



# Rawlings Rockets News

## Dates to Remember

Dec. 15 Interim Reports  
Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Winter Break

**We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!**

**Sincerely,  
The Rawlings Staff**



Mr. Graham is our 20-21  
Teacher of the Year!



## **Free Pediatric Care at Equal Access Clinic**

A free UF staffed health clinic for kids is held every first and fourth Wednesday of the month at Bartley Temple UMC on NE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Patient sign up is held from 6 to 7:30 PM with no appointment needed. Call 352-273-9425 for details.

**Character Trait of the Month:**  
**Compassion**

**Compassion** is caring about the needs and feelings of others, not just one’s own concerns. It includes helping others and taking time to listen or care. Compassionate students notice when others feel left out and work to include them. Students will be recognized from each class for showing exemplary compassion. The students will be nominated in December and will attend the student of the month ceremony on **Friday, December 18, at 8:15 AM.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Gifted Magnet Applications**

Our gifted and advanced students have access to three magnet programs in middle school, and December is the time to check the websites to sign your student up to shadow, to fill out the application, and to make note of the Open House dates (which are in January). Call Mrs. Pettit if you have any questions or concerns!

- The Academy at Howard Bishop Middle School
- Cambridge Program at Westwood Middle School
- The Lyceum Program at  
Lincoln Middle School



**Student Spotlight**

for last month's citizen of the month challenge:

Digital Academy  
Za'maiah Dorsey

Charles Jones

Khloe Emerich

Kingdom Fields

Devontrae Campbell

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for last month's citizen of the month challenge:

Brick & Mortar

- Aziyah Owens
- Caliyah Pollock
- Gianna Nastasi
- Hart Williams
- Ta'vaughn Wright
- Taleeya Butler
- Zayden Rosario
- Alighrane Young
- Jayden Johnson
- Joshearia Hall
- Ke'miya Brown
- Da'nyiah Johnson
- Daisy Lowery
- Maliyera Brown
- Makayla Brown
- Rakiea Gillyard
- Josenuel Medina-Hubbell
- Za'maiah Dorsey
- Charles Jones
- Khloe Emerich
- Kingdom Fields
- Devontrae Campbell

**Ar'Mani Johnson**  
**Citizen of the Month**

**Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?**

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>1 minute</b> each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

**1,800,000 words**



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

**282,000 words**



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

**8,000 words**



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

**Vision**

The Rawlings Elementary School staff, students, and community work collaboratively to ensure students have lifelong success in academic, artistic, and social emotional learning.