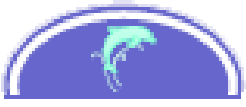



  
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**Angel Tree – Your Generosity is Humbling**

As we have done in years past, there is an Angel Tree in the Front Office. This is a special tree, as all of the angels represent families with REA.

Once again your generosity and spirit of caring for the extended REA family is humbling. All of the angels have already been selected!

We're so grateful that you extend your holiday to others within our school, showing your children that the true spirit of Christmas is in caring for one another.

Thanks again for participating in this event, it wouldn't be possible without you. If for any reason you cannot fulfill your angel, please let the Front Office know as soon as possible so that a replacement can be found.



**MISSION STATEMENT**

Reading Edge Academy is dedicated to launching children's academic careers with success, confidence and a love for reading.

**Special Delivery!**



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Comardo on the birth of their first grandchild:  
 Connor Albert, "Cal", Comardo!  
 Be sure to congratulate the very proud grandparents!


**Webpage Keep Everyone Informed**

Come See the new and improved website!!! Monthly calendars, school lunches, and much more can be found on the website. Updated regularly, this will be a wonderful tool for communication!

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**Getting In – Getting Out**



Please remember that the school handbook stipulates that traffic on school property and Pond Court is 5 m.p.h. Also, using your mobile phone while driving your car on school property or Pond Court is against school policy. Both activities are grounds for additional volunteer hours being assessed to the families involved. Please drive slowly and wait to make phone calls when not on school grounds. Thank you.



READING EDGE ACADEMY

INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS  
MUSICAL

# "Chris-myth BUSTERS"

presented by  
THE READING EDGE CHORUS

directed by  
MRS. BURR

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00<sup>PM</sup>

FIRST ASSEMBLY - DELAND  
551 S. KEPLER ROAD





# Christmas Program

In a few short days, the students will be showcasing their many talents in the annual Christmas Program.

The event is free, and is in need of an audience.

This is also a great time to earn some volunteer hours right before the Winter Break. If you can help in any way, please contact the Christmas Program Chairwoman, Maria Beardsley at [mab1973@aol.com](mailto:mab1973@aol.com).



## Autism Walks Update



**AUTISM SPEAKS<sup>®</sup>**  
It's time to listen.

**2 Delicious Bake Sales**  
**+ 2 Blue Jeans for a Buck Days**  
**\$ 4 Autism!!!**

Thanks to all who contributed their funds to this great cause!

The weather was perfect for the walk in Port Orange last month, and we had a number of participants from our REA family.

Again thanks to all who donated food for the bake sale, bought goodies, or paid to wear blue jeans for a day. Every penny counts and gives a voice to those that can't speak for themselves.

## December – Winter Wonderland

CAROLS	CHRISTMAS	FAMILY	GOOSE	GRINCH	HANUKKAH
HARMONY	HOLIDAYS	HOME	ICE	JOY	KWANZA
PEACE	PRESENTS	SCROOGE	SNOW	STAR	SUGARPLUMS
TREES	VACATION	WINTER	WRAPPING		

Words to Search:

X S X B O L I B E Z Y U S K O H K J  
I L Y Z M N Q C M S L N E C A E P O  
S K U S W D K R E Z O H O N X X D Y  
U M S T A R W E Z K S O U M B L J S  
E T U V A C A T I O N K G E R S Y K  
P T G L D G N N X H K N L S A A D J  
Y R N R P D Z I C A R O L S D B H T  
N C E Q I R A W H H Q A G I D Z G V  
B O V S N N A U F V W C L W N K V J  
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A A B T W N S H U U H I C A P T T W  
M F I W W J T I L S M T U P K S F G  
T L K O Q R P S B D Y B U P D Y V H  
S Q N T E Q D K Y L E T E I W Q V C  
I S F E T J A Y I B E Q B N F O H E  
R V S M Y M R M J J I Y I G Q O U S  
H Y H O I T A B U Z U A P R R X R J  
C X H H J F Y Q F S A K E B I N U W

(December Word Search Solution will be in January Newsletter)

### November Word Search Solution

#### November Fun

O S D Q D F I A A H Z J F E J K S G  
Y I W K G R A T I T U D E Z K O X R  
C Z V A Q T B L F P H O L I D A Y U  
E A S Q K M E J T B O L E V A R T B  
L L M M G A I U M R Y C L I Y W U S  
E N Y P V D H U S Z Q E U H F H I Y  
C T O E F G N I V I G S K N A H T T  
T F S I K I D P Y Y Z O E R K J T T  
I A X L T F R R I Y X V X C S O X E  
O M Q K J A R E X L E R G A N G C G  
N I K C K E C E P M G K Z E A R Y L  
L L Q M B V N A B M H R R R P R I B V  
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K R X H B A I I J K H G O L E E R D  
C J S Z P X G N I F F U T S V I I A  
P I U P K F Z F E A I X E O B G N N  
W Q X P M N K V T Z G X L E I V N E

