



Dear Parents,

The week of **March 12<sup>th</sup>** – **March 16<sup>th</sup>** will be the Relay Week for our Mini-Relay! A Mini-Relay is an extension of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life that's already held in our community. Relay For Life is a fun filled, overnight event that helps educate people about cancer and cancer prevention and gives them a chance to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost and fight back against this disease. Many schools across the country hold Mini-Relays and Rockcreek is excited to support this cause!

We are going to do a Penny War this year as our Mini-Relay to raise money for Relay For Life! How a Penny War works is that each class will have a container in a centralized location in the school. Each day children can bring in Pennies to drop into their class container. Now, here is where the competition begins! Silver and dollars count against you. So, if your child drops a nickel, quarter or dollar into another class container, it counts that many pennies (nickel – 5 pennies, quarter – 25 pennies, etc) AWAY from that class total. The totals are counted each day and on ***Thursday*** after school we decide the winner! On Friday morning March 16<sup>th</sup>, the winning class will be announced and that class wins a **PIZZA PARTY** sponsored by Dominos.

#### About the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society was founded in 1913 and is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. To date, the Society has played a part in nearly every cancer breakthrough of the past century and has funded 42 Nobel Prize winners early in their careers. The American Cancer Society is the largest source of private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the United States, second only to the federal government in the total dollars spent. The funds raised during the Relay Week help support the American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy and service programs that are available in communities across the country. For more information, call 812-376-6781 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Please join us as we Celebrate Birthdays at our Relay For Life this year on June 2<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>th</sup> at Northside Middle School.

We look forward to starting the BCSC Mini-Relay participation this year at Rockcreek Elementary!

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