



DECEMBER NEWS

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December is shaping up to be a busy time for TEAM 408! Please read over the important news items listed below!

***THE FINAL PUSH! - Millbridge Elementary/Rowan Helping Ministries 2009 Canned Food drive:** Thanks to the students and families of TEAM 408 WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE LEAD in terms of most cans collected! But, we've got to keep them coming for two more days until Wednesday 12/16 when we have to do our final count! If we win, the whole class gets a pizza party! **PLEASE** contact neighbors, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandparents and

gather as many non-perishable food items as you can to donate toward our TEAM 408 effort and, in doing so, help feed those in need in Rowan County!

*** Our classroom Christmas party** will be on the afternoon of Monday, December 21. This is also the day that we will hold the annual TEAM 408 Holiday Hot Cocoa Chess Tournament. Several students' parents have stepped forward to make sure that, in combination with what I'll be providing, we'll have all of the supplies necessary to ensure a fun chess tournament and cheerful holiday celebration on Monday. However, if anyone that hasn't already sent items in or contacted me would still like to contribute, we will gladly accept more of the following:

- *candy and treats for gift bags*
- *small-medium size gifts to be given away to students at the party. I'm trying not to ask all students to have to bring something, so, I will be providing a handful of items and hoping that we can get a few small gifts donated, too (e.g., mugs w/ candy, candy bars, highlighter sets, "Tech Decks," etc.). These items don't need to be wrapped. Students will choose their gift in the order that their name is pulled out of a hat.*

***Author's Day - Tuesday, December 22 - PARENTS INVITED!** Parents are invited to attend our classroom Author's Day presentation at 10:45 AM on Tuesday, December 22. For about forty-five minutes students will present skits and share essays that they've written in celebration of the holiday season. Please come by and be a part of the audience!

***Keep in touch!** Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at mrocks7@windstream.net or with a note if you ever have any questions or concerns at any time. Your child's progress is our common interest. Please let me know what I can do to help your child to succeed this year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS!

Mr. Rockwell

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Second Quarter A.R. M.V.P.'s

As Of Friday, December 10, 2009

AIG AR MVP's not listed due to insufficient data

1. Adam Reeder 164%
2. Evelyn Garcia-Ortega 164%
3. AJ Knight 150%
4. River Lowe 145%
5. Alicia Davis 123%
6. Jacob Bryant 114%
7. Tyler Wheeler 108%

**Congratulations
and keep up the
good work!**

Third Annual TEAM 408 Holiday Hot Cocoa Chess Tournament Pre-tournament Rankings

First Place:
Adam Reeder

Second Place Tie:
Jacob Bryant
Alicia Davis
Devin Lyles
McKenzie Miller
Brennen Manus