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# Our Crocs Rock!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays Crocodile Families!

## THE HALF WAY MARK

We have almost made it halfway through another terrific school year! It's been a busy fall and I want to thank you for the continued participation and generosity in supporting Sycamore Creek. We are having a great fundraising year so far.

## CROC MILE

With the success of Croc Mile, we were able to raise over \$60,000. We couldn't have done this without your support and because of the hard work of our co-chairs, Theresa Sarmiere and Cat Jackson. Also, congratulations to all of our individual and classroom prize winners. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Since Croc Mile was so successful, we were able to set aside more money for our Turf Fund. We are at the halfway mark of our goal and are looking forward to getting even closer as we continue the school year.

## NC STATE FAIR

In October, Sycamore Creek helped staff the volunteer booth at the Agriculture Exhibit at the NC State Fair. A big thank you goes to Grey Cook who organized our volunteers for six days of the fair to earn \$1,500 for our school. The event went well and it's such a great way to earn money for Sycamore.

## MCTEACHER MIGHT

We also held our annual McTeacher night on November 7th. We had a huge turnout and thanks goes to all of you who were able to come out to see our teachers and staff work

behind the counter. It is such a fun event for our school and we earned over \$1,000 for SCES.

## CHORUS CONCERTS

While we're coming up on the halfway mark of the school year, we have several activities going on during the next few weeks. We are looking forward to not one, but two Chorus Concerts put on by our 4th and 5th grade choruses! Croc 4 chorus will perform on Wednesday, December 14th and Croc 5 chorus will perform on Thursday, December 15th. We will also hold a brief General Membership PTA meeting before both concerts at 6:00 pm in the gym and have spirit wear available to purchase.

## COOKIE TIME

Sherry Oliver is also organizing our annual Cookie Drive on December 16th. We collect cookies and deliver them to our local Community Safety locations such as the Durham Hwy Fire Department, Pinecrest Fire Department, and Bethesda Fire Department to name a few. Last year's Cookie Drive was so successful, we were able to extend our thanks to additional fire stations located in the downtown area, where they don't see much, if any, community support. Those stations were so appreciative of our gifts! You are welcome to drop off your cookie donation during morning carpool on December 16th, where we will have extra help on board to collect your donations. If your child rides the bus or is a walker, we will have a cart set up outside the office to collect those donations, just let them know where they need to go to drop off.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

As we look ahead to 2016, we are looking forward to holding another Family Fun night at Triangle Rock Club. Be on the lookout for more information on this fun activity.

## BOOK FAIR

We also have our Annual Book Fair coming up in February! The Book Fair will run February 7th-15th. Make sure to check the times your child's class will be visiting the book fair.

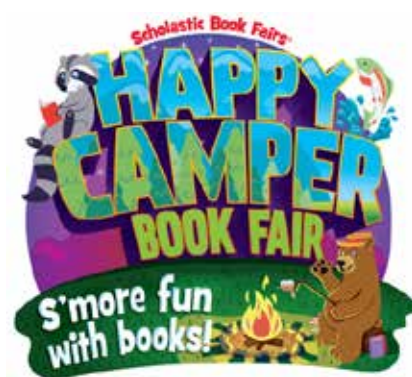
## SCIENCE EXPO

Don't forget about our Science Expo that will be held on Saturday, February 11th. We are looking forward to learning from all of our Super Croc Scientists!

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a bright 2017!

~Amanda Meehan  
PTA President





## HAPPY CAMPER BOOK FAIR

S'more Fun with Books! Have s'more fun with books with the Spring 2017 featured theme! This spring, it's time to head to the great outdoors. Pack up your gear and prepare your child for a wilderness adventure filled with exciting new books from Scholastic and other popular publishers.

We will need lots of volunteers, so please be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Family Night:  
February 9th, 5-7 pm

Questions? Contact Jennifer Ostling at [jostling@nc.rr.com](mailto:jostling@nc.rr.com)

## SPRING CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars for May 20, 2017. Lots of games, prizes, vendors and more! But we need your help to make this event a success. Be on the lookout for volunteer requests. We can't do it without your help and support.

Questions: Contact Amanda Meehan at [scesptapresident1@gmail.com](mailto:scesptapresident1@gmail.com)



## BOX TOPS

Congratulations to Ms. Raymer's first grade class for submitting the most Box Tops during the month of September! Their class earned a popsicle party, and they were the proud recipients of the Traveling Box Top Trophy. Kyle personally delivered the Trophy to their class, the class made an appearance on the SCES morning news, and they get to display the Trophy in their classroom for the entire month! Which class will submit the most Box Tops and win the Trophy next month?

Box Tops for Education are an easy way to earn money for our school. Please continue to closely clip and submit as many Box Tops as possible. Encourage your family, neighbors, and co-workers to clip and save them for you, as well. In addition, you can download the Box Tops app to submit even more Box Tops, using your grocery receipt and your phone.

