

Calendar

Reeths-Puffer Elementary



August 31, 2015

September

- 8 Art Rotation Begins
- 15 School Picture Make-Up Day
- 15 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-LMC
- 17 Constitution Day
- 21 Board of Education Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
at the Educational Services Bldg.
- 25 Box Tops for Education/Campbell
Soup Label Collection

October

- 7 Count Day
- 13 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-LMC
- 19 Board of Education Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
at the Educational Services Bldg.
- 30 Box Tops for Education/Campbell
Soup Label Collection

November

- 6 School Dismissed at Noon
- 10 PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.-LMC
- 16 Board of Education Mtg, 5:30 p.m.
at the Educational Services Bldg.
- 20 Box Tops for Education/Campbell
Soup Label Collection
- 25-29 No School...Thanksgiving Break

Rocket City Games 2015... September 2nd & 3rd

Labor Day is right around the corner, and this could be the best one ever. The high school athletics season starts off in a big way with the Rocket City Games at Reeths-Puffer: soccer, volleyball, cross-country and football, along with fireworks, paratroopers, Rocket City Adventure Run, musicians, dancers, tailgate party and area restaurants serving up food and fun at the Taste of Rocket City. All proceeds go to charity, and all the fun is yours for the taking. Learn more at RocketCityGames-RP.org.



www.reeths-puffer.org

WELCOME BACK

RPEL would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students back to school. We look forward to a great year!

New Staff to RPEL

Dean of Students

- Karyn Benner

Secretary

- Lisa Hobby

Kindergarten

- Heather Greene
- Julie Medema
- Lori Prysock
- Kathy VanderMeer

2nd Grade

- Sarah Shafer
- Mandy Wheeler
- Amy Yarian

3rd Grade

- Christina Nelson

4th Grade

- Nicole Disselkoen
- Barb Pflaum

Special Education

- Jacquelyn Rogers
- Denise Sheffer

Reading Specialist

- Sonya Rathbun

Math

- Jessica Mixer

Speech

- Kylie Symons

Social Worker

- Sherry Foster

Para Professional

- Jill Craigie, Sandy Finkelstein,
Laurie Fisher, Andrea Landis

GO GREEN

Calling all Rockets! RPEL will continue to **reduce**, **reuse** and **recycle** again this year. Beginning in the next newsletter, please look for Go Green Tips located on the back of each newsletter. In the meantime, please remember to use a reusable water bottle and reusable bags and containers in your cold lunch!

ALL FORMS

Please take a few minutes and go to www.reeths-puffer.info and fill out necessary paperwork for the 2015-2016 school year. It is imperative that the office has up-to-date accurate information. Please notify the office if your address, day care provider, work number, home number, cell number, or emergency numbers change during the school year. These need to be accurate in case your child becomes ill or is injured at school. Our automated phone calling system also uses these phone numbers. You can review all necessary forms on the RPEL Website. Please review these forms, print, sign and return the Registration Receipt to the classroom teacher. If you do not have access to a computer, please stop in the elementary office.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD ABSENT

Please report all absences by calling the elementary attendance line at 744-4777 and press option 6. Please leave your name and number, your child's name, teacher and nature of illness or reason for absence. Please be sure to leave illness symptoms if you do not have a specific diagnose from a doctor. If your child has been absent for more than two days you may call or e-mail your child's teacher and request homework. If your child has been out of school due to lice, your child must be checked by the principal before returning to school.



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A Great Place to Learn, Contribute and Compete

Reeths-Puffer Elementary

RPEL = Respect... Pride... Effort... Learn

HEALTHY BIRTHDAY TREATS

In honor of your child's health, we are no longer allowing cupcakes or other heavily sugar laden birthday treats to be sent to school. Please help us to maintain our integrity by sending a healthy birthday treat for your child and their friends.

MEDICATION

If your child is required to take any medication (pills, inhalers, epi-pen) during school hours you must have your doctor complete a medication form which you may obtain in the elementary office. All medication must be in the original container marked with dosage instructions. Also, if your child is allergic to bees please provide the office with the necessary instructions/medication. Please do not send medication to school with your child.

PTO

RPEL is very fortunate to have an active PTO parent organization that supports the students and staff. Meetings will be held in the library the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, September 15th. All are welcome!

STUDENT ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE



If your child arrives after **8:35 a.m.** or leaves early for any reason, you must sign them in/out of the elementary office. If you have someone else drop/pick-up your child, please make them aware of our school policy. We ask that you wait for your child either outside the building or outside the office. If you need your child before dismissal, they will be called to the office where you can meet them.

