

# THE COLT NEWS



## LOCUST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### WHATS HAPPENING AT LOCUST?

Locust School is very excited with the strides we have made to improve school security this year. The first addition to our student and staff safety was the installment of Officer Tucker as the school's resource officer. The students are elated by her presence in the school. The next step for improving security at Locust is that the county will be installing a new visitor management system: Lobby Guard. Lobby Guard will help track all visitors to our school, notify staff of any contact restrictions on a student's account and notify staff of any registered offenders trying to gain access to our school. We expect this system to be up and running by February/March. **One change to note: ALL visitors will be required to show their ID upon entrance to the school.** In addition to the new Lobby Guard system, additional security cameras will be added to the buildings, to have full school surveillance coverage.

Locust Elementary is currently a Title I school. In order to maintain our status and receive additional funding, the school must have 40% of students receiving free or reduced lunch. We need your help! Currently, Locust is at 35.5% participation for free and reduced lunch. If you have not taken the time to fill out a free/reduced lunch form, please do. This is open to all students, even those who do not regularly eat in the cafeteria. This process is easy and confidential. You can request a form from the school or complete it online at [www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com).

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*Locust Elementary is excited to welcome our newest staff member, Mrs. Raquel Sanders. Mrs. Sanders will be joining us in January as the new K-2 E.C. teacher.*

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### COLT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations Colts! Together you all collected 2,743 items for the canned food and toiletries drive! These items were donated to families from our school and to three local food banks to use throughout the holiday season. Thank you for your generosity!

Top Collecting Classes: 1st- W. Tucker - 525  
2nd - McGuire - 393  
3rd- R. Tucker - 391

### DATES TO KNOW

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**-DEC 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NO LONGER AN EARLY**  
**RELEASE DAY**

**-DEC 20<sup>TH</sup> - JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**NO SCHOOL-WINTER BREAK**

**-JAN 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SCHOOL SPELLING BEE**

**-JAN 9<sup>TH</sup>- 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BOOK FAIR**

**-JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FAMILY WINTER**  
**WONDERLAND DANCE**

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### Principal's Corner

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As we are approaching Christmas break, I would like to thank students, staff and parents for contributing to the Locust Elementary School community that we are all so proud to be a part of. We have had an outstanding start to our school year with many opportunities for our students to demonstrate their amazing academic skills, talents, and passions. I want to wish all of our stakeholders a very happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to all of the things we will do in the new year.

- Mr. Grice