



# Bulldog Bark

Roberts Road  
Elementary

November 2016

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## Join us for Field Day in November!

The cool weather is here, and it is a perfect time for Field Day. This year, we are having Field Day in the fall! Come out and watch your favorite RRE students play and exhibit sportsmanship this week!



- **Grades K-2 Field Day:**  
Date: Thursday, November 10  
Time: 9:00-11:30 AM
- **Grades 3-5 Field Day:**  
Date: Friday, November 11  
Time: 9:00-11:30 AM

### 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!

## Fall Book Fair Success

It was a great fall for the RRE book fair! Thanks to all for coming out and celebrating reading with nachos/hot dogs and our story time for our evening event and/or breakfast kolaches and donuts for our morning event. The book fair brought over \$7,000.00. Our school profited \$1,847.46 from the week! Thanks again for coming out!



## Roberts Road Info on the Web

The Bulldog Bark will be emailed out each month. This information can also be found on our district/campus webpage.

## 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 Celebrates and Supports our Armed Forces

#### **Veteran's Wall:**

Did you or a family member serve in the US military? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Student council will be creating a Hero Wall to honor veterans and current members of the US Armed Forces in honor of Veteran's Day. All RRE students will be bringing home a sheet for you and your child to complete and share your family information.

Returned information will be displayed and honored on our Roberts Road Elementary Hero Wall. Thank you for helping with our very special wall!

#### **Operation Gratitude:**

Many thanks to those families who sent in candy for care packages for our troops during the week of October 31- November 4. Student Council is packing up the goodies and sending it all to our troops! Thanks again for supporting our national heroes.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical

On November 17, our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be hitting the stage for a performance of *How To Be A Pirate*. Come out at 7 PM to see our RRE make their big debut!

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Track Meet:

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> our 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the annual WISD track meet at WJH!! Coach Phillips and Coach Pazdernik worked so hard to make sure our runners were ready! We are so proud of our amazing Roberts Road Elementary track superstars and all of the ribbons they brought home!

#### Box Tops

Roberts Road Elementary earned \$240 in Box Tops this fall! We will continue to collect them throughout the year. Let's see if we can beat our record in the spring. For a list of products participating in the Box Top program go to:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

## 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](mailto:RobertsRoadPTO@gmail.com)

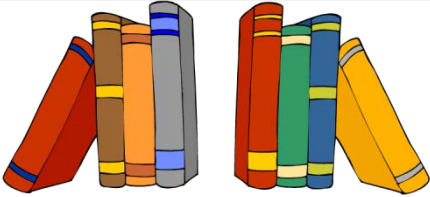
- November 8, 2016
- December 13, 2016
- January 10, 2017
- February 7, 2017
- March 7, 2017 (first Tuesday of the month)
- April 11, 2017
- May 9, 2017

#### **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 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:

- 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](http://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:

### November

- 10: Field Day K,1,2
- 11: Field Day 3,4,5
- 13: World Kindness Day
- 14: StuCo Veteran's Wall
- 17: Written Spelling Bee
- 17: 4th grade musical at 7 pm
- 21-25: Thanksgiving Break
- 30: Makeup Picture Day

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