

Ruleville Central Elementary

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"Equitable Education for Every Student"

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Principal's Message



Greetings! It is an honor to welcome you to Ruleville Central Elementary School to begin the 2023-2024 school year. I am blessed to serve as the principal of this fine institution for teaching and learning. I am eager to begin this journey with the RCES faculty, staff, student body, parents, and community. It is our vision that all students grow at least one level in reading and mathematics and graduate college, career and community ready. Remember that when all of us work together to ensure the success of our students, the impossible becomes possible. Stay informed about academic and testing events so that students can receive adequate support. It is our mission to provide all students with an equitable education in a safe and positive environment. Saddle up for another successful school year!!! Yee Haw!!!

Sawanda Washington, Principal



2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to school! There have been many changes while you have been away this summer. Meet the new **TRAILBLAZERS** at Ruleville Central Elementary!

- **Nancy Adams** – 4th & 5th Grade Science Teacher
- **Tyra Alexander** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Megan Burton** – 3rd Grade Math Teacher
- **Zaphanie Clayborne** – 2nd Grade Teacher
- **Debra Jackson** – Custodian
- **Jaquita Jackson** – Counselor
- **Gregory Jones** – PE/Health Teacher
- **Kathy Lang** – Exceptional Education Teacher
- **Ada Mays** – Parent Liaison
- **ReShun Robinson** – Kindergarten Assistant
- **Daphne Williams**-ISD/ISS

Along with the original faculty and staff these newcomers make up a highly qualified group of professionals who will provide valuable teaching and learning opportunities in a safe and positive environment that is beneficial to the growth and development of the students at Ruleville Central Elementary.

(The new staffs are pictured on page 2.)

Upcoming Events at RCES

- ◆ 8/1- Staff Returned
- ◆ 8/4 - Students Returned
- ◆ 8/21-25 I-Ready Testing
- ◆ 8/28-9/1 Biweekly Testing
- ◆ 9/1- Unity Bowl Football Game TEHS V. GHS
- ◆ 9/4- Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)



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.

School Hours

Arrival time for students is between **7:00 A.M. and 7:35 A.M.** Students are tardy after **7:40 A.M.** An adult must come into the office to sign for the tardy student. During dismissal parents are asked to pick up students at the far end of the school. Parents should not exit vehicles, but wait patiently for students to be delivered by a school official to each vehicle. School dismisses at **3:10 P.M.** after announcements. Avoid checking students out of school after **2:30 p.m.** (District Policy)

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





*Look who has joined the Trailblazers
at RCES!!*



Nancy Adams



Tyra Alexander



Zaphanie Clayborne



Megan Burton



Debra Jackson



Jaquita Jackson



Gregory Jones



Kathy Lang



Ada Mays



ReShun Robinson



Daphne Williams



At RCES We Are...



We are back in business with PBIS! Please continue to encourage our students to be on their best behavior and count up the bucks! Students earn Tiger Bucks for demonstrating and modeling school expectations!

Thanks to you all!



RCES's Vision

All students will grow at least one level in reading and mathematics in a safe and positive environment and one day graduate college, career and community ready.

Greeting Parents:

I am Ada Mays, parent liaison bringing you a word from RCES's Parent Center for the 2023 – 2024 school years. As your parent liaison, my goal is to assist you in any way to ensure student success. So, with that said, remember, "With us plus you, there's nothing our students can't do"! Looking forward to a great year!

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." Jane D Hull



**FAMILY FUN IN THE KITCHEN!
CONSIDER YOUR HEALTH AND THE HEALTH
OF OUR WORLD!**

Start changing the world with your children by sharing this health recipe! This makes for great family time!

Tomato Basil Mozzarella Toasts



Everyone always LOVES these delicious and simple toasts. Serve them as a side dish or appetizer. A crusty baguette toasted with fresh mozzarella and tomato and garnished with basil.

Prep Time 5 mins
Cook Time 5 mins
Total Time 10 mins

Course: Appetizer, Side Dish
Cuisine: American
Servings: 10
Calories: 140
Author: Lauren Allen

Ingredients

Crusty French Baguette
8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese
4 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced
4 fresh basil leaves, finely chopped

Instructions

1. Heat oven High broil.
2. Slice the baguette in half, lengthwise, so that you're left with two long halves of bread.
3. Slice the mozzarella ball into very thin slices. Slice the tomatoes into thin slices.
4. Layer mozzarella slices along the bread, cut size up.
5. Place on a baking tray and broil for 3-4 minutes or until mozzarella has begun to melt and bubble slightly.
6. Remove from oven and lay tomato slices on top.
7. Return to oven for 1-2 more minutes. Remove from oven.
8. Sprinkle with fresh chopped basil. Slice into pieces. Garnish very lightly with salt and pepper, if desired. Enjoy!

Nutrition

Calories: 140kcal | Carbohydrates: 13g | Protein: 7g | Fat: 5g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Cholesterol: 17mg | Sodium: 296mg | Potassium: 103mg | Sugar: 1g | Vitamin A: 370IU | Vitamin C: 3.4mg | Calcium: 137mg | Iron: 0.9mg

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.





Prosocial behavior, or intent to benefit others, is a social behavior that "benefit[s] other people or society as a whole", "such as helping, sharing, donating, co-operating, and volunteering". Obeying the rules and conforming to socially accepted behaviors are also regarded as prosocial behaviors.

Greetings Parents!

“Be the task great of small do it well or not at all,” a quote taken from my aunt. It is amazing how words from the past become a driving force in my everyday life. My mother got perfect attendance awards and job performance recognition every year on her job; subsequently her children were expected to do the same at school. Mother modeled what she believed. My father was an excellent counselor and many of us took our issues to him in times of trouble. Dad was my first counseling instructor and self-reflection was his main theme. I can’t leave out grandmother who was a quiet, devout Christian, patient, but very firm, and had a passionate heart for children. My grandmother was my biggest heroin, because she taught me how to honor God in all that I do. This is where I come from and this is who I am. Thank you family for the chastisement, high expectations, support, wisdom and most of all the love you gave me when I needed it most. It is my goal to pass the baton. It is an honor to give back what I’ve been given. I vow to serve the Ruleville Central Elementary School staff, students, parents and community with my whole heart. Please do not expect perfection, expect progress. Perfection is a dream and progress is a reality. Let’s make this a wonderful year roping and riding together.

As in each year, in the Counseling Department our children will participate in activities to help them further develop their pro-social skill building behavior!

You may wonder what that means, well I am glad you would like to know...LOL! It may be easier to see it in a chart. **Check out PRO vs. ANTI-Social Behaviors.**

PRO-SOCIAL (positive)	ANTI-SOCIAL (negative)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using please and thank you 2. Asking for help 3. Learning how to share 4. Learning how to wait 5. Dealing w/angry feelings appropriately 6. Saying “I am sorry” 7. Accepting “No” as an answer 8. Giving someone else an opportunity to have or do something ahead of you 9. Being polite toward others 10. Helping someone even when it may be inconvenient for you 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Screaming or pouting when he/she can’t have his/her way 2. Making demand “Give me” 3. Yelling 4. “That’s mine” 5. Whining 6. Hurting someone else because things don’t go his/her way 7. Out of control yelling 8. Interrupting or insisting to do it now 9. Showing no empathy or compassion for others 10. Being aggressive toward others 11. Not considering any other person but yourself

As always please contact the counselors’ office if you have any concerns about the wellness of your child!

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***We are going to have a
“life changing” year. Saddle up!***