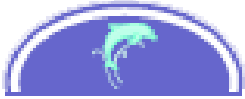




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New Assistant Principal

For those of you unable to make it to the PTA Meeting last month, you missed our first school-wide PTA meeting held with everyone in the Cafetorium. Along with an introduction of the Teaching Staff, Mrs. Comardo welcomed new Assistant Principal, Mr. Pat McGinn, to the Reading Edge Academy Family.

Mr. McGinn is a retired Principal from Volusia County Schools having served at Seville, Pierson, Holly Hill, DeBary and Sunrise Elementary. He will be working with us three days a week, and is ready to serve our students.

Please stop by and welcome Mr. McGinn!



MISSION STATEMENT

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



Given that "Reading" is in our school name, you might have guessed that a high emphasis is placed on our students' ability and desire to read.

The first complete week of October marks the first book fair of the year where students and teachers can select books for purchase. Make plans to attend – either as a customer, or as a volunteer. You can check with the front office concerning where you can serve.

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!

www.readingedgeacademy.org

Parents:
Here's how to get teacher to like you

No one wants to be "that mother." The one who calls school constantly or nitpicks every grade. So, how do you get your child's teacher to like you? My educator friends say it's easy!

- 1.) Meet your child's teacher at open house or orientation. It shows you're enthusiastic about the learning process.
- 2.) Don't be "too" involved. Know when to step back (especially if your children are older).
- 3.) CHECK HOMEWORK (but don't do it).
- 4.) Volunteer. Yes, we know you're busy but it doesn't hurt to chaperone a field trip once or twice a year.
- 5.) Give thoughtful gifts. Thanks to budget cuts, most teachers have to spend their own cash for supplies. Books, glue, gift cards, etc., will not only benefit the educator – but your child, too.

By Janel Jacobs Moms at Work
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**Volunteer Work You Can Do From Home**

**Capri Sun**

The Dees family is collecting, sorting and sending in the Capri Sun foil packets to earn credit for our school. They are doing this daily. It is a huge help to us. If you would like to participate, bring in your flattened and rinsed (exteriors) packets to the front office.

**SunnyD**

We are considering doing the SunnyD collection for books for the classroom. This collection only lasts through the end of November! If your family drinks SunnyD, and you can help in this effort, contact the front office.



**AUTISM SPEAKS™**  
It's time to listen.

Reading Edge Academy and Samsula Academy will be walking for Autism Speaks to raise awareness for Autism.

Autism affects 1 in every 110 American children.

Every 20 minutes a child is diagnosed with Autism.

Less than 1% of the National Institutes of Health is donated for Autism research.

More children will be diagnosed with AUTISM this year than AIDS, diabetes, and cancer combined. Help us to raise awareness by walking with us OR donating money for this important cause.

WHERE:

Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater and City Center in Port Orange, FL

WHEN:

Saturday, November 19, 2011

TIME:

9:00 am Registration and 10:30

Walk Starts

Contact: Mrs. McKinney

386/668/8911

Website:

<http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/orlando/reakarinmckinney>

Look for an upcoming fundraiser!!

**Exciting Firsts!**

For those families that are new to REA this year, the whole school experience is likely exciting firsts.

REA faculty and staff are excited about some of their "firsts" this year as well.

The Kindergarten Class Parents were welcomed to the first day of school with a special drop off of their child, followed by a "BooHoo Breakfast" where they could commiserate with other parents that little Johnny and Susie were growing up. Thanks to all of the

parents that provided refreshments (and tissues!).

The first Mandatory PTA Meeting of the year was held with everyone in the Cafetorium. This allowed Mrs. Comardo to introduce faculty and staff to all at once, and generally allowed the meeting to proceed smoothly from the mass assembly to break-out sessions to meet with individual teachers. Already the Cafetorium has become an element that we don't know how we got along without it.

On a serious note, parking continues to be a challenge when all families are on site; however, the owners of the vacant office building graciously allow us to use their parking lot when ours becomes full. Please do not park or block any parking of the businesses in operation near our school. We have a good relationship with the owners, and don't want to jeopardize that for a slightly shorter walk.

**Family Night**

We've already had two very successful family nights!

