



Ragsdale Review



A PTSA Newsletter for Ragsdale Parents, Teachers and Students

Summer 2012

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A Letter From Dr. Rogers

Hello Awesome Parents and Community Members! to the dress code, but it will be very similar to the current dress code.

Renovation Update: Renovation is currently on target for opening in for the beginning of school in fall 2012. It is difficult to plan an exact date for Open House at this time, but we will announce a date as soon as possible. This will be for students to locate classrooms and for parents and community to see our new and newly combined spaces. Obviously, this may have to change based on the status of renovation. I will be sending (honestly I will) weekly updates beginning the week school is out regarding renovation and summer issues, so please go to our webpage and sign up for Dr. Rogers' weekly notes. It is too expensive to mail updates, except for the two included below.

Summer mailing: It is very expensive to mail to all families, so please read the information carefully.

Mailing 1: This will include the final report card, transcript, any pertinent grade level academic information, and dress code standards for 2012-13. There should be very few adjustments

Mailing 2: This will include the student schedule, a building map, a supply list for the different subjects/teachers, and a schedule for any open houses and first day of school schedule. Hopefully, these will be mailed in July.

Students during renovation: Our students have been troopers during renovation this year. For the most part, they have been cooperative, respectful and understanding regarding the changes this year. They are to be congratulated.

Common Core Curriculum: The common core curriculum and essential standards adopted by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction will be implemented beginning next school year. There will several updates regarding how this will make curriculum and instruction quite different. Students will be asked to develop higher quality literacy and communication skills, more stringent math competencies and become more

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News You Can Use

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career and college ready. The students will focus on learning skills of learning as well as content. This is the very quick version.

Excellent PTSA: The staff and I have been extremely pleased with this year's PTSA president and board. 100 % of our certified staff joined the PTSA this year (go Tigers). The PTSA board has represented you in an excellent fashion and has provided the school with so much support and assistance. Congratulations to them and their leader, Rebecca Scheffer, for a job well done!

Stay connected to what's happening at RHS!

Visit the Ragsdale PTSA website at

www.ragsdaleptsa.org

View our updated newsletter

Sign up for volunteer opportunities

Visit our photo gallery

Learn about our We R Ragsdale campaign

Find out how you can contribute

TEACHER APPRECIATION

We need your help! Please see what items listed below you could drop off to the front office at RHS. Thank you!

Weekly Events: Teacher Appreciation will be celebrated the month of May. Please email Jennifer Sparks if you can bring something for the teacher/staff breakfast, lunch or after school snacks. We have specific requests for these events so please email us so our committee can coordinate this with you. If you can help serve for any of these events, please email us.

Weekly Drawings: We need: Home baked goods (these are a favorite), plants, Gift cards (even \$5 or \$10) for fast food or restaurant, Wal-Mart, coffee etc.. Anything to do with summer like beach towels. School supplies like pens, highlighters, paper clips for next year. We are going to give away on Mondays a "Meal to Go for 5" and could use donations for that.

Mailbox Treats: We will assembly treat bags with cute notes for their mailboxes each week. We will need lots of individually wrapped candy. We have around 150 teachers/staff.

Just drop off your item to the front desk anytime in May. What could be easier! It takes a village, especially at the end of the year! THANK YOU!

**Teacher Appreciation Committee--
Jennifer Sparks, jsparks4@triad.rr.com- 706.2307; Sue Morrison, Susan Fischer, Virginia Kananui**

Congratulations

North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) strive to recognize and reward secondary school teachers who exemplify mathematics teaching excellence by nurturing students' enthusiasm through involvement in mathematics fairs, projects, and competitions to supplement and enhance everyday classroom experiences. This recognition is for those teachers who succeed in motivating students to excel in mathematics.

Ragsdale's teacher, **Martha A. Marshall** has been selected as Guilford County Schools Outstanding Secondary Math Teacher. Ms. Marshall has 23 years of teaching under her belt and was nominated by her principal Dr. Kathy Rogers. She is currently teaching Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus and Honors Calculus at Ragsdale High School. She has many leadership positions in professional organizations and presents at workshops in and outside of the district. Her work is highly valued by the math department at Ragsdale High School where she formally and informally shares techniques to teach mathematics effectively that will improve math instruction the school.

Her name will be submitted to the Department of Instruction this week as the 2012 Guilford County Schools Outstanding Secondary Mathematics Teacher. She will receive one year's membership in the NCCTM, a personalized award, and recognition at the NCCTM State Conference here in Greensboro. In addition, her name will appear in the Fall 2012 issue of the NCCTM journal, the Centroid, and on NCCTM's website.

Outstanding Students!