ROCKET PRIDE



Show your Rocket Pride every Friday by wearing your green and white!

PARENT VISITATION

Reeths-Puffer Elementary encourages parents to visit our school. If you plan to visit your child's classroom or confer with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher ahead of time to assure that they will be available. All school visitors must report to the office upon arrival where you will be given a visitor I.D. badge to wear while in the building. If you plan to join your child for lunch, please call the elementary kitchen 744-4777 ext. 2172 and reserve a lunch choice. Please note, if you plan to attend a field trip, volunteer in your child's classroom or work a PTO function, you must fill out a Criminal Background Check Form, which you may obtain in the elementary office.

PEANUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

There are students at Reeths-Puffer Elementary who have severe food allergies which can be life threatening. Peanut allergies are of particular concern, as the residue or oil left on desks, tables, etc. could cause a reaction with these children.

- When packing your child's lunch and classroom snack, please consider choices other than peanut or foods containing nuts.
- A peanut-free table is available in the cafeteria. Children who have purchased a school lunch are the only children allowed at this table, with the exception of a child who has a peanut allergy.
- Encourage your child to wash his/her hands before and after eating.
- Speak with your child about the serious consequences of peanut allergies so that they can be sensitive to the needs of their classmates who have peanut allergies.
- For snack ideas please check out: <http://snacksafely.com>

Thank you for your assistance!



Contact Information: Phone 744-4777

874 E. Giles Road., Muskegon 49445

Principal: Mr. Paul Klimsza - x2030

Dean of Students: Mrs. Karyn Benner—x2035

Secretary: Mrs. Nancy Goudzwaard - x2031

Secretary: Mrs. Lisa Hobby—x2000

Secretary: Mrs. Kathy Vollink - x2032

ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM

As a trusted business partner, you contribute to the success of Rocket City and you benefit from the success of Rocket City. Our new Adopt-A-Classroom project is the perfect opportunity of us to continue our relationship and to further our collective commitment to Rocket City.

Why Adopt?

For only \$295.00, you can adopt a Reeths-Puffer classroom of your choosing for the 2015-2016 academic year. Your tax-deductible dollars will help RPEL continue our pursuit of excellence and success for every Rocket, and your involvement will help you (and your business) forge a unique and lasting relationship with Rocket City.

So what, exactly, is the ROI on your \$295.00? Let's take a look:

- A certificate of appreciation in the classroom naming you (or your business) as the generous adopter.
- Recognition in the Rocket City News, the Reeths-Puffer newspaper that is delivered to 10,000 Rocket City homes.
- Recognition on Radio Juniper, West Michigan's award-winning radio program, airing weekly on WKBZ, WVIB and WWSN.
- Multiple opportunities to meet with your adopted class and talk about your business.
- The opportunity to work directly with the teacher and students on projects, field trips, assignments, whatever you and the teacher decide.

If you would like to adopt a classroom, please visit www.reeths-puffer.org, contact any RPEL teacher or call the elementary office. Thank you for helping to make Rocket City the home of success!

TITLE 1 NOTICE

Reeths-Puffer Elementary receives funds from the Title I, Part A program. Title I, Part A is a federal supplemental program designed to help children reach high academic standards. In receiving funds from this program the district has a requirement to inform you, as parents of children attending a Title I school, of information available to you regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher (s). Information will be provided to you upon request and in a timely manner of the following:

- Whether your child's teacher has met Michigan qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Michigan qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of your child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

You will also receive timely notice if your child is, for whatever reason, assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not qualified. A highly qualified teacher would be defined as a teacher that meets Michigan's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level or subject area in which the teacher is providing instruction.

POTPOURRI OF INFORMATION

- **START TIME:** Our school day begins at **8:35 a.m.** and dismissal is at 3:45 p.m. Please do not drop students off before 8:25 a.m., unless they eat breakfast. We do not have supervision until that time. Breakfast students may begin eating at 8:20 a.m.
- Please return your child's on-line Registration Receipt (Emergency Card, Student Handbook, Student Study Trip). If you do not have a means to print the Registration Receipt, please stop by the elementary office.
- Free/Reduced Lunch Applications where sent home or you may pick one up in the elementary office. If you should have any questions, please call 744-1647 ext. 3716.
- We would like to suggest that you put your child's name on their backpack, lunch box, hats, jackets, and sweatshirts so that we may return them when left in areas other than their classroom.
- If you have a Kindergarten or First Grade student, we would suggest a change of clothes (pants, underwear and socks) be placed in their backpack in case of a bathroom or lunch room accident.