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Roberts Road
Elementary

January 2017

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Kicking off the New Year at RRE!

We LOVE our School Board!

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Waller ISD is lucky enough to have an All-Star Team! Roberts Road Elementary would like to celebrate and thank this team for their valuable service to our school, district, and community. Board members are as follows: President Gary Buchanan, Vice President Ronald Campbell, Secretary Kim Parmer, member Joe Landin, member Michael Prince, member Bryan Lowe, and member David Kaminski. Many thanks to these friends of RRE and WISD!

Makerspace at RRE

This year our campus has a new addition to our library! Makerspace!! This space is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. Every RRE student has an opportunity to use this special space. Ask your student about Makerspace today!

Group/ Spring Picture Day

Spring Pictures are just around the corner. January 26th students will need to bring their best smiles. Mark your calendar today!

Student Panel Shares with Staff

Roberts Road faculty started the spring semester with a little help from students. Student representatives from each grade level attended staff development on January 2nd. Principal, Angie Davis questioned students about their school experiences. The students gave some great answers! Their valuable feedback will be used to make RRE an even better place! Thanks students for your help!



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!

Lost and Found

The lost and found has many jackets and sweaters that your children may need throughout the winter. 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.

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!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Buddy Bench:

It is our pleasure to share an exciting project that our school will be undertaking over the next few months. We have partnered with our wonderful PTO to place a Buddy Bench on the school playground.

Buddy Benches were the idea of an eight-year old Pennsylvania student named Christian B. and have been used on playgrounds nationwide to help students make connections with their peers.

Buddy Benches are described as "a special bench where students can sit if they are feeling bored or lonely. Our Buddy Bench is blue and labeled "BUDDY BENCH" in big letters. Other students can then go to the bench and ask them if they would like to play or talk.

As part of this project, our counseling team will be coming into your child's classroom to teach your son or daughter about the new Buddy Bench. The "Buddy Bench" can help children who struggle with social, emotional or behavioral issues at recess.

Reasons to use our Buddy Bench

- If you are new to school
- If you want to make new friends
- If your friends aren't here today
- If you want to play something different than what your friends are playing
- If you're having a problem with your friends and you just can't solve it right now/you want to take a break
- If you want to be a buddy

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

RRE Counselors Courtney Kerlick and
Laney Sikorsky

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

- 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 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:

- 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 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:

January

- 10: PTO Meeting at 7:30 a.m.
- 11: Jr. High Expo for 5th Graders during day
- 11: Parent night for 5th Graders @ Jr. Highs
- 13: 5th grade Field Trip- Bush Library
- 17: 2nd grade DRA testing
- 20: District Spelling Bee WHS
- 25: Course selection sheets: 5th graders
- 26: Group Picture Day / Spring Pre-pay pictures

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