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***The F.O.R.C.E.S Focus***  
***Friends of Reed Custer Elementary Schools***

**Market Day News**

*Thank you as always to everyone for continuing to support our schools with your Market Day orders. Our profit for February was \$260.90. To date, we have brought in over \$2,000.00. Whew Hew and great job everyone! This months incentives are: For every \$40 that you spend, you will receive FREE "Stain Erasers" for the month of March. Make two purchases of \$40 between February and April. Then, place a third order of \$40 in May to receive a FREE Mite "N" Mighty Stool at the May sale pick up. Orders are due back to school by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Internet orders are due by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 p.m. CST. The pick up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m. We are in need of volunteers at 3:45 p.m. at RCIS, to help on this day. We appreciate any help that you can give! Without you, we would not be able to provide this service to our schools and community! If you have any questions, please call Mary Kay O'Brien @ 815.365.2368 or Joanna Nagel @ 815.713.5193 Thank you for your support!*

**Box Tops for Education**

*The contest for February ended on the 24<sup>th</sup> and was great as always! Thank you everyone for bringing in those Box Tops. The new contest will be coming up soon for March and April. What a wonderful way to support our children and schools! Way to go kids, parents, and teachers! Keep up the good clipping!!! If you have any questions, please call Becky Fuller @ 815.458.2176 or Jerri Legrand @ 815.458.0898.*

**Nominations**

*There will be many positions opening up for parents to become more involved with FORCES for the 2010/2011 school years. Forms will be sent home by the middle of March for you to fill out and return to school. Our main goal is to "work together" with parents and teachers to help enrich the lives of the students to become more educated as well as successful. Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome, needed and valued! If you have a child or children in one of the schools, please join us in accomplishing the goals set forth for our children. You will be proud to be a part of uniting our schools and community! There are many ways to volunteer. Some of our events/activities include Curriculum Night (RCIS), Open House (RCPS), Scholastic Book Fair, Halloween Fun Fair (RCIS), Teachers' Dinner, Santa's North Pole Adventure, Easter Egg Toss (RCIS), Easter Egg Hunt (RCPS), Family Reading Night (RCPS), Obstacle Course & Health Fair (RCPS), Field Day (RCIS), 5th Grade T-shirt Signing, Spirit Wear, School Kits and Market Day. If you would like to know more about the positions available or volunteering, please call Mary Petersen @ 815.458.2782 or Becky Fuller @ 815.458.2176. We look forward to hearing from you!*

### **Spring Fundraiser**

*We are excited once again to bring you "Flower Power" for our Spring fundraiser! Order forms will be going out by March 16<sup>th</sup> and the sale will run through April 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of beautiful flowers/bulbs to choose from and your orders will be in just in time for Mother's Day. If you have any questions please call Hillary Browning @ 815.210.9539 or Kim Motta @ 815.458.2149.*

### **Easter Activities**

*Mark your calendars for March 26<sup>th</sup> and come on out to join us in a day filled with fun to celebrate Easter with the little ones! RCPS will be having the annual Egg Hunt for the children to hunt at least 3 eggs filled with prizes. RCIS will be pairing up for the exciting Egg Toss to see who can last the longest without breaking the egg! We will be in need of several volunteers for this day so please contact Jerri Legrand (RCPS) @ 815.458.0898 and/or Christy Baine (RCIS) @ 815.458.3624. Hope to see you at this egg-citing activity!*

### **Smart Boards/Elmo's**

*FORCES would like to say "thank you" to everyone for their continued support of our parent group. It is because of you that we were able to raise funds for the purchase of Smart Boards and Elmo's. These educational tools help to enrich our children's education as well as to have fun while they learn!*

*The Smart Board is an interactive electronic whiteboard used in the classroom that provides a touch screen control of computer applications. Classroom lesson activities, and resources for Teacher Training and Professional Development are used with this state of the art technology. The SMART Board improves student engagement, achievement, motivation, and teacher productivity.*

*To learn more about how the SMART Board enhances classroom learning, visit ([www.smarttech.com](http://www.smarttech.com)).*

### **Changed Meeting Dates**

*Due to conflicting schedules, the FORCES meeting date scheduled for March 17, 2010 has been changed to March 18, 2010 at 1:00 p.m....at RCPS. Also, the FORCES meeting date scheduled for April 15, 2010 has been changed to April 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m... at RCIS. Please make note of these changes and let others know as well. We are sorry for any inconveniences and thank you for your understanding.*

***Next meeting . . . March 18th . . . RCPS . . . 1:00 PM***