### December

#### A MONTH of HISTORY

- December 1 – Rosa Park's Day
- December 2 – National Fritters Day
- December 3 – International Day of the Disabled Person
- December 4 – National Cookie Day
- December 5 – Walt Disney's Birthday –
- December 6 – Ira Gershwin's Birthday
- December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day - 1941
- December 8 – National Brownie Day
- December 9 – Ball-Bearing Roller Skates patented – 1884
- December 10 – Human Rights Day – 1948
- December 11 – National Noodle Ring Day
- December 12 – Poinsettia Day
- December 13 – National Cocoa Day
- December 14 – South Pole Discovered
- December 15 – Phonograph patented
- December 16 – Boston Tea Party Anniversary – 1773
- December 17 – Wright Brother's Day –
- December 18 – Wear a Plunger on Your Head Day
- December 19 – Oatmeal Muffin Day
- December 20 – Games Day
- December 21 – First Day of Winter
- December 22 – Thermometer Invented
- December 23 – Roots Day
- December 24 – National Egg Nog Day
- December 25 – National Pumpkin Pie Day
- December 26 – Boxing Day
- December 27 – Visit the Zoo Day
- December 28 – National Chocolate Day
- December 29 – Bowling Ball Invented
- December 30 – National Baking Soda Day
- December 31 – New Year's Eve

**Dolphin Clicks**  
(A.K.A. A Word from Our Teachers)

**Coach's Corner**

Congratulations to our Reading Edge Academy Dolphins for winning this year's "10,000 Lap Challenge!"

All of the classes did an amazing job throughout the challenge. The school finished with a total of 11,936 laps.

Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Gravenmier, and Mrs. Angel's classes led the way by averaging 12 laps (1 mile) per student!

Jeremiah and Nathanael Stevens set the school individual record by running 19 laps each...WOW!!

The students learned about setting their own personal fitness goals, team goals, muscles in the body, proper stretching techniques, jogging strategies, and the importance of heart healthy living!

\*Skills/Activities developed in November:

- 10,000 Lap challenge (see above)
- "Thanksgiving" team challenges (fitness, agility, problem solving)
- Basketball (passing, dribbling, shooting)

Have a great holiday!

Sincerely,  
Coach A. and Coach Harris



**DOLPHIN ART NEWS**



The following students had art presented in the 19th Annual DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts on November 19th & 20th:

Emily H., Bryson B., Kaila J., Samantha O., Abby C., Eva M., Ilianny M., Tiffany M., Caidan Y., Marcus V., Bianca M., Elijah V., and Skyler D. Way to go!!

**Students Explore Space and Form**

Students are beginning a new unit on Space and Form. As they progress through the lessons, they will: 1.) learn the differences between two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects, 2.) learn about the three-dimensional characteristics of forms by studying geometric, free-form, body, and animal forms, 3.) explore how artists use overlapping objects to create depth in two-dimensional art, and 4.) explore the space around forms.

Thank you Artsonia Volunteers!

If you are familiar with digital cameras and would also like to be an Artsonia photographer, please email me at: [pmaffucci@readingedgeacademy.org](mailto:pmaffucci@readingedgeacademy.org)

Mrs. Maffucci

**First Grade is Rockin'!**

Fabulous Family Tree Projects have come in for First Grade for our Social Studies unit on families. We are learning about the roles,

jobs and contributions of each family member.

In Science, we are beginning a unit on plants. We are learning the different parts of plants and how they live.

In Language Arts, we have begun learning about verbs and will be reviewing nouns, proper nouns and plural nouns.

First Graders should keep practicing basic Math facts in addition and subtraction. We want them to know them well before the end of the year.

Winter Break is fast approaching. The First Grade Team will be sending home a review packet to complete over the break.

Keep reading every day for at least 20 minutes. Parents listen to your child read and ask them to retell the story.

Enjoy your holiday!

The First Grade Team

**Second Grade**

We want to thank our parents for their generosity in sending all the great snacks for our Thanksgiving celebration.

We also want to thank you for helping your children with their Social Studies posters, they did a great job. We are still learning about people and places in Social Studies while we have moved on to Properties of Matter in Science.

As it gets closer to winter break, we will be sending a letter home with information on a holiday celebration.

### Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade is very excited to be reading A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens for the next three weeks! Students will learn new vocabulary from this book and will monitor their comprehension by making inferences, summarizing, and drawing conclusions while reading this book.

