



Bulldog Bark

Roberts Road
Elementary

March 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 28th 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



Father Daughter Dance



Dads, step-dads, uncles, grandpas, over 18 brothers and/ or male role models you are invited to an evening of dancing, desserts, photos and prizes with your favorite Roberts Road PK-5th grade girl!

When: Friday, March 31st from 6-8 PM
Where: Roberts Road Cafeteria and Gym

Tickets:
\$15 per couple - \$5 for additional couple

Silk Flower Wrist Corsages:
\$ 5.00 for the 1st one and \$2.50 for additional

Corsages are limited – so preorder to guarantee your daughter gets one!

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!

STAAR Testing

While it is important that your child is in school every day, STAAR testing days are extremely important. Waller ISD fourth grade and fifth grade students will be taking their STAAR tests on the following dates:

- 03/28 : 4th Grade Writing Benchmark
- 03/28: 5th Grade Math Benchmark
- 03/29: 5th Grade Reading Benchmark

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

Lunch on STAAR Days

We will be administering STAAR tests on the following days. There will be no visitors allowed at Roberts Road Elementary School on these testing days. This includes lunch visitors and visitors to the instructional areas. Thank you for understanding.

- March 28
- March 29

Student Council: PAWS for a CAUSE

At RRE, we are so proud of our Student Council. This group does many important things for our Community. Student Council will be selling PAWS for a quarter (\$0.25) starting March 20-Friday, March 31.

This year, these PAWS will be sold in support of the St. Jude's Cancer and Research Center. PAWS will be placed on the front windows of the campus to show support for a cause that touches many of us, our families and friends.

RRE student council chose to focus fundraising efforts on St. Jude's to honor the life of former RRE student and WHS graduate, Emily Corona, who passed away earlier this year. Emily's mom and uncle currently serve on the RRE staff, and her son attends Roberts Road. Help RRE Student Council support PAWS for a Cause and St. Jude's in honor of Emily!

Prodigy Math at Home

Our students have discovered Prodigy Math, and they love it! Teachers map the program to meet the individual needs and timeline of what students are doing in class. Students can play at home too at www.prodigygame.com!

2017-2018 Roberts Road Staff of the Year:

On Monday, March 6th three Roberts Road staff members were recognized for their dedication and service to our campus.

Roberts Road Teacher of the Year:
Desiree Bonnie

Roberts Road Rookie of the Year:
Shakevia Hines

Roberts Road Support of the Year:
Laura Tank

We are so proud of these staff members for their dedication and service to RRE. Roberts Road is lucky to have such a great team and staff supporting our awesome students!

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

- 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
- Father/ Daughter Dance
- Yearbook

RRE Yearbook

5th grade parents may buy a dedication ad in the yearbook. They must have already pre ordered a book. Dedication ads cost \$50 and they are the size of a business card. Dedication ads must be purchased and designed online by the parent. The attached flyers explain how to do it. It all starts at balfour.com. The Roberts Road yearbook project # is 722245. DEADLINE IS MARCH 24. No Exceptions!

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:

- March 10: 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.

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:

March 2017

28: 4th Grade Writing STAAR
 28: 5th Grade Math STAAR
 29: 5th Grade Reading STAAR

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