

# The Gopher Gazette

April 1, 2024

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## Principal's News



### April's Upcoming Events

- **Apr. 1**—Students return from Spring Break
- **April 15**—Culver's Night to benefit Wet Field Day
- **April 19-22**—No school



### End of Year Programs

If you are attending any end of year programs, please make sure you have your ID to be Raptured into the school. You **MUST** have a physical ID to enter the school and attend any and all programs/activities during school hours. Photo copies/screenshots are no longer accepted to ensure the safety of all.

### RCE Culver's Night

April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00

Come out and support RCE and have a staff member serve you a meal!

Culver's --1712 N Lecanto Hwy

Dear Families,

Welcome to the month of April at Rock Crusher! This month our students will begin taking some of their final state assessments, writing in grades 4-5 and STAR in K-2. These assessments measure mastery of what your children have been learning throughout the year. RCE's staff and teachers have worked tirelessly to prepare our students for these upcoming assessments, which will happen in April and May. We need your support as we begin these important tests. Please make sure you are helping with homework, practicing those math facts, reading, and following your normal household routines. Children need plenty of sleep, especially during scheduled testing days. We appreciate you, and we are thankful for our partnership with you, which helps each of our students continue to grow.

On April 15th, we welcome you to join us for an RCE Culver's Night. Funds from this night will go toward activities for students during our Wet Field Day. Our staff will be greeting customers and helping in the restaurant, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please mark your calendars for Kindergarten Round Up on Friday, April 26th from 9:45-10:45. Students and parents will visit classrooms and tour the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for incoming kindergarteners, along with their parents, to visit Rock Crusher Elementary before they begin the new school year. We cannot wait to meet the newest members of the Rock Crusher Family!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful April!

Sincerely,

Amanda  
Haynes,  
Principal



### Counselor's Corner

**Kindergarten Round- Up** will be held on April 26th, 2024 from 9:45- 10:45am. The itinerary and the registration check list are posted on the RCE website and Facebook page. You will need to set up a Skyward Family access account, do this through [www.citruschools.org](http://www.citruschools.org) under Parent tab. After you complete this step you can then complete the registration process. Flyers will be provided to local daycare centers.

**5th grade Middle School Orientation** will be on April 23th. Students who are zoned for CRMS or LMS will be able to attend a 'student orientation' during the day. Zoned schools are based on the address you have in Skyward. You may also check this via [www.citruschools.org](http://www.citruschools.org).

Please call if you have any questions.

Kelly Burkholder

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents

**5th Grade Graduation** will take place on May 23rd, 2024 at 1:15. At the time of this publication, details of this event have not yet been confirmed but will be released as soon as possible. Please watch the RCE website as well as your student's backpack for upcoming information.



Mark your calendars!!

Kindergarten End of the Year  
Program: Friday, May 17th  
10:00 RCE Café



\*\*Please arrive at 9:30 with your i.d. for check-in at the front office.\*\*

### Our Amazing Staff

RCE is proud that all our teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. All teachers at RCE are certified in the area in which they provide instruction.



### Round-Up

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Friday, April 26 from 9:45-10:45 am. If you have a child that will be age five on or before September 1 and resides in Rock Crusher Elementary School's zone, please join us!!! During Round-Up, you and your child will be given a tour showing where to find the classrooms, Specials (art, music, media, and P.E.), cafeteria, front office, bus ramp and playground. You will be able to visit a Kindergarten classroom and observe a typical class in session.

All registrations are now completed online. In order to process an application, we must have ALL required documents.

These documents include a Birth Certificate, recent FL physical (less than a year old), up to date immunization record, and two proofs of residency (cable, electric or water).

Required documents can be uploaded to the online application or hard copies can be dropped off to the Office between 10am-2pm.

Kelly Burkholder/Guidance Counselor



### State Testing Schedule

#### STAR testing

\*K-2nd grade  
April 15-18

4th/5th grade Writing  
April 3

#### FAST Testing

\*3<sup>rd</sup> grade May 1-2  
\*4<sup>th</sup> grade May 7-8  
\*5<sup>th</sup> grade May 1-2,  
\*5<sup>th</sup> grade Science  
May 8-9

\*Please have your child to school on time for testing days! If they are tardy, student(s) must test on make-up days.



### PTO News

Thank you for our **Spring Bookfair** and supporting our school.

This is a reminder that "**Staff Appreciation**" is in May. If you are interested in making a donation please contact Ms. Sharon at 795-2010, ext. 4606 or make checks payable to RCE PTO.

Thank you! Miss Sharon



### Lost & Found

Please remind your child to check the lost and found for any article of clothing/lunchbox/backpack they may be missing.



### The SUCCESS Club!

Congratulations to all of our students who were chosen by their teacher to be in "The SUCCESS Club." Each month we have a monthly theme and for March it was "Kindness". Students that earned this honor were celebrated on stage and given ice cream. We have so many kind students at "The Rock". The theme for the month of April will be "Perseverance".

