

From the Principal.....

2015 has been a wonderful year! The students have grown so much since August. Thank you for sharing your most precious gift with us. I am looking forward to a fantastic 2016!! As the New Year approaches, please make it your New Year's Resolution to read with your child every night. That time spent together with a book is priceless.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

— Emilie Buchwald

Have a safe and happy Holiday!

Mrs. Faletti

Reminders from the office..... Parents: Please log into the [Parent Portal for PowerSchool](#). There is a link at the top of the page that says "Click here to access your mass callout system information." If possible, please make sure that you have a working e-mail registered. To limit the number of phone calls that you receive, we plan to send non-emergency information through email.

- If you come to eat lunch with your child, please do NOT walk them back to class. Transitional times are difficult for our young students. Please just say your goodbyes in the cafeteria and return to the office to sign out.
- Remember our school day begins at 8:45, students are expected to be in their classrooms at 8:45. Please make sure your child is at school no later than 8:40.
- If you plan to change your child's transportation home, please call the office *no later* than 1:30.
- If your child is going to be absent, please call the office by 9:30 A.M.

January

[January 4th No School-Teacher Institute](#)

[January 5th School Resumes](#)

[January 8th-Report Cards Go Home-First Grade](#)

[January 15th Crazy Hair Day-Box Tops Goal](#)

[January 18th No School -MLK Day](#)

[January 25th 100th Day of School](#)

[January 29th FORCES meeting 9:00 at RCIS](#)



FORCES is partnering with Schwan's frozen food program in place of Market Day. Orders would be placed and paid for online and food would be delivered directly to your homes. When orders are placed, a code will be entered that will earn our elementary schools money.

[Look up the campaign "Reed-Custer" or enter the NEW code 25505 \(effective 12/25/15\).](#)

If anyone enters the code, no matter where they live, our schools will earn!

Perfect Attendance

We will be recognizing monthly perfect attendance. **If your child is here every day on time and remains until the end of the day, they will receive a perfect attendance certificate and a small prize.** When possible please make sure your child is at school and **on time** each day!

The Bennett and Tibbott families would like to thank RCPS for helping us collect a total of 1,350 cozy hats gloves for others in need. We are very grateful for all of the kind people that helped make our 1st ["Hats and Gloves, Sent with Love"](#) drive a success. Donations were distributed to Family Care in Braidwood, Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter/Sustenance) in Morris, Joliet School District and Morningstar Mission in Joliet.

Happy Holidays,

The Bennett and Tibbott Families

"Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on;

'Twas not given for thee alone, Pass it on;

Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another's tears,

'Til in Heaven the deed appears-Pass it on" (Henry Burton)



We will be going outside for recess when the "feels like" temperature is 25 degrees or above. Please make sure your child has a winter coat, hat, and gloves.

Snow: When the snow arrives we will not be going outside every day. We will plan days to play in the snow based on weather and playground conditions. We will let you know about these days in advance. On these planned days, the students will be allowed to play in the snow if they come prepared (boots, snow pants, hat, gloves, winter coat). If not, they will remain inside.



Breakfast is served every day in the cafeteria from 8:20-8:45. The cost is \$1.50. If you do NOT want your child to eat breakfast at school, please tell the classroom teacher.