

Rucker Weekly



“What’s The Tea?”

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Mrs. McKinney

Mrs. McKinney is a 7th grade science teacher here at Rucker. She did not go to college to become a teacher, but later, she decided to go back to school to become a teacher after she spent some years in the business world. She felt unfulfilled and wanted more. Mrs. McKinney, as many teachers before her, started teaching because she wanted to be a positive influence on the younger generation and wanted to be able to make a difference. It sounds very cliché, but that is in fact why she went back to school. According to Mrs. McKinney, teaching is not easy. There are students that don't want to learn, lots of mandated paperwork, and grading galore. But those hard moments make the good moments so much sweeter. Interacting with students - whether it's at games, in class, or at Tremont - is her absolute favorite thing about teaching. Mrs. McKinney has had several influential teachers growing up. Mrs. King (4th grade), Mr. Bates (high school), and Dr. Riggins (college) have all gone out of their way to show how much they cared for her and wanted to see her succeed. That is what she wants to pass on to her students. She wants them to know that, while they are in her class (and afterwards), they have someone who genuinely cares for them and wants to see them be successful (in life as much as in her class). During the quarantine, she is enjoying spending time with her family. They have played board games, video games, went biking, hiking, and caught up on a bunch of Netflix and Disney+ shows and movies. She hates what all is going on in the world right now, but has enjoyed her time with her babies. She hopes that everyone is staying healthy and doing well. She wants her students to know that she loves them and misses them so much!

Student of the Week



Kylie Walker-

Kylie is this week's girl for Student of the Week. Her greatest strength in school is writing and her goal for this year is to keep a positive mind set. Some of her goals for the future are to go to college and get a good paying job. In the future, Kylie would love to go to college, however she is not sure which one she would like to go to yet. She would love to major in Animal Biology. Her favorite part of school is the people she gets to interact with. If she could change anything about the school she would change some of the behavior and attitude. When dealing with a tough teacher, Kylie does everything that the teacher asks her to do and does the best that she can. While being out of school, Kylie has done school work, played soccer in her yard, danced, and learned how to skateboard. Covid-19 affected her family because it made them realize that the everyday stuff they have and take for granted, not a lot of people have or will get to have. When asked if she could be any animal she said she would be either a tiger or cheetah because they are both beautiful, strong creatures, and cheetahs are very fast.

Ways of coping during COVID-19

Mind- Journaling	Spirit- Fewer Electronics
Meditation	Laugh more
Reading	Smile more
Stress Less	Draw/Color
Talk to someone	Sing out loud
Challenge yourself	Listen to music
Nap	Write a poem
	Play board games

****Below are a few links to free online sites for audiobooks and ebooks.**

JLG Reading @Home:

https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/at-home?utm_term=Learn%20More!&utm_campaign=FREE%20eBook%20access%20for%20your%20homebound%20readers!&utm_content=email&utm_source=Act-On%20Software&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR1gqJr5gKsO26TOLuSEcQoUWndkqGA1bbjleTw_bue8HFs6p3Pyj_WnnHw

Spotify Audio Books:

<http://www.audiobook.com/us/genre/children.html>

Lit2Go: (Classic books and poetry)

<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>

RSMS Cheer Tryouts

Have you ever thought of being a Rucker Stewart Cheerleader? Well now is your time to shine. This year, the tryouts will be virtual due to the social distancing rules. Tips and skills will be uploaded by the coaches to help improve your technique, and to prepare for a successful tryout session. Below is a message from Coach D, Coach O, Coach Jilli, and Coach Steph.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A
RUCKER
CHEERLEADER?

Upcoming 6th-8th graders
zoned for Rucker

Join our band app!

- Search for RSMS Cheer Tryouts 2020
- Copy this link into your browser:
<https://band.us/n/aaa130N74bV5L>

Important dates:

- Zoom parent meeting- Tues. April 14
- Zoom cheer clinic- April 20th-23rd

Good Luck to all the students that decide to try out for Cheerleading!!! We will be cheering you on!!!

Stay Positive!!

Check-In w/Friends!!

Kindness Matters!!

Stay Safe!!!