In Math, students will be working with Integers and Decimals, while in Science we begin discussing Matter and identifying the different physical properties of each state of matter and how matter can change states.

In Social Studies, we will be discussing the events that led to the American Revolution, particularly the French and Indian War, the Boston Massacre, and the Boston Tea Party.

We are asking parents to donate any items they can for our class Dolphin Dollar Store. We have some fun pencils and erasers, but anything else you could contribute will be appreciated. Don't forget this can also earn you volunteer hours!

Thank you, and I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!!!!

Miss Carlson  
mcarlson@readingedgeacademy.org  
Blog: rea5.blogspot.org



### Ms. Angel's 3 – 5 Class



November was a "hole" lot of fun!

We visited Donuts to Go and learned how doughnuts are made. We even made our own doughnuts! Based on our field trip, the class worked together to create our own doughnut shops. Designing brochures and putting on commercials, the each student shared their creative ideas with the rest of the class, and had lots of fun!

Thanks for getting those book reports in on their December 2<sup>nd</sup> due date!

The upcoming holiday break is a great time for your child to spend some time on FCAT Explorer and Brainpop.com.

Enjoy the holidays with your family!

Ms. Angel



### Upcoming Events

Dec 15 – Christmas Program  
Dec 16 – Teacher Work Day  
NO SCHOOL  
Dec 19 – Jan 3 – Winter Break  
Jan 4 – Classes Resume at REA

Stay tuned to the school website as fun activities and volunteer opportunities are added to the calendar regularly.

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### "Raise a Reader" Reminder

Reading Edge is registered in a reading contest, "Raise-a-Reader," which encourages our parents to encourage our students to read, with the winning school getting \$5,000 for their library.

**The contest runs from November 7, 2011 through January 30, 2012 with parents/legal guardians logging on to our school page on the contest website to record minutes read by their students.**

Please encourage your students to read, and then log in their minutes that they have spent reading.

Samsula is also entering this contest, so THE RACE IS ON!

### IMPORTANT CONTEST INFORMATION

\*Website for Home Page for contest:  
[www.parents.com/raise-a-reader](http://www.parents.com/raise-a-reader)

\* Link for parents/students/staff to check minutes:  
[www.parents.com/reading/readingedgeacademydebfl](http://www.parents.com/reading/readingedgeacademydebfl)

**Clorox – A Bright Future  
Reminder**

Clorox Power A Bright Future Program - Provide Android or iPad Tablet Computers for Students.

Please help Reading Edge Academy win this \$50,000 grant by telling friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to vote every day up to **Dec 9th**. Anyone can vote, provided they are 13years of age or older.

The only criteria for winning is having the MOST votes. We can do this!!

Vote for your favorite entry (REA!) between 10/24 and **12/9** at [powerabrightfuture.com](http://powerabrightfuture.com)

**HURRY and CAST YOUR VOTE FOR REA BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th!**



**Thank You!  
Merci!  
Gracias!**

From the Holiday Food Drive at the beginning of November, to Santa's Helpers that coordinated the Santa Shop, and the Elves that have distributed the Angels for the Angel Tree, and finally to all of the parents and teachers that made our first PJ Night/ Parent's Night out a huge success, we say, "Thank You!"

It's been a busy few weeks and  
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they are likely to remain busy until classes resume on January 4, 2012, but in all of the hustle and bustle, you found the time and the willing hands to show our children just how special each and everyone is.

The Holiday Food Drive helped many families have a little extra to be thankful for this year. With budgets stretched it can be stressful to parents to make the holidays cheerful and bright for their children. Thank you to all of the families that brought in non-perishable food items to help fill the dining rooms of all of the REA families.

The Santa Shop is an exciting store set up by some hardworking individuals to provide a place for our children to shop for Christmas presents for those that they hold dear. Parents get to be surprised on Christmas morning with a wrapped present hand picked by their child (if your child was able to suppress their excitement that long!).

Angel Tree deliveries will be made just prior to the Winter Break. For those families that have picked up an Angel, please remember to bring your items back to the school in time for their delivery – Santa can't be late!

Whether you went Christmas shopping without little ones in tow on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, had a date night with your significant other, or simply had a few peaceful hours to yourself, you can't possibly have had as much fun as the kids and volunteers at the Pajama Party/ Parent's Night Out!

The evening was such a success that we're investigating another event in the spring. Stay tuned for details.

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During the Winter Break many of our REA families will take advantage of the time off and make physical moves.

Please make sure that the front office has a current address and telephone number, as well as making sure all contact information is correct for your student as soon as possible upon the school's re-opening in January.

This will help the school contact you to communicate any needs, but especially to reach you in an emergency situation.



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**See you 2012!**