The first was at Deltona Lanes where \$5.00 rented your shoes, and bought you two hours of lane time.

If your family didn't make it, there's another event planned for November – check out the Upcoming Events section.

The second family night was an evening with Andy the Armadillo at Texas Roadhouse. Again, if you didn't make it to this event, there is another event planned for Texas Roadhouse soon. Don't forget that our school (specifically your child's teacher) is credited with 10% of your bill.



**Getting In – Getting Out**

Thank you to everyone concerning the new drop-off and pick-up procedures!

Not only have we once again grown our student body, but with the advent of the new classrooms, students have to get to and from new areas of the campus.

This can make for a hectic drop-off and pick-up experience – especially if you're in a hurry.

Please remember that everyone "has some place to be" and if you exercise some patience, not only are you being a good attitude example to your child, but you'll keep everyone safer – you, faculty/ staff, and the students.



**Update your Contact Info**

The school wants to communicate with you!

Please send in any updates for your contact information as soon as it changes (phone, address, etc.).

This will ensure that any mailings or mass phone notifications reach you, and in the case of an emergency involving the school or your child specifically, you can be reached.

Thanks for your help!

**Give us Your**

**411**

**and Stay Informed!**

**October Word Search – Fall In Florida**

|         |          |          |              |        |           |          |       |
|---------|----------|----------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|
| AUTUMN  | CORN     | CROW     | EQUINOX      | FALL   | FESTIVAL  | FOOTBALL | FROST |
| GOURDS  | HARVEST  | HAYBALES | JACKOLANTERN | LEAVES | MIGRATION | TREES    |       |
| OCTOBER | PUMPKINS | SWEATER  | SCARECROW    |        |           |          |       |

Words to Search:

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

(October Word Search Solution will be in November Newsletter)

**October – A MONTH of HISTORY**

- October 1 – World Vegetarian Day
- October 2 – Name Your Car Day
- October 3 – Child Health Day
- October 4 – Sputnik I Launched
- October 5 – World Teacher Day
- October 6 – Thomas Edison shows 1<sup>st</sup> motion picture 1889
- October 7 – American Bandstand debuted 1957
- October 8 – National Costume Swap Day
- October 9 – Moldy Cheese Day
- October 10 – Columbus Day
- October 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> Steam-Powered Ferryboat begins operation
- October 12 – Farmer's Day
- October 13 – 1<sup>st</sup> aerial photo in US
- October 14 – Grover's Birthday
- October 15 – Sweetest Day
- October 16 – World Food Day
- October 17 – Black Poetry Day
- October 18 – Puerto Rico became a US Colony 1898
- October 19 – Thomas Edison demonstrated electric light 1879
- October 20 – Monster Mash Day
- October 21 – Guggenheim Museum opens – NYC – 1959
- October 22 – National Nut Day
- October 23 – Edison Pele's Birthday 1940
- October 24 – United Nations Day
- October 25 – National Denim Day
- October 26 – International Red Cross – 1863
- October 27 – Teddy Roosevelt's birthday 1858
- October 28 – Statue of Liberty's Birthday
- October 29 – National Organization of Women 1966
- October 30 – John Adam's birthday 1735
- October 31 – Halloween

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

### **Coach's Corner**

Welcome back for another great school year here at Reading Edge!

This will be my 14th year with the school but my first having an assistant teacher. The students and I are very lucky this year to have Mrs. Lisa Harris join our team.

We will be working hard together to ensure that your child receives the best physical education experience throughout the year!

### **\*P.E. Parent Information**

- Students must always wear sneakers (laced up and tied in front)
- A note from home letting us know if your child needs to miss P.E. that day (illness/injury)
- A note from the doctor if a child needs to miss more than 1 P.E. class
- Information regarding any medical conditions such as allergies, asthma, etc...

### **\*Skill themes for August and September were:**

- Underhand Throwing
- Bowling
- Overhand Throwing

### **\*S.T.A.R.S.**

This acronym is used in P.E. as a set of rules to follow. As part of their "team/class", each student is trying to earn all 5 of these throughout P.E. class. If class goes above and beyond earning their 5 stars they can earn a bonus 6th star and then will receive a golden sneaker award for their classroom. When classes reach 45 "S.T.A.R.S" they receive a free

choice day where each student gets to choose an activity they would like to participate in for that day.

