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Roberts Road
Elementary

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Holiday Happenings at RRE!

Snacks, Movie, and Early Release

December 16th is an early release day for our school. Students will be released from school at 12:50 PM and there will be no PM PK .

During the school day, students will participate in a good behavior pep rally, eat lunch, and enjoy a movie, and special snacks. A letter will be coming home requesting snacks for your child's class. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions

Third Graders Take the Stage

Mark your calendars! Our 3rd graders will be making their big debut on the Roberts Road Elementary stage!

This year's 3rd grade class will be holding an evening performance of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" on December 15th at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Englert and her students have worked so hard on this production! Come out and see this fantastic musical event!!

Kindergarten Sing Along

Our kindergarten students have been busy practicing their favorite holiday tunes. They are ready to share them with family and friends. Please plan on attending the Kindergarten Holiday Sing-Along on Thursday, December 15th at 9:30 AM. Our students can't wait to share their fabulous songs with you!



School Hours:

8:30-3:50

AM Drop Off Help Needed:

When dropping students off in the morning, please pull up as far as possible to allow for the maximum amount of cars to drop off students. For those families choosing to not wait in the car rider line, please park and have an adult walk the students into the building.

PM Pick-Up Help Needed:

Parents who are picking students up as a pick-up should park and come to the appropriate front side door with the assigned number for your child. We ask that parents refrain from having your child run across the parking lot as they come out of the walker/ biker line. It is very dangerous to have students running through the parking lot to waiting cars.

THANK YOU CAR RIDER FAMILIES!

Thank you so much for working with us by displaying your yellow car rider numbers during dismissal. We appreciate your understanding of this policy and willingness to make sure you display your yellow tag every day. You are so appreciated!

[RRE Extends a BIG Thanks to Princeton Homes and Michael's Moonwalks!](#)

Field Day this year was better than ever thanks to Princeton Homes and Michael's Moonwalks. Princeton Homes, in the new Dellrose subdivision off of Becker Road, donated the 65-foot-long obstacle course to the big fall event on Friday. The home seller also donated popsicles to all students on campus during the day.

Michael's Moonwalks donated the 45-foot-long obstacle course Thursday's Field Day!! Many thanks to Princeton Homes and Michael's Moonwalks for bringing smiles to the students of RRE!

[Lost and Found](#)

The lost and found has many jackets and sweaters that your children may need over the winter holidays. Please ask your child to look for lost items. Please feel free to check in the front office and look. We have also accumulated lunch kits and water bottles.

[Are you moving?](#)

Are you moving to a new school over the winter break? If so, please remember that you must give 48-hour notice in order to have withdrawal papers ready to take to your new school. Please notify the registrar, Griselda Rivera at (936) 931-0300, with the last date your child will be in attendance at Roberts Road. The last day of school before the break is December 16th.

[Change of Address and Telephone number:](#)

Please keep address and phone numbers up to date in the school office at all times. Notify us of any changes by sending a note with your child. In case of an emergency, it is vital that we are able to contact you.

[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!

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

[Student Council Collects Needed Items for WARM](#)

The RRE Student Council has been busy making a difference for WARM this holiday season. Please send in any non-perishable food items and or toiletries. Our Student Council will be personally delivering these items before the holiday break. Thanks for helping our friends and neighbors during this season of giving. The Student Council will be collecting items until December 15th.

[Benchmark Testing](#)

While it is important that your child is in school every day, benchmarking and STAAR testing days are extremely important. Waller ISD third through fifth grade students will be taking their math, reading, and science fall benchmarks on the following dates:

- 3rd Math: Tuesday, December 6th
- 3rd Reading: Wednesday, December 7th
- 4th Math: Tuesday, December 6th
- 4th Reading: Wednesday, December 7th
- 5th Math: Tuesday, December 6th
- 5th Reading: Wednesday, December 7th
- 5th Science: Thursday, December 8th

Please help us support your student by making sure that they are in school on benchmark and testing days. Thank you for your support!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Project Wisdom:

At the beginning of the 2012-2013 year, Roberts Road Elementary was introduced to the Project Wisdom program. Every morning during announcements, a short character lesson that cover areas such as being a good friend, working hard, and lessons about bullying are shared with students. The philosophy is that students will receive a daily dose of character building ideas, lessons, and strategies to take with them throughout their lives.

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

- December 13, 2016
- January 10, 2017
- February 7, 2017
- March 7, 2017 (first Tuesday of the month)
- April 11, 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
- Family Game Night
- Yearbook

A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

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:

- 2nd Grade: 20 Points
- 3rd Grade: 30 Points
- 4th Grade: 40 Points
- 5th 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:

- April 7: Name that Book Contest
- May 15-19: Spring Scholastic Book Fair
- May: AR Grades 2-5 Celebration
- May 12: All Library Books Returned



READING TIPS FOR HOME

Looking for ways to work with your student at home? The BEST way to help at home is read with your child. Here are some strategies to help you when working at home:

- Create reading rituals and read every day.
- Share different kinds of books.
- Talk about the pictures and ask questions.
- Read with expression. Make silly voices and make the pages come alive!
- Read favorite books again and again!

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

We are working hard at RRE to keep students and staff as healthy as possible and are requesting your assistance in our efforts. As you know, we are approaching flu season and the flu virus spreads easily from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with the flu. Parents can help protect their children and reduce the spread of influenza viruses by encouraging the use of good cough and hand hygiene etiquette and by keeping their children at home or away from others while ill.

What you can do:

1. Teach your child good cough and hand hygiene etiquette. This includes covering coughs and sneezes with tissues, coughing and sneezing into the inside of the elbow, and discarding used tissues. Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water, and hand washing should last for at least 20 seconds. Do not share personal items like drinks, food, and unwashed utensils.
2. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends an annual seasonal influenza immunization. Vaccinate your child now!
3. Monitor yourself and your child for flu-like symptoms which include fever (over 100.0 F), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain, fatigue, body aches, headache and sometimes vomiting or diarrhea. Symptoms may last for several days.
4. Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours AFTER they no longer have a fever (100.0 F) and flu like symptoms. This is WITHOUT the aid of fever-reducing medications.
5. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night, drinks a lot of water, and eats healthy well-balanced meals.

For more information, visit www.flu.gov for the most current information about the flu. We appreciate your help in slowing the spread of the flu and other illness.

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.

Inclement Weather Plan:

Student safety is important to the staff at Roberts Road Elementary. Ensuring that students arrive home safely on days where there are 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:

December

6:	5th Grade Math BM
6:	4th Grade Math BM
6:	3rd Grade Math BM
7:	5th Grade Reading BM
7:	4th Grade Reading BM
7:	3rd Grade Reading BM
8:	5th Grade Science BM
9:	Kindergarten Pajama Day
13:	4th Grade Washington Brazos Field Trip
13:	PTO Meeting 7:30 a.m.
13:	District Geography Bee WHS
13:	COF Winter Wonderland 6:30-8:30 PM
14:	Oral Spelling Bee
15:	1st Grade Polar Express Day
15:	Kindergarten Grinch Day
15:	Kindergarten Sing Along
15:	StuCo delivers donations to W.A.R.M.
15:	3rd Grade Program @ 6:30 PM
15:	Pre-K Pajama Day
16:	Snacks, Movie, & Early Release @12:50

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