

# December News

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 3-16th**

**iREADY Diagnostic Window opens for K-8th in ELA/Reading and Math**

**Thursday, December 9th- Eagle Hour@8:45am-9:30am**

**Thursday, December 16th is the last day of Q2/S2. (Last Day for students)**

**Winter Break runs Monday, December 20-Monday, January 4th**

**Wednesday, January 5 First day with Students.**

## AIDS UNUSOFTHE MONTH

Kindergarten: Savanna Mitchell

3rd Grader: Don'Zhane Brown by Ms. Kane

7th Grader: Keivion Jones



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## Congratulations to the Parents of Our:

**Our Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and Principal's List students. Our students were so proud to wear their gold medals which reflected ACADEMIC Excellence!!! I also want to acknowledge our weekly VIP students who represent Rosa Ready, Respect and Responsibility!**

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure to serve your child(ren) at Rosa Parks Elementary Schools. We had another successful Turkey Give Away for our families and the community on November 18, provided by our community sponsor UPS Maumee. This year's Give Away had so much meaning, for several reasons:

We encourage you to attend Eagle Hour Parent meetings. Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 9th at 8:45am-9:30am. Please join us for updates and much more!!! The collaboration between parent and staff members means that we are focusing on "Building Stronger Relationships!" During Eagle Hours we will provide information re: AVID, testing, collaboration and much more! Thank you for being a valuable parent and entrusting our staff to educate, empower and encourage your child(ren) to do their best on a daily basis. If you have any questions, compliments or concerns, feel free to contact me.

As we continue to implement our AVID Instructional Model, we are reading with a purpose, writing our ideas, collaborating with our peers, organizing our binders, and using inquiry skills to ask higher level questions. Maintaining and obtaining signatures for our binders in class is an important project each week. We have to be sure we have sharp pencils, erasers, notebooks and be eager and Rosa Ready to complete assignments

iREADY Diagnostic Testing will begin on December 3rd-December 16<sup>th</sup> and we need your assistance in making sure all students arrive at school on time and are Rosa Ready. Our goal is to have 100% of our students tested and we need your help. We will provide breakfast at 8:30am and students will test throughout the day at a designated time. K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested in ELA/Reading and in Math. Please coordinate with your child's teacher so that you will know when testing will occur. We look forward to your students making gains from September to December! Finally, all students have set goals with teachers. Ask them what their goals are and if they have made gains or met their goals. Again, thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully,

Principal Hickman-Richburg



# Counselor's Corner



## In October

Last month was **National Bullying Awareness Month** and I was able to get into most of the classrooms and talk to the students about Bullying. Here is what they learned:

1. Bullying is repeated, unwanted aggressive behavior towards someone. Someone is being hurt on purpose; it can be physical, verbal, or cyber.
2. Mean Behavior is a one time thing and is a reaction to a strong emotion or feeling. It happens once and doesn't repeat itself.
3. Students learned the different types of bullying.
4. Students learned how to protect themselves and how to help others.
5. Students learned when and how to report bullying.

Please contact the school if you feel your student is having issues with bullying.

## Naviance

Naviance is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness solution. It helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals.

The 5-8th grade students took various surveys through Naviance that will guide them toward their career interest and college readiness.

This information was provided for you at conferences. If you would like more information pertaining to your child's possible career interest please contact me [cphenix@tps.org](mailto:cphenix@tps.org).

## Social Emotional Focus: Gratitude

Teaching children an **attitude of gratitude** requires helping them to look at their situations from a point of appreciation rather than from a deficit.

### Ideas to Cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude in Your Children

#### 1. Help someone less fortunate

This could be your neighbor down the street, grandma, or someone you know who is in a tough spot.

#### 2. Volunteer

Help out at a homeless shelter, soup kitchen or non-profit.

#### 3. Create a family gratitude list.

Post it on the fridge. Add to it when necessary.

#### 4. Always look for the positive.

Find something positive in frustrating situations and discuss it.

## Coming Up



### Event 1

December 16th  
Ohio State Young Scholars  
Information for **8th grade families**  
@ 6:00  
<https://go.osu.edu/family2>

### Event 2

January 15th  
Virtual Career EXPO



## Contact Us



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## A Note from The Nurse

Rosa Parks has partnered up with 'Hannah's Socks', which is a community base non-profit organization. Hannah's socks firmly believes that in a country as prosperous as the U.S., no man, women, child should want for something as basic as a warm pair of socks.

WARM FEET = WARM HEART

Bed bugs are a common concern in Lucas County. They are not known to transmit disease, but love to hitchhike on personal belongings to move about. Toledo Public has taken preventative measures in the fight against bed bugs. The Toledo Lucas County Health Department has a very informative website on bed bugs.

