

Reptile Review

December 2014

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Important Dates



December 4
Picture Retakes

December 5
All Pro Dad's
8:45 a.m.
Media Center

December 8-12
Winter Book Fair

December 8-10
Santa's Secret
Shop

December 9
Book Fair & Santa's
Secret Shop
4-7 p.m.

Pictures with
Santa 6 - 7 p.m.

2nd/3rd Grade
Musical
7 p.m.

December 11
Chorus and Orff
Concert 7 p.m.

December 15
McDonald's Night
5-7 p.m.



Holiday Spirit Days

Join in the excitement of the season!

Monday Dec. 15 - Grinch Day -
Wear green or Dress Like a "Who"

Tuesday Dec. 16 - 1st Day of
Hanukkah - Wear White & Blue

Wednesday Dec. 17 - Polar Express
Pajama Day

Thursday Dec. 18 - Snowman Day -
Wear White

Friday Dec. 19 - Let It Shine -
Wear glitter or bells

December 18
Reading Celebration

December 19
Shoppes of New River
Mall



December 22 - Jan. 5
No School
Winter Break
Students Return on
January 6th

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year! This year at NRES has been a great one, with lots of accomplishments and successes to celebrate! On December 18th we will be having our mid-year Reading Counts Celebration. This celebration recognizes the students who follow through with their Reading Goals through their independent reading.

This year, we are adding a new event to the month of December. On Tuesday, December 9th we will be having a Winter Wonderland. Our first ever Winter Book Fair will be open with free gift wrapping from 4 - 7 p.m., the PTA Santa Secret Shop will also be open and there will be Pictures with Santa. We will have pizza sales and we will culminate the evening at the 2nd/3rd Grade Musical that starts at 7:00 p.m., an exciting night for all. We hope you will be able to come and be a part of the great night.

May you and your family have a relaxing Winter Break! See you in 2015!



Mid Year Reading Celebration

December 18, 2014

At New River, reading is a priority for student success! All students need to read books at their independent level, complete reading logs, and respond as their teacher assigns. All students who fulfill independent reading requirements will attend the reading celebration events based on the amount of books they have read independently. Students will have a picnic lunch with their class that day. They may purchase their lunch from the cafeteria or bring a lunch from home.

Reading Celebration Events:

- Level 1 - Reindeer Games
- Level 2 - Cookies, Cocoa, & Caroling
- Level 3 - Sock Hop
- Level 4 - BINGO
- Level 5 - Minute To Win It
- Level 6 - Crayon Canvas

**Be sure to ask your child about his/her IRLA level and

Garden News

By Mrs. Dinwiddie



Lettuce was harvested, then given to families along with their Thanksgiving Dinner boxes through the ABC program. A few First Graders were able to harvest kale and thyme to use in their Stone Soup which was served to friends and family at their annual feast. STEAM students harvested lettuce, collards, kale, and a variety of herbs for tasting. Our garden continues to grow!



Guidance News by Mrs. Thom

Toys for Tots applications are available in the front office and can be sent home by request. They may be returned to New River Elementary. The deadline for applications is December 12. Please contact Mrs. Thom for more information.



STEAM Interview of Trenon By Jonathan, Lukas, and Elijah

What STEAM are you in?

Legos, and we focus on Engineering.

What do you build?

We have built a duck before.

What project are you working on today?

We are building a Skyscraper today.

Water Saving Tips from SWFWMD

Shared by Mrs. Decker

- Do not leave sprinklers unattended. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.
- Water slowly to reduce runoff and to allow deep penetration.
- Observe the watering schedule for your address.
- Dig out water-loving weeds and cultivate soil often.
- Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater. Rainwater is free and is better for your plants because it doesn't contain hard minerals.
- Do not hose down your driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom to clean leaves and other debris from these areas.
- Cover your spa or pool to reduce evaporation.



Winter Wonderland at NRES!

Tuesday, December 9th

4:00 - 7:00 - Winter Book Fair will be open for extra hours with free gift wrapping. Books make great gifts for the holidays.

4:00 - 7:00 - PTA Santa's Secret Shop Extra Hours- Let your child come and purchase reasonably priced gifts for someone special.

5:00 - 7:00 - Buy slices of pizza and drinks for dinner before the 2nd/3rd Grade Musical and after shopping. Please return form sent home with your child.

6:00 - 7:00 - Pictures with Santa

7:00 - 2nd/3rd Grade Musical



Reminders from Renee:

We are getting more and more coats, jackets and sweaters in the lost and found everyday. Please remember to put your child's name on items. Also, please bring your paper items to our Greenfiber dumpster for recycling. We appreciate your support!
Renee, NRES Plant Manager



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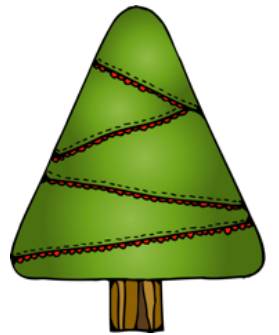
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Remember: Be Respectful,
Be Safe, and Be Responsible