Ragsdale Senior, **Alex Askew**, donated a percussion cabinet/ mobile trap table to the band. He used his talents and resourcefulness to design and build this table as part of his Eagle Project requirements. Thanks to Alex Askew for helping our school!

Anthony Blenman-Pugh was awarded the Student Improvement Award for the month of April for Guilford County. Anthony is a 9th grader and a member of the football and wrestling team. He will be honored at a ceremony on April 27th and has a chance at being Student of the Year which will be awarded at a special ceremony on May 20th.

Hospitality News

Thank You to Our Hospitality Volunteers!

The PTSA hospitality team hosted a Valentine's Snack for the RHS staff in February and a St. Patrick's Day Snack in March. Thank you to the following volunteers for contributing goodies and your time to both of these events. As always, the staff was very appreciative!

April Davis

Debbie O'Reilly

Donna Blizard

Susan Fischer

Kelly Mantek

Kelly Redfern

Janet Pantuso

Shuane Anderson

Leslie Baity

Jessica Mitchell

Kim Hunt

Jessica Walsh

Lisa O'Brien

Donna McLamb

Leslie Williams

Mary Overbey

Libby Merritt

Carole Neale

Jennifer Sparks

Marsha Ker

Dorothy Rohman

Cindy & Mike Ellis

Amy Petitfils

Angie Mangum

Pam Foster

Vickie Ebright

Christine Weaver

Tamra Bingham

Kathie Lukens

Rebecca Scheffer

Annette Bryant

Ana Atwater

End of Year Staff Luncheon

Volunteers are needed to help with an End of the Year Luncheon for the RHS staff on Monday, June 11. If you are interested in helping with this event, contact Ana Atwater at ana@theatwaters.com.



**Gilda and Lawtoya make an
A + grade!**

Great job, Ladies!



**Beautiful Lunch Ladies!
1st row
Angela, Terry, Kathy, Gilda
Back row
Ronda, Carlisa, Lawtoya**

Volunteers Needed

Ragsdale PTSA Needs You!

We are already beginning to plan for the 2012-13 school year! Explore our many volunteer opportunities on our website, www.ragsdaleptsa.org. Click on the volunteer tab and sign up for the job that's right for you. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate! For more information, contact Rebecca Scheffer at rscheffer@triad.rr.com or Ana Atwater at ana@theatwaters.com.

Thank You!

Spring Fundraiser a Tremendous Success!

From April 21-April 25, 12 volunteers per day met in the baseball parking lot at 3:00pm, caravanned to the IHFC building in High Point, staffed hospitality carts for 2 hours, and returned to Ragsdale before 7:00pm. Ragsdale PTSA benefits by being paid minimum wage for each volunteer, as well as receiving all tips acquired while staffing the beverage carts. This spring's market raised nearly \$3,000! Combined with the earnings from fall market, these incomes provide the majority of the operating budget for our PTSA.

Sounds like fun? You're right! A usual statement heard around the IHFC building is "It sure beats selling wrapping paper or baked goods!"

*A HUGE thank you goes out to the many parents and *Ragsdale staff who made this spring fundraiser a success!*

*Amelia Cates	Ana Atwater	B.T. Neale	Betty Dameron
Carole Neale	*Deanne Lowe	Dorothy Rohman	Ed Thomas
Elizabeth Swaim	*Erica Cook	*Georgia White	Gracie Womack
*Jackie Gronwald	*Jacquelyn Bair	*Jennifer Henderson	*Jessica Glime
Karen Durham	Kathleen Orfanedes	Kelley Schaefer	Kelly Mantek
*Kristin Groves	Lori Harris	Mari Miller	Michele Collins
Rebecca Scheffer	*Sara Harmon	Sara Lempp	Susan Fischer
Tracy Weeks	*Valencia Alston		

If you are interested in joining the fun for the Fall Furniture Market Fundraiser, please contact Carole Neale at cneale@triad.rr.com or Kelly Mantek at kmantek@triad.rr.com.

We R Ragsdale
2012 Fundraising Campaign Tiger Pride - The Next 52 Years

Dear Ragsdale Families, Alumni, and Ragsdale Community,

Happy spring and greetings from the RHS PTSA and the construction zone at Ragsdale! The RHS renovation and construction project is currently on schedule and the students, staff, and entire Ragsdale community eagerly await the grand opening of a new and improved facility in the fall of 2012.

Hopefully, all of you received our **We R Ragsdale** campaign letter back in February which detailed the PTSA's plan to go "beyond the bricks and mortar" to provide for some of the needs not covered by the current construction plan. A sincere thank you goes out to the families, businesses, alumni, and community members who have already made a contribution to the **We R Ragsdale** fund. We are happy to report that we have raised over \$16,000 since our February kick-off!

