dance 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Cafeteria
05/25/17	Celebration - 9:30 am Gym

Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in service towards an English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student. The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work/testing: Catherine Barlow

The following teachers have agreed to work toward the ESOL endorsement: Catherine Barlow, Patricia Viperman