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F.O.R.C.E.S. Focus
Friends Of Reed Custer Elementary Schools

Market Day

*Thank you parents and volunteers for another great sale! Your enthusiasm and support are so valuable to our children and schools! The incentive this month is a purchase of two items from pages 2 and 3 will get you a FREE "Get Grillin Starter Pack". The pack includes a 36-page recipe book, an Old Towne Chicago Rub seasoning packet, Carolina Sweet Mustard seasoning packet, and a money saving coupon. Don't forget, a purchase of \$40.00 or more from February to May (3 purchases) will earn you a FREE "Mite and Mighty Stool". **Orders are due back to school by April 9th.** Internet orders are due by **11:00 p.m.** on April 9th also. The next **Market Day pick up is scheduled for April 13th from 5 to 6 p.m.** We are in need of volunteers at RCIS in the cafeteria, by **3:45 p.m.***

Thank you to everyone for making Market Day a success! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay O'Brien at 815.365.2368 or Joanna Nagel at 815.713.5194.

Box Tops for Education

The contest for March and April is going on now and will end on April 23rd. The prizes for RCIS are: 1st: An overnight stay at Hampton Inn; 2nd: gift certificate for a free haircut at A New Look valued at \$15; 3rd-5th place will receive a small goodie bag filled with cool prizes. The prizes for RCPS are the same except for the second prize. The second prize for RCPS is a DQ coupon for an ice cream cake. So keep clipping and turn those Box Tops in for a cool prize! Thank you kids, teachers, and parents for your continued support! Questions? Call Becky Fuller at 815.458.2176 or Jerri LeGrand at 815.458.0898.

Easter Activities

*Friday, **March 26th** ...there will be Spring in the air as we have some Easter fun. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at RCPS and for 2nd graders, at RCIS. The Egg Toss will be at RCIS for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Those participating in the Egg Toss are asked to bring a garbage bag to cover their clothing. Come on out and join in on the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Christy Baine at 815.458.3624 or Melissa Wendel at 815.474.7435.*

Pop Tabs

FORCES is collecting pop tabs to turn in for cash to send to the Ronald McDonald House To support Skylar Huffstutler and other children in need of help. Collect the pop tabs and put them in sealed baggies, then bring them to school for FORCES to collect them. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Simonelli at 815.409.0693.

Spring Fundraiser

We are well underway for the Spring Fundraiser with "Flower Power"! Flowers make a great gift for Mom on Mother's Day and are great to freshen up your outdoor life at home! So get those orders in and help support our children with purchasing some



beautiful flowers and bulbs. **Orders are due by April 9th**. Questions? Call Hillary Browning at 815.210.9539. Thank you for your continued support!

Nominations

*The nomination letters and forms have been sent home this week. Please look them over carefully and join in to help our children and schools. **We need you!** FORCES is a parent group that reaches out to unite with parents and teachers to help make the lives of our children more educational, meaningful, and successful! **The forms are due back by April 9th and we will vote on April 14th**. Every parent is encouraged to become more involved. We are excited to meet you and have fun in the upcoming school year!*

Secretaries Day

Secretaries Day is coming up on April 21st**. Be sure to show our secretaries how wonderful they are! Our secretaries do so much for FORCES and our children! **Thank you Nancy, Luci, and Debbie!!! You are all so special to EVERYONE!

Upcoming Events

FORCES will again offer **School Kits. Order forms will be available soon for purchase.*

****Health Fair at RCPS will be on May 7th**. We will need volunteers to help Debbie Gamble provide this educational experience to our little ones.*

****Teacher Appreciation week is May 3rd through May 7th**. Don't forget these special people who help our children to become successful!*

****Field day is on May 12th...rain date is May 14th**. FORCES will also need volunteers to help with assisting the P.E. teachers for this fun event!*

****5th Grade t-shirt signing will be on May 19th**. FORCES will be providing t-shirts, cookies and juice.*

May you all have a safe and wonderful spring break. We wish you a wonderful Easter Celebration with your families!!