This is a great start, but we still have a ways to go to reach our goal of \$52,000 needed to fund our entire wish list. As you may remember, we hope to outfit a new dining patio with picnic tables, purchase benches for an exciting new outdoor classroom area, provide a digital message board upgrade to our entrance sign, and add directional signage, trash receptacles and landscaping across the campus.

We believe these finishing touches will create the warm, user-friendly learning environment our students and staff deserve and will promote a sense of pride for the entire Jamestown community. With a strong community high school, everyone wins; students perform better academically, behavior issues decrease, teacher and staff morale improves, real estate values increase, and businesses thrive.

For those of you who were planning to donate but just haven't gotten around to it, this is a friendly reminder to complete the attached donation form and return it with your contribution to **We R Ragsdale**. If you have already sent in your donation, please pass this letter along to a friend, neighbor or colleague who would also benefit from a stronger community school.

To reach our goal we need the support of the entire community, so please join our effort to continue Tiger Pride at Ragsdale for the next 52 years. Any amount will be greatly appreciated! For further information, visit the RHS PTSA website at www.ragsdaleptsa.org or contact us at we.r.ragsdale@gmail.com. Thank you, in advance, for your support of Ragsdale High School!

Sincerely

Ragsdale PTSA –
We  Ragsdale Committee

Don Swain
Karen Kautzger
Dea Cook
Ana Atwater
Mike Ellis
May Brooke Guimer
Rebecca Schaffer
John Thacker
Jocia Hayes
Jeff Schaffer



2012 Fundraising Campaign

Tiger Pride - The Next 52 Years

Name/Business: _____

Contact (if business): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am (check one): Current Student/Family Current Faculty Alumni

Community Member Other: _____

I wish to make this donation (check one if applicable): In Honor of In Memory of

Name for donation: _____

Please choose a contribution level:

Diamond - \$5,200 and above

You receive:

*Your name/business displayed on the RHS digital message board. Donor names will rotate periodically.

* An engraved name plate on a newly purchased bench or picnic table for campus.

*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and in our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.

*A family **Tiger Pass** for the 2012-2013 school year (*Admits up to 6 family members to all home sports events for the entire year!*).

Blue - \$2,500 - \$5,199

You receive:

* An engraved name plate on a newly purchased bench or picnic table for campus.

*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and in our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.

*An individual **Tiger Pass** for the 2012-2013 school year (*Admits one adult or student to all home sports events for the entire year!*).

White - \$1,000 - \$2,499

You receive:

* An engraved name plate on a newly purchased bench or picnic table for campus.

*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and in our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.

Tiger - \$100 - \$999

You receive:

*Your name/business acknowledged on the Ragsdale PTSA website, in the PTSA newsletter, and our 2012-2013 Athletic Program.

Paw Prints – under \$100 \$ _____

You receive:

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Make checks payable to RHS PTSA and return with form to:

Ragsdale High School
602 High Point Road
Jamestown, NC 27282
Attention: PTSA - We R Ragsdale

Thank You!

Join our growing list of We R Ragsdale Contributors!

(Donations received as of 5-3-12)

Adam's Farm Animal Hospital	Joel and Nancy Oakley
Adam's Tree Service	John and Ana Atwater
Art and Jewel Clayton	John and Charlotte Stone
Autobahn Garage/Kevin McGugan	Karen LeCompte
B.T. and Carole Neale	Dr. Kathryn Rogers
Baity Tire	Keith and Joyce Volz
Belvin and Carolyn Smith	Keith and Lisa Cook
Blossoms by Stroud Florist	Ken and Kelley Canter
Brian Bumgarner	Kevin and Kelly Redfern
Brian and Karen Lloyd	Kirk and Jennifer Sparks
Brock Thomas, State Farm Insurance	Len and Vickie Ebright
Bruce and Susan Shaw	Lynda Waldrep
Carol Reed	Mark and Beth Campbell
Carol Tuggle	Meghan Price
Carolyn Flynn	Mel and Jaree Todd
Craft Insurance	Mercedes Benz of G'boro/John Lempp
Dave and Teresa Sowinski	Mike and Ann Hardeman
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Don and Teresa Caine	Mike and Janet Pantuso
Donna McLamb	Patsy Johnson
Gary and Katherine Michalove	Paul and Pam Gosnell
Gary and Melanie Stone	Pavilion Restaurant
Gate City Pharmacy	Pennyburn at Maryfield
Glen and Karen Kantziper	Perry and Laura Gulledge
Gralin and Annette Bryant	Ragsdale Alumni Class of 2010
Greensboro Veterinary Hospital	Ragsdale Athletic Booster Club
Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Home	Ragsdale PTSA
Hang Ups	Ralph and Sandra Beaumont
Highways and Skyways	Richard and Sue Miller
Hyatt and Bonnie Hammond	Rob and Kelly Mantek
Jamestown Civitan Club	Robert and Heather Saunders
Jef and Billie Morgan	Rosalino and Norma Matto
Jeff and Jessica Walsh	Scott and Jenny Ritter
Jeff and Mary Brooke Guernier	Scott and Kelley Schaefer
Jeff and Rebecca Scheffer	Sedgefield Country Club
Jennifer Sparks, Keller Williams Realty	Tom and Mary Herlocker
Jim and Julie Gehling	William and Elaine Mitchell