- S-** Stay on task
- T-** Try your best
- A-** Active listening
- R-** Respectful of others and equipment
- S-** Sportsmanship

Thank you for your support,  
Coach A.  
Coach Harris  
"Physical Education- Knowledge to last a lifetime"

### **DOLPHIN ART NEWS**

Welcome!

Our school is now a member of [Artonia.com](http://Artonia.com), the largest online student art museum. Forms have been sent home to seek your permission for showcasing your child's artwork on our school's web gallery. If you have not received a confirmation e-mail welcoming you, please contact me through our REA school website.

### **Students Explore Line and Shape!**

As students progress through the lessons, they will:

- Learn about lines, what they express, and how they can vary.
- Learn about geometric and free-form shapes.
- Look at lines and shapes in fine art and the world around us.
- Create their own works of art with lines and shapes.
- Begin to think of themselves as artists.

Mrs. Maffucci

### **Music**

Thank you to all that have donated items to our music class.

Remember, if you don't have time, but have money, you can make a monetary donation to the music

department. Every \$10 that you donate equals one volunteer hour. You can pick up a detailed list of needed items in the office.

We have been working with steady beat with our K-1 classes and Rhythm with our upper classes. We have taken a simple AB form song and added Orff instrument parts, rhythm instrument parts, and even a little Rap to reinforce our procedures and rules!! We then added a game called instrument madness where students rotate very quickly from instrument to instrument on cue. The students are doing a fantastic job plus we are having a blast!!!!

Choir is now in full swing here at Reading Edge Academy. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are preparing for our upcoming Christmas Musical "Chris-myth Busters".

The Christmas performance is on Thursday night, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. More information to follow on rehearsals and event location as the date approaches. This is another great way to get your volunteer hours.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs. Burr



### **Kindergarten Rocks!!**

Kindergarten is off to a great start! We have already learned so many things. Students are continuing to learn the rules, procedures, and expectations. They are making progress and doing great!

Reading rotations have begun. Please read the "Book-in-a-Bag" with your child each night. In class we have been learning all letter names (upper and lowercase) and letter sounds. We are beginning to learn how to blend these sounds together to make words. If your child does not know all the letters, please practice!

In Math, we have been learning about spatial relationships, sorting and classifying by attributes and 2-dimensional geometry. Ask your child how many vertices each shape has . . . you'll be surprised that they know!

"My Five Senses" is the Science unit on which we are currently working. We have used our sight to look at the world through binoculars, gone on a "listening walk", conducted a taste test, tried to identify many different smells in "smelly jars" and have predicted what was in various "touch bags". The students are experimenting with how we use our five senses to learn about the world in which we live.

In Social Studies, we are learning about ourselves, our family, our friends, and our community. Please help your child learn his/her address and phone number, as this is important information for your child to know.

Thank you, parents, for all that you do to ensure that your child has a GREAT first year of school!  
Kindergarten Teachers

### **First Grade**

Dear Parents,  
Can you believe it's already

October?!

We are quickly moving forward with our curriculum. We will be studying the correct use of punctuation, writing development, and the application of phonics in Reading.

In Math we just finished with patterns and shapes. We will be working with place value to 100. Next we will start on comparing and ordering numbers.

In Social Studies, we will be learning about communities.

In Science, we will study Living/Nonliving, and habitats.

Look for a special project sometime in Oct./ Nov.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween.  
The First Grade Team

### **Second Grade**

Second grade is off to a great start. We have been busy this year.

In Reading, we are working on our fluency and comprehension.

In Social Studies, we learned about community workers and had two special guest come talk to use about their job. Now we are starting to learn about states, countries, and continents.

In Science, we started learning about making predictions. We had a great time testing our predictions on our nature walk around campus.

In Math, we are learning our numbers from 1-999! Wow! The students are doing a great job. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Bew would like to remind her students that if they have not gotten a zipper pouch for their crayons, to please do so. They are available at Dollar Tree.

