

# Randels Elementary Newsletter

Dear Randels Community,

Here we are in December already! The year is flying by. I wanted to take a moment to focus on student attendance as it seems to be a growing concern within our school community. We need our children here. We have so much to offer them. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do far better on report cards and on standardized tests than students that miss ten or more days of school a year. Being late for school hurts a child's learning too. A student who is ten minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction a year! That is amazing. Children can copy notes and make up assignments but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background-one that can only be gained through regular school attendance. Your help in this area is greatly needed and appreciated.

As the holiday approaches I would like to thank you for sharing your gifts to enrich our school and mostly for sharing the gift of your beautiful child with those of us at Randels. We love your kids!

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick Kalinin - Principal



## DATES TO REMEMBER...

December 13<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP**, in room 304 (see hours below)  
**WINTER RECESS**

**SCHOOL RESUMES**

## Vision



Randels is  
filled with **RICHES**

**R**esources which are the  
foundation for us,  
**I**nstruction that is aligned and  
differentiated,  
**C**ontinuous Improvement, as we  
are a community of learners,  
**H**igh Expectations for all, an  
**E**nvironment that fills our needs  
and finally a  
**S**afe place for us to learn.

## Congratulations to our 2016 Turkey Trotters!

On Friday, December 2nd, Randels had the Annual One Mile Run. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with the rest of the school, collected many canned goods and helped raise money towards our food drive goal. Our Turkey Trot winners for 2016 are as follows:

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Calvin Guise
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Wesley Beda-Moyembe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alexander Looney

#### Girls

- Jillian Guise
- Cieani Hamilton
- Sadie-Mae Wilson

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Zamir White-Murphy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dahnaven Fields
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Amari Cox

#### Girls

- Jahana Allen
- Michayla Beck-Leake
- Seleah Morris

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

#### Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Andrew Fisher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Darian Hamilton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Enacio Gardner

#### Girls

- Paetyn Camper
- Marquisha Finley
- Mia Coulter

**Congrats to ALL of our participants!  
Great job!**



## The Holiday Gift Shop Hours

The holiday shop will be a special treat for students to shop for family and friends.

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 9-11:30am & 1:45-7:30pm  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am & 2:00-7:30pm  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 9-11:30am & 1:45-5:00pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday is school store day! There is a variety of school supplies, treats, and just plain fun stuff for sale. Everything is priced under \$1.



## From the Star Room

Title I News From the STAR Room - During this Holiday Season... remember that books make great gifts for your child. There are many different kinds of books to choose from. If your child is especially interested in dinosaurs, super heroes, crafts or sports, look for a book in that area. There are children's' cookbooks, joke/riddle books, magic trick books, mystery books, stories about animals and so many more. Your child may talk about a book that his teacher reads aloud in class - he may love to get that book as a gift to keep at home. He will have a special connection to that book. A gift card to a bookstore makes a nice gift and can create an outing to do together. A magazine subscription to Sports Illustrated for Kids, American Girl or Zoo Books is a thoughtful gift. If your child likes to write, a gift of a journal and markers would be nice. Enjoy the holidays!

## 18 Things To Do With Children On Holiday Break

1. Make popcorn and watch a movie.
2. Make play dough.
3. Sign up for a walk or run for a cause.
4. Go to the library & take out books, rent books on tape & movies.
5. Have coloring contests.
6. Plan a picnic indoors.
7. Have breakfast food for dinner.
8. Go sledding
9. Learn magic tricks together & put on a show.
10. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
11. Hold a family game night.
12. Clean bedrooms.
13. Trace cookie cutters, decorate and cut out.
14. Write stories about past family events you have in photo albums.
15. Do jigsaw puzzles.
16. Play a family memory game. **ie What are the name of your great-grandparents?**
17. Have a fashion show.
18. Watch a sporting event you've never seen before.