



# Bulldog Bark

Roberts Road  
Elementary

April 2017

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## Big Things Happening at RRE!

### Six Week Math Parent Peeks

Is math homework a struggle at home? Do you want to know more about the math coming home with your student? Roberts Road Elementary hosted its first ever Math Six Week Parent Peek on February 28<sup>th</sup> and it was a hit!

At the Math Parent Peeks, upcoming skills at each grade level are shared with parents. In addition to content, parents are armed with strategies and ways to help support students at home. Campus and district level math specialists are also on hand to assist with the information session.

**Next Session: April 11 @ 7:30 AM**



### We LOVE Roberts Road!

The Roberts Road community is so proud of the great things that go on in our school. Public schools are a hot topic in the state legislature right now. The April PTO meeting will be hosting a guest speaker who will share how YOU can support our school and make a difference at the state level!

**When: April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:40 AM**  
**Where: The RRE Music Room**

The regular April meeting will follow. The team will look at finishing up this year and planning for next. Come be a part of this amazing group!

### STAAR TESTING

While it is important that your child is in school every day, STAAR testing days are extremely important. Please make sure your student is in school on the following days:

- May 8: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math
- May 9: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading
- May 10: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

We will not allow any lunch visitors or visitors to the instructional areas during the week of May 8-12 due to testing and make-ups.

### School Hours:

**8:30-3:50**

### School Supplies 2017-2018

We will be selling school supplies for the 2017-2018 school year starting Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to order supplies will be May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will not be selling supplies over the summer or during the start of the next school year. Flyers will be coming home soon!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Program

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be making their big debut on the RRE stage! This year's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will be holding an evening performance of "Hats" on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Come out and see this fantastic musical event!!

### McTeacher Night

Mark your calendar for April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM and head out to the Fairfield McDonald's for dinner! RRE staff will be working all areas of the restaurant for the event. A portion of the proceeds and 100% of cookie sales will go to Roberts Road. Come on out and support our school!

# Celebrations and Fun in the Classroom!

## WISD Name that Book Competition

On March 9<sup>th</sup> Roberts Road held its annual Name that Book competition. Several teams progressed from the campus level to the district level competition to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Waller High School. Congratulations to the following students for making it to the next round: David Aponte, Haley Ruiz, Hector Aguiluz, Aniah Alexis, Kaitlynn Keilers, Ja'khari Moody, Yadhira Amador, Moriah Johnson, Conor Winn, Jonathan Chavez, and Awbrey Alvarado. We are so proud!

## Waller ISD Excellence Expo and RRE Night of Stars.

Waller ISD will hold its first annual **Excellence Expo** on **April 26<sup>th</sup>** from **5-7 PM** at Waller High School. Roberts Road student teams are hard at work creating projects to be selected to attend the Expo. Our campus will send five representative projects to this big event.

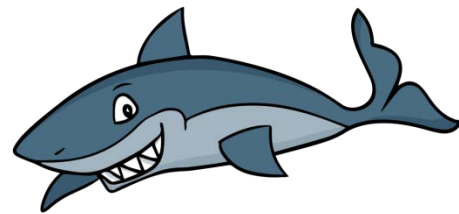
The projects not selected will be showcased at Roberts Road during our campus **Night of Stars** event on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**! Can't wait to see the great work done by the students of Roberts Road Elementary!

## Roberts Road Elementary Odyssey of the Mind Teams Make us Proud!

Roberts Road Elementary sent its first ever teams to the district level Odyssey of the Mind competition in Houston in March. Our teams worked very hard and made a great showing. The following team received district level recognition for their OM project.

**Team:** Odd-a-Bot

**Members:** Aniah Alexis, Ethan Garza, Kaitlynn Keilers, Cameron Palermo, Haley Ruiz, Sophia Ruiz, and Ja'khari Moody.



## **Shark Week in First Grade:**

Our first graders will be spending the week of April 3-7 learning all about sharks! Be prepared to hear enthusiastic tales and facts at home regarding everything sharks during this exciting week!

## AUTHOR VISIT

## **Stuart Gibbs Visits RRE:**

Roberts Road students are in for quite a treat on April 17<sup>th</sup>! Students will have the opportunity to hear from a real author in person! Stuart Gibbs will be stopping by the campus!

Stuart Gibbs lives in Los Angeles, California, with his wife and two children, Dashiell and Violet. He is the author of The Last Musketeer series, which ends with The Last Musketeer: Double Cross. Gibbs is also a screenwriter and the author of the young adult novels Belly Up and Spy School.

Students will have opportunities to purchase one of Gibb's books following his visit to the campus. We can't wait to learn from and meet this amazing author!



