



# JAGUAR TRACKS

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## Principal's Reminders

"Thanks!" to everyone who came out for our first PTO meeting this year. It was a huge success and proves that by working together we can make a difference for our students and for our school.

The following are a few reminders that will help Ruskin be the best school we can be:

- School starts early! Breakfast is served from 7:00- 7:35 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. If your child is a car rider, please have him or her at school in time to finish eating breakfast before the tardy bell rings.
- Bus safety is a top priority. Everyone has to do their part to keep our busses safe. Please be familiar with the new school board policy regarding bus discipline.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Referral.....2 day bus suspension
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral .....3 day bus suspension
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Referral.....5 day bus suspension
- 4<sup>th</sup> Referral.....5 day bus suspension
- 5<sup>th</sup> Referral.....10 day bus suspension
- 6<sup>th</sup> Referral.....20 day bus suspension
- 7<sup>th</sup> Referral.....bus suspension for the remainder of the year

- Please remember that flip-flops are not appropriate shoes for school.

- Each day at school is an opportunity for your child to learn. It is important for your child to be present everyday to gain the knowledge and skills they will need to pass the CRCT. Please help your child prepare by having them present in school everyday this year.
- If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or call the school at 287-2325.

## Way To Go, PTO!

PTO kicked off the year with a parade of storybook characters. All in attendance enjoyed seeing the children "and one adult" dressed as their favorite storybook character and hearing the children tell about the character they were portraying. Also, "CONGRATULATIONS!" to our new PTO officers: Alton Carter is our new President, Christie Steedley is our new Vice President, and Candi Walker is our new Secretary.



## PTO Fundraiser Coming Soon

PTO will be selling candles IN October. Watch for information to come home soon.

The following is a quick glance at how PTO fundraiser have been used at our school in the past.

- Two new Risograph copy machines
- Refreshments during CRCT testing
- Supplies for 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party
- Picnic tables
- Outdoor classroom
- Risers for the Multipurpose Room
- Ruskin School sign (marquee)

## *Halloween*

By Aaran Leviton

Boooooooo! Doesn't it just make you want to learn more about that spooky night? It goes back 2,000 years ago to the people called the Celts. They celebrated their new year on November first. But now it is celebrated on October 31. Most people don't know it but Halloween used to.....  
Aaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhhhh! Just kidding. Anyway, it used to be called "All Hallows Day". Have a scary good Halloween!

## **JAGUAR JOKES SUPER SCARY EDITION**

By Joey Timmons

What does it sound like when Frankenstein is laughing his head off?  
**Ha, Ha, THUNK!!!**

What is a Jack-O -lantern's favorite breakfast food?

**FLAPJACKS**

What kind of dog does Dracula have?  
**A BLOODHOUND**

What hotel does the Wolfman stay at for his vacation?

**The HOWLIDAY Inn**

What does a dog say on October 31<sup>st</sup>?

Happy **HOW**loween!

Why didn't the vampire like the vampires?

It reminded her of the girl **NECKS** door!

## **DEAR ANDY**

By: Paulina O'Berry

Dear Andy,

I need help in Math class. We are starting to learn about algebra. I'm not sure I get it. How do I learn it better?

Please help me.

Your Friend,  
Algebra Helper

Dear Helper,

You could ask a friend who knows it, or a parent, to help you at home. Also, ask if you could stay after school with the teacher. I'm glad to help you any time.

Your Friend,  
Andy

## **Top Book Picks**

By: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade WINGS

- *Doctor De Soto Goes to Africa* by *William Steig.*

In this tale the famous dentist mouse dentist travels to Africa. But, before he can repair the tooth of Mudambo the elephant, an unhappy monkey kidnaps him! AR level: 4.1.

- *Babushka's Doll* by *Patricia Polacco.*

This is a story of a little girl who needs some practice learning patience. The

lesson begins when Natasha picks up her grandmother's doll. A.R level: 2.0.

- *So, You Want to be President? By Judith St. George.*

Fun facts about the presidents from the past and the present. AR 4.8

### BOX TOPS for EDUCATION

Remember, we are still collecting BoxTops. You can help by simply clipping the coupons from marked packages and sending them in to your child's teacher.

## Parent's Corner

Have you ever imagined that getting your child to behave could be fun?

The following tips will encourage good behavior and teach your child that behaving can be fun :

- Play Around! Being playful can stop misbehavior, especially if it is caused by boredom. Let your child see you having fun and enjoying a boring rainy day. Pull out some games and play *with your child*. Games such as Charades or "I Spy" are fun and free.
- Help your child to set goals for their own learning. Then, routinely talk about their progress. Celebrate when a goal is reached and encourage when a goal seems far away. Both you and your child will reap the benefits: You will feel good that you are involved in your child's learning. Your child will be encouraged to know that their personal goals are important at school and at home. Start with simple goals such as AR Points or focus on behavior by setting goals to reduce the number of times their clip is moved in class.

- Laugh at yourself! Let your child see that it is ok to make a mistake. When you can laugh at your own mistakes in front of your child, they learn that "messing up" is not always the worst thing that could happen. Help them to learn how to learn from mistakes instead of thinking that the mistake is who they are.

## Helpful Websites

For information on how you can become more involved with our school, go to [www.ware.k12.ga.us](http://www.ware.k12.ga.us) and click on Parent Involvement.

For homework help and fun learning activities, visit the following websites:

- <http://homework-help.aol.com/>
- <http://scholastic.com/kids/homework>
- [www.iknowthat.com](http://www.iknowthat.com)

Lightspan is still available at home for Ruskin students. To visit the site, logon to: [www.lightspan.com](http://www.lightspan.com) and fill in the following information:

**Username:** school1014

**Password:** ruskin

**District ID:** ware001

If you have questions concerning Lightspan, please email Mrs.Middleton at [jmiddleton@ware.k12.ga.us](mailto:jmiddleton@ware.k12.ga.us)

## Wake Up Brain!

It's dinnertime! Can you unscramble the ingredients for the stew?

RACTOR \_\_\_\_\_

RUPINT \_\_\_\_\_

ATASP \_\_\_\_\_

TOOTAP \_\_\_\_\_

SEINASONG \_\_\_\_\_

KEKE \_\_\_\_\_

CENICHK \_\_\_\_\_

CRYLEE \_\_\_\_\_