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Minds in the Middle

The RCMS Unite Club and Student YMCA are teaming up to sponsor the annual RCMS food drive. Our goal for this year is 2,007. The drive began on Monday and will end next Wednesday. The homeroom that brings in the most food will enjoy a movie with pizza and drinks. We have no doubt that our RCMS Cares theme will continue to shine.

Members of the 8th grade leadership team will be visiting Rockcastle Hospital on Tuesday to deliver care packages that they have made for the patients at the Markey Cancer Center there. The leadership teams have taken the fight against cancer very seriously this year and continue to concentrate their efforts to this cause.

Congratulations to Mrs. Jill Franklin's 8th grade Comets homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Bullock's 6th grade Enterprisers and Mr. Ken Abney's 7th grade Shooting Stars homerooms tied for second place.

Our 6th graders traveled to Hazard for field trips. The Voyagers and Enterprisers' All of the Rendezvous with a Comet missions were successfully completed. The Challenger Center staff made many positive comments to the chaperons about how well-prepared the students were for the missions, about their self-motivation to complete their tasks, and about

their all-around behavior. They shared that RCMS has super kids, well above that of other schools that have visited the Challenger Center in the past. Way to go 6th graders!

Congratulations to our students who were winners in the 4-H speech contest. The winner in the 11 year old division was Kayla Reynolds. The 12 year old 1st place winner was John Hughes and 2nd place was Kelsey Mattingly. Placing first among the 13 year olds was Laiken Coffey and in 2nd

place was Courtney Vanwinkle. Heather Eaton was the first place winner among the 14 year olds.

We are very pleased to congratulate the students who were selected as Unite Club officers for this year. Emily Clark, was elected as Captain, Hannah Bullock, Secretary; Heather Clontz, Treasurer and Casey Hunt, Historian.

The RCMS PTSA is grateful to all students who sold items for the recent fundraiser. The top two sellers from each team were awarded \$20. Those winners were Matthew Isaacs, Monica West, Dillon Roberts, Samantha Collins, Dillon Cromer, Shelby McKinney, Aaron Chasteen, Sarah Pigg, Heyley Davis, Ashley Waddle, Janetta Clemmons, and Jordan Whitaker. We send a special thanks to our top winner, Shelby McKinney, who sold over \$500 worth of items.

We appreciate the Gear-Up program for sponsoring trips to

the Toyota Manufacturing plant in Georgetown. Our 8th graders will be touring the facility on Thursday and Friday.

There will be an after school party this Friday. Students must have parental and team permission in order to attend and should be picked up at 5:00.

Next Wednesday, December 19th, will be a high attendance incentive day. Students who are present will be eligible for a drawing of prizes. Be sure to be here! The 19th is also mid-term for the 3rd grading period.

Any students who are interested in participating in the 4-H sewing projects can contact the Extension Office at 256 - 2403 or see the Mr. Pope or Mrs. Hunter in the Youth Service Centers.

The top three soil conservation essays for our school have been chosen. Madisan Miller, Kelsey Mattingly, and Samantha Payne's essays will be sent to the Soil Conservation office for judging. We are proud of all of those students who participated.

Remember that next Wednesday, December 20th, will be the last day of school before Christmas break. We wish a wonderful Christmas to all of our students and hope that they enjoy the extra time to spend with their families. Every childhood moment is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Don't miss any of it!