Construction Update Photos



News You Can Use

PTSA Enrichment Grant Program, "Everybody Wins"

The RHS PTSA Spring 2012 Enrichment Grants were awarded to applicants looking for an opportunity to enhance the educational experience of our students.

The Enrichment Grant winners for Spring 2012 will provide:

- Equipment for a new Disc Golf Physical Education program
- Incentives for the Algebra I Bootcamp program
- Medical models for the Medical Career classes
- A new program for at risk youth, "Young Gentleman"
- Magazine subscriptions for the Health classes
- A new method for Reading Improvement – the Irlen Method

Joelle Fucini, PTSA Enrichment Grant Program Chair

News from the Art Department

Olivia Hockaday and Tyler Owensby, both seniors, were finalists in the very competitive regional Artistry Awards competition. Olivia won a cash prize for overall third place!

Currently, Mrs. Scandale's art classes are exhibiting "Found Object Sculptures" ---3D pieces created from random objects originally designed for utilitarian purposes. Students have written original interpretations of the symbolism of their sculptures, and this ties in with the District's emphasis on the importance of the arts for a vibrant community.



Ragsdale High School PTSA has been selected to receive a 2012 Lowe's Toolbox for Education in the amount of \$10,000 for the Walk in the Woods project from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation.

A Walk in the Woods will be a 5K trail on the Ragsdale Campus which will be enjoyed by students and the Jamestown Community.

We will need many volunteers to make this project come to life. Go to www.ragsdaleptsa.org to volunteer.

Congratulations Ragsdale!

Tiger Pride!



Meet the 2012-2013 student body President, Annie Scheffer and VP, Joe Pantuso showing their Tiger Pride!



PTSA showing their Tiger Pride!

Announcing.....Ragsdale PTSA Awards for 2011-12

Congratulations RHS PTSA and thank you for all your hard work!

School Awards

Outstanding Instructional Assistant - Mr. Vito Capra
Outstanding Administrator - Dr. Kathy Rogers
Volunteer of the Year - Lisa Cook
Male Involvement Award - Mike Ellis
Presidential Award - Rebecca Scheffer
Outstanding Educator - Alicia Brown
Single Project Award - College Application Week
Communication Award – Sam Kakanui (website), David Drewry (newsletter),
Donna McLamb & Carole Kennedy (publicity)

Guilford County Council of PTAs Awards

Honor Unit Award

Outstanding Administrator - Dr. Kathy Rogers
Male Involvement Award - Mike Ellis
Communication Award – Sam Kakanui (website), David Drewry (newsletter),
Donna McLamb & Carole Kennedy (publicity)

North Carolina PTA Awards

Communication Award – Sam Kakanui (website), David Drewry (newsletter),
Donna McLamb & Carole Kennedy (publicity)

Local Unit Achievement Award

Membership Awards

Blue Key & Gold Key (meeting all membership deadlines)
Honor Roll (membership equal to or greater than previous year)
Bronze Acorn (10% increase over previous year's membership)
Ruby Acorn (100% faculty membership)

Support Our School

PTSA Membership Application

\$6.00 per person *Everyone Can Join!!!!*

Make checks payable to RHS PTSA (Contributions are tax-deductible)

Adult Members:

Student Members

____ RHS Faculty Member?

Total # of Memberships _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ I would like to receive email updates about PTSA events and volunteer needs at RHS.

Return with payment to:

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Ways to Support Ragsdale



HARRIS TEETER

Together in Education

Simply give the cashier the school's code to link to your VIC card. You will earn money for RHS each time you shop. You must "re-link" your card each year. You may also link your card by visiting

<http://www.harristeeter.com>.

RHS School Code: 2879

TARGET

Take Charge of Education

Link your Target Visa card to the school's code and you will earn money for RHS each time you use your card to shop at Target. Register on line at: www.target.com/tcoe

RHS School Code: 80071

FOOD LION

Shop and Share

Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total purchase will be donated to our school. You can register your MVP card by going to www.foodlion.com.

OFFICE DEPOT

Office Depot offers a percentage of your purchase back to the school of your choice in school supplies. Our school code must be presented at the time of purchase.

RHS School Code: 70061575