



RUTH CLARK ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Carla Wulf, Principal

March 27, 2018



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Sunday, April 1 - Easter

Monday, April 2— NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 3 through Friday, April 13 - third -fifth grades will be taking assessment tests. It's very important that your students be well rested and in attendance.

Monday, April 9—Friday, April 13—District Wide Leukemia, Lymphoma drive. We will be collecting money for Leukemia, Lymphoma.

Tuesday, April 10—PTO skate party from 6:00—8:00pm at Roller City.



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Monday, April 16—We will be conducting a basic intruder drill.

Thursday, April 19— 5th grade will go to Topeka, for their State Capital visit field trip. They will leave our building at 6:30am and return at 6:00pm.



Friday, April 20— *KIDS AGAINST TOBACCO* day. Our 4th grade classes will learn about the effects of tobacco on the body.

April 24—Girl Scout visit at 3:00pm.

April 24—PTO meeting at 7:00pm.

Thursday, April 26—Chick-fil-a night at Derby Chick-fil-a from 5:00—7:00pm.

Friday, April 27—NO SCHOOL. Building In service.



Our school is once again a National Showcase School for Capturing Kids Hearts. Over 10,000 schools in our nation that implement 'Capturing Kids Hearts'. Of the 10,000 schools participating, the list of schools that were chosen by 'Capturing Kids Hearts' was narrowed down to 200 schools. Of those 200 schools, 100 schools were chosen. Our school was one of 100 schools chosen as a National Showcase School for Capturing Kids' Hearts.

#### Literacy First:

Students in third, fourth and fifth grades are taking the state assessments starting on April 3 here at Ruth Clark. Testing will last approximately two weeks. The students have to do more than find the answers and complete basic tasks. They will be using reasoning skills and working through more complex problems. Below are some tips for parents during state assessments from the US Department of Education:

Prioritize attendance- if possible, students need to be at school every day, but especially during this important testing time.

Talk to your student about test taking- sometimes kids struggle to understand the purpose of testing.

Offer positive encouragement- a feeling of confidence can have a huge effect on performance.

Support healthy habits- sleep and nutrition can greatly impact a child's ability to focus and retain information.

Debrief after the test- when testing is complete, ask your child about how he felt and his results. This can help you understand if he is struggling and better prepare for tests the next time.

Pre-school through second grade teachers are hard at work creating rigorous lessons that will help their students develop skills in reading, writing, speaking & listening and math. Students are also applying these skills to other areas such as science and social studies. The earlier the core concepts are taught in these grades, the more time it gives teachers to implement them and students to master them.

If you have any questions about College and Career Ready Standards or state assessments, please contact your child's teacher, myself or check out these websites: <http://bit.ly/1docknr> and [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org)

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