## Roberts Road PTO News!

### VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We need you! Volunteers welcome and needed! RRE PTO Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month @ 7:30 AM. Email address [RobertsRoadPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RobertsRoadPTO@gmail.com)

- April 12, 2017
- May 9, 2017

### Big PTO Projects for 2016-2017

- Adventure Dash
- Playground Shade
- Bulldog Store
- Spirit Sticks
- Field Day
- Staff Appreciation
- Grant Funded Arts Programs
- Homeroom Helpers
- Book Fair Volunteers
- Holiday Shoppe
- Father/ Daughter Dance
- HMNS Planetarium
- Yearbook

### Houston Museum of Natural Science

PTO is proud to bring the Houston Museum of Natural Science Planetarium to RRE in April! Students will be able to see and experience space right in our own building. It should be a great learning event for all students! Many thanks to our fabulous PTO for bringing outer space to us!

### Father/ Daughter Dance

The first ever RRE Father/ Daughter dance was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, and it was a hit. Roberts Road girls brought their dads, uncles, brothers, or male role models to an evening of cookies, lemonade, photos, and dancing! Such a great event for all! Many thanks to the PTO for hosting this special night for the girls of Roberts Road Elementary!

### A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY

By RRE Librarian Kelli Schmidt



### Library News:

Accelerated Reader started last month at Roberts Road. Students are encouraged to read and take a computer test on level appropriate books. After testing, students will earn points based on number of correct responses. Students will collect points throughout the year working toward a specific goal based on their grade level.

#### Accelerated Reader Goals:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 20 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 30 Points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 40 Points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 50 Points

Students who meet their grade level goal will be invited to attend an end of year celebration complete with ice cream sundaes! It is sure to be a great event!!

### Library Year at a Glance:

- May 15-19: Spring Scholastic Book Fair
- May: AR Grades 2-5 Celebration
- May 12: All Library Books Returned

### National Library Week April 9-15

Celebrate with us the LOVE of reading during National Library Week. Our library is a great space where our students love to come read, hear stories told by our fabulous librarian Kelly Schmidt, and enjoy our Makerspace. Read a special book with your student this week and ask them what they love about the RRE library!



### A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELOR

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to focus on the protection and care of our most vulnerable and trusting resources – our children.

Child Abuse and Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, individuals and organizations have joined during April to raise the public's awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Over 264,000 Texas children are reported as abused or neglected and nearly 67,000 confirmed victims in 2010, according to Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. April is child abuse prevention month in Texas and in the nation.

### April 5<sup>th</sup> is RRE Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day seeks to raise awareness of the autism spectrum disorders and improve the lives of those currently living with autism. Autism refers to a lifelong brain development disorder that affects social interactions, learning, routines and communication. It is estimated that approximately 1% of the global population is autistic.

# Other RRE Items

## Cell Phone Usage in a School Zone

Please help us keep everybody safe at school by keeping your cell phones off while driving your car in the RRE school zone: The Texas Transportation Code states that drivers may not use a cell phone while operating a vehicle within the school zone. Fines for not following the code can be up to \$200. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe.

## Pets on School Grounds

We would like to remind you that animals are not allowed on school grounds. Even the most docile of animals can frighten a child or create confusion at that time.

## Dress Code at RRE

All WISD students fall under the WISD Code of Conduct and dress code. Please review the dress code and work to adhere to it with your student. Also, we ask that all adult visitors to campus help reinforce the code by following it as well. As always- thanks for your support.

## Clinic Procedures

A parent must bring medicine to school. Please do not send it with your child. Medication must be in the original container properly labeled, with the child's name and directions for the time and dosage. A written request to administer drugs must be on file. No medication can be sent home with students.

## RRE is on Twitter

Follow us on Twitter @RRE\_Bulldogs. This is a great way to hear about newsworthy items on campus AND celebrate all of the great things going on here at Roberts Road Elementary!

## Inclement Weather Plan:

Student safety is important to the staff at Roberts Road Elementary. Ensuring that students arrive home safely on days where there is lightning or major storms in the area is no exception. On days that storms are predicted for the area, the front office staff will monitor the weather situation. If inclement weather is detected, the following plan will be put into place.

- Walkers and bike riders will be HELD until the weather situation has cleared to a safer level. Once the situation has been deemed safe, students may be released.
- Bus riders will be released.
- Pick-ups to the side door will be released.
- We will attempt to run the car rider line as normal at the appropriate time. Please note, it may not be possible to place a staff member at the end of the drive to call in car numbers. It is important that cars have their yellow tag up and visible especially on these days. This ensures that staff can see car numbers in stormy weather.

Please be patient with us as we run the car rider line on these days. It might take longer than normal to get students loaded in cars. Let the front office know if you need another yellow tag for your car or if you need a second tag for another vehicle.

## Dates to Remember:

### April 2017

- 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th Math Benchmarks
- 4: 3rd and 4th Reading Benchmarks
- 5: RRE Autism Awareness Day
- 7: Name that Book District Level
- 9-15: National Library Week
- 10: HMNS Presentation
- 11: Math Parent Peek
- 12: PTO Meeting and Guest Speaker @ 7:40 a.m.
- 17: Stuart Gibbs Author: 8:30-9:30 AM
- 18: McTeacher Night 5-8 PM
- 20: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program @ 6:30 PM
- 26: Waller ISD Excellence Expo 5-7 PM

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