### **Third Grade News**

Third graders have been busily progressing through our Macmillan/McGraw-Hill series. In our first theme "Our World" students read stories about people and discovered characters that are similar to themselves. We read selections such as, *First Day Jitters* and *Dear Juno*.

Our next theme is "Investigations" students will be reading stories such as *The Strongest One* and applying what they know about main idea and details to their reading and writing. Students will be reading about animals, the solar system, and nonfiction genres to summarize, compare and contrast, and generate questions to impact student's reading comprehension.

Students are continually exposed to words in different context while actively engaged in vocabulary-learning tasks.

In order to reinforce these skills at home, please review the weekly test. This test contains a review of each weeks focus skills. Another good way to reinforce basic skills taught through the series is to use its web site at [www.macmillanmh.com](http://www.macmillanmh.com).

Parents, please remind students never to give their names, addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses to anyone on the Internet.  
Third Grade Team

### 4th Grade

Fourth Graders are fortunate this year to have two teachers inspire them. Mrs. Getchell will teach the students Math and Science, and Mrs. Foster will teach Reading and Language Arts. Social Studies is being taught by their homeroom teacher.

Students are looking forward to their field trip, A Walk Through the Park, on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to Lake George.

Mrs. Getchell and Mrs. Foster want to encourage their students to keep reading daily and to memorize their multiplication facts.

### 5th Grade

It's hard to believe it's October already!

Our students have done a great job of working hard, and we want to encourage them to continue this! Thank you parents for helping your students with their science projects! It was great to see all the different ideas they had!

This month we are focusing on Space and the Solar System, and then we will begin Weather and Climate.

In Math the students are diving into Division!! We even learned a fun song to help us remember the Divisibility Rules!

In Social Studies, we are continuing our unit on famous European explorers, the discovery of America, and the first European settlements in North America.

In Reading, each week we focus on a different reading

comprehension skill or strategy, as well as vocabulary and a word study skill, such as synonyms or context clues. This month we will focus on plot development, making inferences, main idea, summarizing, and cause and effect.

In Grammar we are working more with nouns: singular, plural, and possessive.

Please check out our class blog at [rea5.blogspot.com](http://rea5.blogspot.com) for more information each week!!!

Ms. Michelle Carlson

### Ms. Angel's 3 – 5 Class



In August and September, our class has been working hard learning and practicing the Scientific Method.

Students will put all that knowledge to use through their really cool science projects due in October!

Thank you parents for all your help at home. **YOU** make the difference!

*The class is in need of treasure box items and individually wrapped candy.*

### Upcoming Events

Sept 30 – Mid-Term Ends  
Oct 1 – Lodge Fundraiser at Samsula  
Oct 3 – 7 – Book Fair  
Oct 5 – Progress Reports sent Home - Early Release  
Oct 10 – 21 – Toilet Paper Drive  
Oct 12 – Family Night  
Texas Roadhouse  
Early Release  
Oct 14 – Student Holiday / Teacher Work Day  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Oct 19 – Early Release

Oct 26 – Early Release

Oct 27 – Family Night

Five Guys Burgers & Fries

Nov 7 – 18 – Holiday Food Drive

Nov 22 – Deltona Lanes

Bowling 5-7pm

Note, you can always check for upcoming events on the online school calendar.

### PTA Board Members

Becoming a member of the PTA Board is a great way to learn about the events with which the school is involved, help to plan those events, and earn those volunteer hours!

Meetings are held monthly in the evening, so even if you work outside of the home, you can likely fit the meetings into your schedule.

Remember to sign up and turn in your \$5.00 donation.

Money generated by PTA sponsored events helps defray costs for activities for the entire student body. We appreciate your participation.

### **ONLINE BOOK FAIR TO DEBUT**

Come check it out – an online book fair through Scholastic Books, the company that we do all of our book fairs with at the Reading Edge Academy campus, will occur throughout most of the month of October.

The start date is Thurs., Oct. 6th & end date is Wed., Oct. 26th.

This is a great way for long distance relatives to purchase books and help support our school, as our school does receive a percentage of all sales.

Please visit Scholastic's website for more information:  
<http://www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs/2872295>