

Ruleville Central Elementary Newsletter

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“Equitable Education for Every Student”

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Principal's Message



Welcome Back!! I am so excited to begin the new year with you at Ruleville Central Elementary. We are entering a new calendar year; however, expectations are still high for all stakeholders. We encourage everyone to make teaching and learning a **PRIORITY** each day at RCES. Not only do we promote the importance of a quality education, we expect our students to be respectful and well-disciplined. By revisiting our vision and mission, schoolwide goals, and positive behavior plan, we are anticipating a successful second half! As we strive to create proficient readers, writers, mathematicians, problem solvers, critical thinkers, and productive citizens in the **NEW YEAR**, remember that if better is possible, then good is not enough. Let's work together to make 2025 a **BETTER** year with new possibilities despite all uncertainties!! S. Washington

Upcoming Events

- January 7th – Students Return
- January 14th - SCCSD Board Meeting @RMS
- January 17th - 100th Day of School Celebration
- January 20th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- January 23th - Report Card Distribution 4 to 6
- January 27th - School Choice Week Celebration



Birthday wishes to everyone who is celebrating a birthday in the month of **January!!**



School Hours

Arrival time for students is between 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 A.M. Students are tardy after 7:35 A.M. An adult must come into the office to sign for the tardy student. During dismissal, parents must pick up car riders in the car rider lines on L.F. Packer Drive. Adjacent to the church and stop sign. Parents should not exit vehicles, but wait patiently for students to be delivered by a school official to each vehicle. School dismisses at 3:00 P.M. after announcements. Avoid checking students out of school after 2:30 p.m.



Ruleville Elementary Networking Service



To receive school announcements via text **Notify Me** through School Status.

This is a safe and confidential communication system. No telephone numbers will be revealed during this process. We are working to improve home and school communications one text at a time.

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

When a family becomes homeless, there are two issues that usually occur with the affected children, 1) student attendance decreases and 2) financial situations destroy students' interest in school. The SCCSD recognizes the importance of education for all children and has adopted the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act that addresses the needs of homeless children. This policy provides assistance for homeless students so that they can continue to be educated despite the challenges they face. If you know families with children who are homeless, please contact the Homeless Liaison at RCES, Ada Mays at (662)756-4276. Your call could be of great assistance to a family in need.



Teacher of the Year

Toyteesha Willis-Townsend



My name is Toyteesha Townsend. I am originally from Drew, MS, but I currently reside in Ruleville, MS. In my spare time, I enjoy watching TV series and snacking, some of my favorite treats are French fries and Cheez-Its!

I graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree and am currently pursuing my master's in Education at Belhaven University.

I became a teacher because I wanted to contribute to shaping our future. With my passion for education, I strive to lead a path of high-performing scholars. I have been teaching for six and a half years and am deeply motivated by witnessing the growth of young learners, especially as they improve and excel in reading.

I look forward to working together with the parents, students and all of my coworkers as partners in children's growth and development!!

In the Spotlight



Toyteesha Willis-Townsend
Teacher of the Month



Ada Mays
Staff of the Month



Charlette Brand
Parent of the Month



Shabridget Caldwell
Community Partner

RCES Tigers of the Month

"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller



RCES Spelling Bee Winners



1st Place

Cassidy Cox-5th grade

2nd Place

Ivy Smith - 4th grade

3rd Place

Serenity Bridges-4th grade

Charlene Roby
Spelling Bee Coordinator

Principal Washington
Academic Coach Scott





RCES Students of the Month



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Grade



Jayla Hodges

1st



Grade



Joshua Dillard

2nd



Grade



Zaria Luckett

3rd



Grade



Kartavius Hollins



4th



Grade

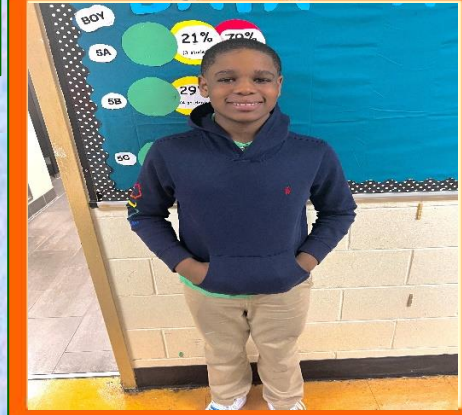


Chauncey Porter

5th



Grade



Quinton Thigpen



100 Days of School Celebration / Report Cards Pick-up / Honor Program