Questions? Contact Heather Swanson at [hlswan72@yahoo.com](mailto:hlswan72@yahoo.com)



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# TEACHERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



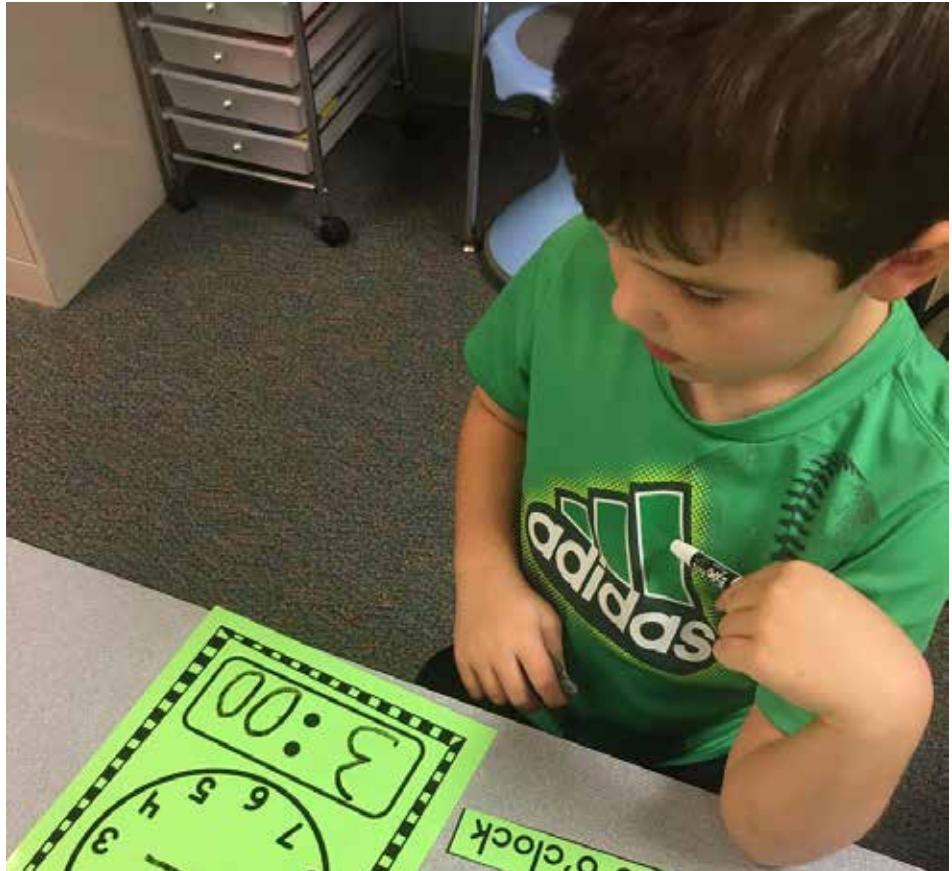
We held our teacher holiday luncheon December 2nd and it was a great success! We also honored Gay Stallings, our lead secretary, who is retiring at the end of the month. Thanks to all of our parent volunteers for helping and Melissa Buxengard for all her preparation.



# CROCS IN THE CLASSROOM AND AROUND TOWN

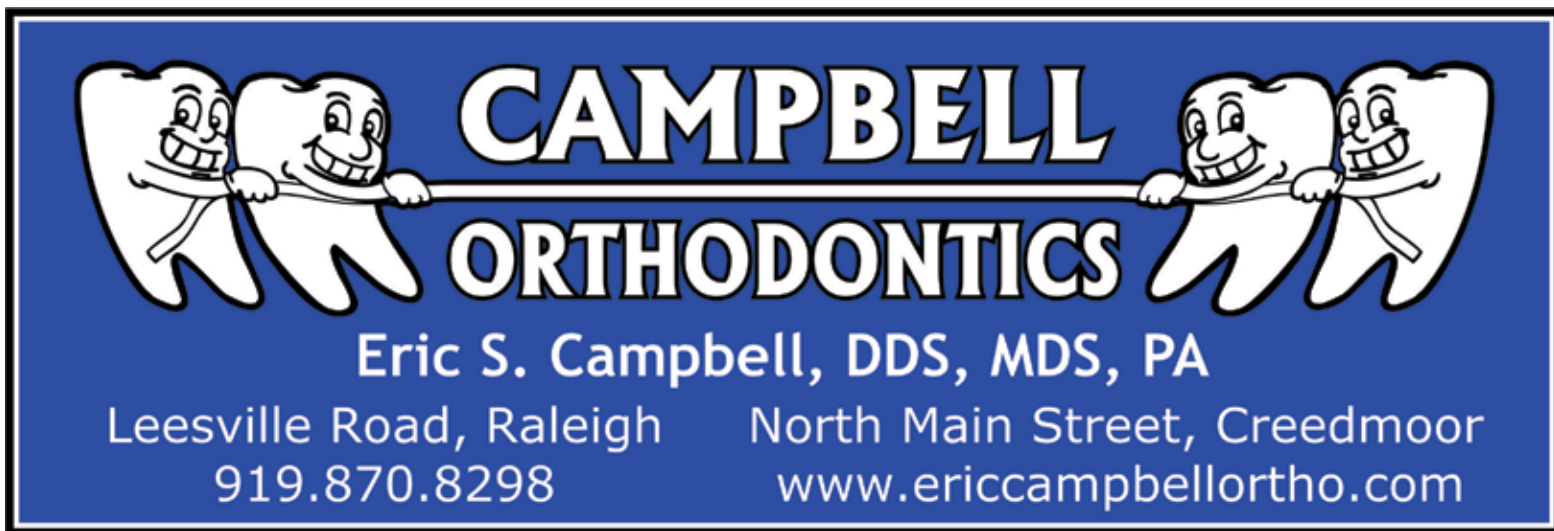








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