

Randels Elementary Newsletter

December 11, 2019

Dear Randels Community,

Here we are in December already! The year is flying by. I wanted to take a moment to focus on student attendance as it seems to be a growing concern within our school community. We need our children here. We have so much to offer them. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do far better on report cards and on standardized tests than students that miss ten or more days of school a year. Being late for school hurts a child's learning too. A student who is ten minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction a year! That is amazing. Children can copy notes and make up assignments but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background-one that can only be gained through regular school attendance. Your help in this area is greatly needed and appreciated.

As the holiday approaches I would like to thank you for sharing your gifts to enrich our school and mostly for sharing the gift of your beautiful child with those of us at Randels. We love your kids!

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick Kalinin - Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER...

December 21st-January 5th
January 6th
January 20th

WINTER RECESS
SCHOOL RESUMES
Martin Luther King Day (No School)



Relationships, which are the foundation for us,
Instruction that is aligned and differentiated,
Continuous Improvement, as we are a community of learners,
High Expectations for all, an
Environment that fills our needs and finally a
Safe place for us to learn.

Congratulations to our 2019 Turkey Trotters!

On Friday, November 21st, Randels had the Annual One Mile Run. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, along with the rest of the school, collected many canned goods and helped raise money towards our food drive goal. Our Turkey Trot winners for 2019 are as follows:

5th Grade

- 1st place
- 2nd place
- 3rd place

4th Grade

- 1st place
- 2nd place
- 3rd place

3rd Grade

- 1st place
- 2nd place
- 3rd place

Boys

- Desmond
- Aaron
- Elijah

Boys

- Anthony
- Zay'lon
- Nicholas

Boys

- Ivery
- Hamzah
- Fisher

Girls

- Erin
- Ariel
- Kyrie

Girls

- Jana
- Shahd
- Laila

Girls

- Rebecca
- Amari
- Serenity

Congrats to ALL of our participants!
Great job!

OUR MICHIGAN WEATHER

Please send your child to school with coats, hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, and anything else to keep them warm and dry. Our children love to play in the outdoors so we need to dress them for the elements. Remember, unless the outside temperature is 0° or lower the children will have outside recess. Children need a doctor's excuse if child needs to stay in from recess for more than two consecutive days.

**Every Friday
there is a
popcorn sale.
Each bag is .50
cent.**

18 Things To Do With Children On Holiday Break

1. **Make popcorn and watch a movie.**
2. **Make play dough.**
3. **Sign up for a walk or run for a cause.**
4. **Go to the library & take out books, rent books on tape & movies.**
5. **Have coloring contests.**
6. **Plan a picnic indoors.**
7. **Have breakfast food for dinner.**
8. **Go sledding**
9. **Learn magic tricks together & put on a show.**
10. **Volunteer at a soup kitchen.**
11. **Hold a family game night.**
12. **Clean bedrooms.**
13. **Trace cookie cutters, decorate and cut out.**
14. **Write stories about past family events you have in photo albums.**
15. **Do jigsaw puzzles.**
16. **Play a family memory game. ie What are the name of your great-grandparents?**
17. **Have a fashion show.**
18. **Watch a sporting event you've never seen before.**



From the Star Room



Title I News From the STAR Room - During this Holiday Season... remember that books make great gifts for your child. There are many different kinds of books to choose from. If your child is especially interested in dinosaurs, super heroes, crafts or sports, look for a book in that area. There are children's' cookbooks, joke/riddle books, magic trick books, mystery books, stories about animals and so many more. Your child may talk about a book that his teacher reads aloud in class - he may love to get that book as a gift to keep at home. He will have a special connection to that book. A gift card to a bookstore makes a nice gift and can create an outing to do together. A magazine subscription to Sports Illustrated for Kids, American Girl or Zoo Books is a thoughtful gift. If your child likes to write, a gift of a journal and markers would be nice. Enjoy the holidays!