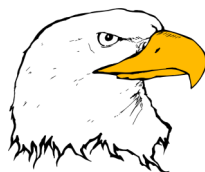


Research Triangle Charter Academy

April 19, 2019



RTCA Celebrates First Ever 10-Year Charter Renewal from State

CHARTER BOARD LAUDS RTCA LEADERSHIP

During its March 2019 meeting, the State Board of Education approved Research Triangle Charter School for school was approved for a 10-year Charter Agreement after a two-year process. The rather rigorous process included school site visits from NCDPI officials, various programmatic, instructional and financial audits, interviews with parents, staff, and administrators, and a presentation by RTCA leadership before the NC Charter School Advisory Board.

The Board was confident in RTCA's leadership and said that they were very familiar with what the school has done over the years. RTCA was granted a five-year charter agreement in its inception in 1999 and has only received 5-year charter operations renewals the following three times in 2004, 2009, and 2014. Principal Muhammad credits the 10-year renewal to the hard work of teachers and leaders at RTCA over the past few years.

"Since 2015, the teachers and leaders here have worked extremely hard to increase the quality of instruction in our classrooms every day for every child," says Principal Muhammad. "I'm not sure if all students or parents—or even teachers—recognize the work we've done on so many fronts to make RTCA a better educational choice for students and families. But it's good to know that the state recognizes it and sees the value of what we're doing."

Principal Muhammad added, "We are thankful to the State Board of Education for the ten-year renewal, and we are thankful to all the parents, staff, and community partners that supported us through this process and support us on a daily basis."

RTCA will be up for its next renewal in 2029.

STUDENT CREED

We are Research Triangle Students.

- We strive to achieve academic excellence.
- We exemplify high moral character.
- We strive to realize our potential.
- We work diligently to prepare for the future.

ADMIN TEAM TO SERVE YOU

- Wayne Muhammad, Principal
- Erin Huckel, Dean of K-2/ Specials
- Wintre Shaw, Dean of 3-5/EC
- Jamila Bowser, Dean of 6-8/ Title I Intervention
- Jacquetta Williams, Social Worker



“To push for excellence today without continuing to push for access for less privileged students is to undermine the crucial but incomplete gains that have been made. Equity and excellence cannot be divided.”
—Ernest Boyer

Healthy Snacks Days for the EOGs Kicks Off on 4/22

Help us prepare our students for the EOGs by providing healthy snacks, fruits, and veggies each school day April 22-May 31, 20189. With your help, we can prepare our students mentally and physically to take on the EOGs.

EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



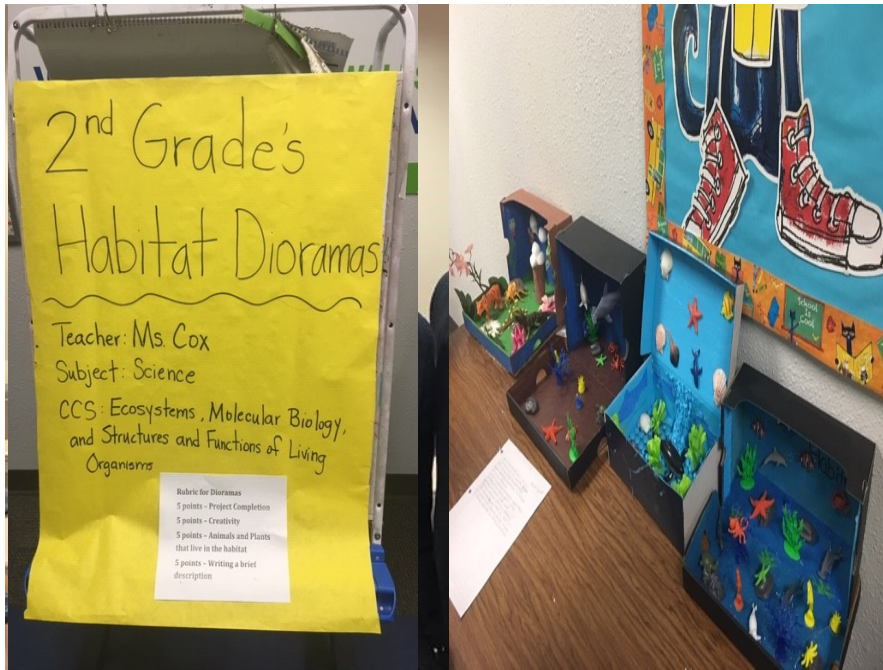
In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.



In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.



In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.



The awesome second graders of Ms. Cox’s class displayed their amazing Science projects on “Habitats” by creating beautiful dioramas for all to see!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- April 22-26 Office Staff Appreciation Week #**
- April 23 Spring Pictures Day ***
- April 23 RTCA School Board Meeting**
- April 26 \$5 Dress Down Friday**
- May 6 Kindergarten Cap-N-Gown Picture Day**
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week #**
- May 8 Early Release Day (12pm, 12:30pm)**
- May 21 Art Showcase & Spring Musical Concert**

You are more than welcome and encouraged during these weeks to show our office staff and teachers some appreciation for their hard work with small tokens of gratitude of your choice.

***Students are to dress UP in formal/semi-formal/professional/business/business-casual wear. Sneakers, jeans, athletic gear, etc. are not appropriate for the Spring pictures.**

EOG NIGHT HELD TO HELP PARENTS PREP STUDENTS

On **Wednesday, April 17 6:00-7:30pm**, RTCA hosted its annual K-8 EOG Night! This night was dedicated to giving parents vitally important information regarding all EOY testing in grades K-8 that could help YOU to help improve your child's success on the test!

Topics discussed included :

- EOG logistics,
- testing guidelines,
- IEP modifications and accommodations,
- policies regarding the testing setting,
- EOG laws,
- general information regarding Read to Achieve,
- EOG proficiency levels for each test/grade,
- EOY NWEA and mClass testing for Grades K-2,
- and the EOG schedule.

A copy of the PowerPoint was sent home to parents via SchoolMessenger.