



# RYDAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## LOOKING AHEAD

It is almost time to focus our attention on the Cognitive Abilities Test and the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) for Reading and Math. Both of these important tests will be given in March. Our kindergarteners and second graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test, and our third through sixth graders will be taking the PSSA. Students will be tested in accordance with the following testing windows:



- **CogATs, Kindergarten & Grade 2: March 1-9, 2012**
- **PSSA, Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6: March 13-20, 2012**

In the weeks leading up to these assessments we hope parents will monitor homework assignments, review class work and tests sent home, make time for reading nightly, and most importantly, encourage their children to do their best!



## PENNY DRIVE FOR THE GARDEN CLASSROOM

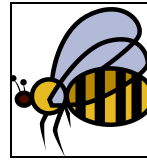
Rydal's Courtyard Committee and our K-Kids Club are sponsoring a Penny Drive. This Penny Drive is an opportunity to raise money for the courtyard project at Rydal East. This penny drive began on January 20th and will continue until Thursday, February 16th. We are holding a class contest to see which class can donate the most coins. We encourage everyone to contribute what they can, as the proceeds benefit all our students. This year we hope to raise \$1500 school-wide. We will be tracking results weekly with a display outside the office in each building. Hopefully, we can reach our goal!

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## Calendar of Events:

- February 1, Kindergarten Registration, Rydal WEST by appointment
- February 3, Faculty vs. 6th Grade Basketball game, Rydal EAST All-Purpose, 3:30 - 5:00 PM
- February 6, Scrip Orders Due
- February 10, Student Council Spirit Day (Pajama Day)
- February 10, Sweetheart Dance, Rydal EAST All-purpose Room 7:00-9:00 PM
- February 16, Penny Drive ENDS for Courtyard Project
- February 17, Teacher In-service, No School for Students
- February 20, President's Day, Schools Closed
- February 24, SPCA Assembly for students, Rydal WEST
- February 24, PTO Meeting, Rydal EAST Caf , 9:15 AM (Courtyard Committee Meeting to follow)





## The Rydal Buzz

PTO Winter "Cool Collection" **Box Tops for Education** campaign has ended. Mrs. Johnson's class and Mrs. Magaha's class have each earned a Popsicle Party as both classes returned the most completed sheets! Congratulations to Erica Devlin in Mrs. Mitchell's class and Joey Criniti in Mr. Loefler's class for each winning a Coldstone Creamery gift card in the drawing. Enjoy!



The fun continues in February as the PTO has sent home new flyers for a "Bee" Rydal's Valentine

**Box Tops** collection with the same incentives offered! Please send in all your sheets by February 21 when all Box Tops will be mailed out for the March 1 submission date! The PTO thanks you for the support!

**K-Kids:** K-Kids will be running a pretzel sale during the week of February 6, to help benefit the Courtyard.

They will also be participating in a district-wide service activity to help the homeless. The students will decorate lunch bags and fill them with lunches for the homeless.

**Indoor Recess:** We continue to ask for

game board donations to be used during indoor recess. There is a location in front of each office for dropping them off. THANK YOU to all the individuals who have donated games so far.

**Rydal Health Suite:** We are looking for gently used pants to add to the lending closet. The best choice is a pair of sweatpants with an elastic waist. We are in need of sizes small, medium and large. These items can be sent in directly to school with your child. Thank you!

**Pull Tabs for Ronald:** Rydal Elementary continues to collect Pull


Tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House. There are collection bins located in all of the classrooms. We thank you for pulling those tabs.

**VIBE/IMAGINE Club:** Jerry Franklin Poe was the guest speaker for VIBE IMAGINE in January. He spoke to the students about public speaking and gave tips on how to overcome fears and nervousness when speaking in public. Several students had a chance to speak and get critiqued. The students requested that he come again in the fall.



## Congratulations to our January GOLDEN APPLE



	Nathan Schneider Kdg. - Mrs. Bradbury
Riya Sharma Kdg. - Mrs. Magaha	Halle Kuhla Kdg - Mrs. Garcia
Claudia Grossi Grade 6- Mr. Begley	Shane Gaber Grade 6- Mrs. Amentt
Jacob Malka Grade 4- Mrs. Caldwell	Lindsey Golden Grade 6- Mrs. McCallister

### Rydal PTO



Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2012 at 9:15 AM in the Rydal East Café. We will be discussing future plans and recruiting for 2012-13 officers.

Please Join Us!