<http://www.co.lucas.oh.us>



## HOUSE POINTS

Students who exhibit the 3R's, great behavior, and a strong work ethic will continue to earn House Points. We are looking for perfect attendance, respect, responsibility and readiness daily. We want to focus on the positive attributes of students. We know many of our students come to school Rosa Ready every day and we salute them.







### **Attendance:**

Did you know that students in elementary schools with too many absences can cause children to fall behind in their academics? Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read. Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks. Being late to school may lead to poor attendance and can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

Please make sure your child(ren) are ready for school with a good breakfast to start their day.

### **Student Rewards:**

Students have an opportunity to receive a “Caught Being Good Ticket” from any adult in the building. At the end of the school day, they come to my office to receive an incentive.

Respectfully,

Mr. Daniels  
Assistant Principal



## Giving back during the Holidays.

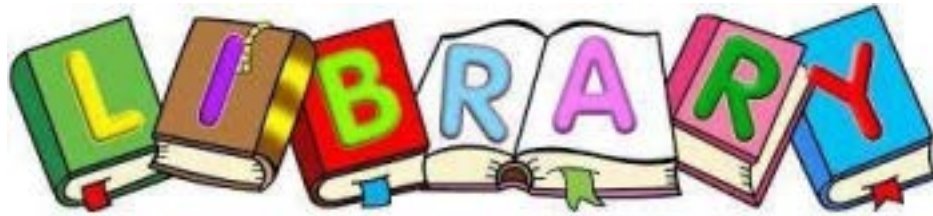
Rosa Parks continues to receive from our community stakeholders. However, Rosa Parks makes a point to give back as well.

One way to help your kids learn that the holiday season is about giving – not just getting – is to engage them in service projects. Even toddlers can give back to others and their community with a little help from you. You can find specific service opportunities in your community, or give back on your own with a family project!





## Greetings from the Rosa Parks Library!



Mrs. Balonek's first grade class participated in a coding lesson while listening to the story *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Eric Carle. The coding lesson introduced the students to Bee Bots. A Bee Bot is a computer bee that introduces younger students to computer programming. The students programmed the bee bot to follow the characters from the story - the characters were laid out in a grid. The children had to collaborate with each other to program the Bee Bot to go forward or turn in order to move from character to character. New vocabulary the students learned: forward, program, memory, and



Mrs. Heninger-Librarian/Mrs. Momany-Library Secretary

						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	29  We have Spirit! Sport your Rosa Parks' gear or the school colors-red/black/white.	30  ReBOOT Tuesday!  Wear your favorite BOOTS and take a walk on your break around the building!  "These boots are made for WALKING!"	1 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Wear a Christmas/Holiday shirt.	2 Are you ready for some football?  Represent your favorite football shirt/jersey with jeans. Wear your holiday jewelry, too!	3 Christmas Vacation Friday!  Hawaiian shirts, hula skirts, sunglasses, etc. No bikinis PLEASE! <div>Give a PARENT a compliment (Be creative!)</div>	4
5	6 USE your FOGGERS and FAUX Fur it UP!  Wear your over the top fur! Think ear muffs, scarves , jackets, vests, boots, etc.	7 A Kwanza Song!  Wear Red, Black & Green to represent the Kwanza Holiday (which begins the day after Christmas and lasts for 7 days).	8 Rosa Ready Wednesday  Shine Like a Diamond and Light up your wardrobe w/ holiday lights, glitter, bling, etc.  TAKE a Selfie with a 3R-Rosa Ready, Respectful, Responsible STAFF or STUDENT then send the pic to AHR.	9 Santa's Ho Ho Hoedown:  Dress in your favorite western-wear and cowboy hats and bots to celebrate Texas-style.	10 Dream a Little...  School appropriate pajamas and slippers.	11
12	13 Festive Socks!  Don't SWEAT the Small Stuff----  Wear holiday socks to keep your feet and toes warm with your favorite SWEAT suit.	14 Reindeer Games!  Wear your favorite holiday accessories that can include jewelry, necklaces, garland, Reindeer Antlers with jeans	15 Ugly Sweater  Wear your Ugliest Christmas Sweater	16 Deck the Halls  Wear holiday sweater, accessories ex: holiday necklaces, earrings, ties, etc.	17 Baby it's cold outside! Wear your coziest outfit. Think of Dr. Glanton and your attire should reflect  <b>EDUCATOR'S CHOICE!</b> Enjoy holiday activities during lunch.	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25