



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We have had a wonderful beginning to our second semester. It is amazing to see the academic growth the children are making, and the hard work they put into their school work, homework and assessments. I would like to encourage all parents to help your children be adequately prepared for school by getting to bed early, having a nightly routine for homework, packing backpacks in the evenings, and eating a healthy breakfast.

Every third grade student has a laptop and 4 interactive panels were installed in classrooms due to the overwhelming support during the Boosterthon fun run. The Cookie Grams and Candy Cane Grams were also a big hit. With funds raised, the PTO has purchased a filtered water station for the café. Our students are going to love having filtered water at their disposal as will our teachers and staff. Through a grant written by Coach Dobie we are also getting a filtered water station at P.E. These are "Game Changers" for all of us. Safety being our top priority, I want to let you know we have two new television screens in the front office displaying our camera footage throughout campus. I am also in the process of visiting every classroom to share our See Something, Say Something campaign. Please support us by discussing the importance of telling adults when they know of a potential danger that could occur on campus, at the bus stop or on the bus. We want to keep all of our students safe. Before school, the parking situation seems to be going really well. We are, however, having students dropped off before 7:45 when there are no adults supervising. Please keep the students in your car until you see the outside gate open and our adults are on duty. Remember, there is no supervision provided before 7:45. Also, the first bell rings at 8:20. Students go to their classrooms at that time and learning starts taking place. Please have your children here at school on time. If you pull around back at 8:30 the gates will be locked. You will need to pull in the front and walk your children in to the office for a tardy pass. Cars move quickly in the morning and in the afternoon through the line.

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Dates to Remember	
1-Feb	Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
1-Feb	Book Character Parade
6-Feb	Share Night Sonny's BBQ
	11am - 9pm
8-Feb	Student Interim Reports
11-Feb	5th Grade Sea World Parent Mtg
	6-7pm
13-Feb	Class Picture Day
15-Feb	Daddy Daughter Dance
	Hollywood, (the Oscars)
	6:30 - 8:30pm
18-Feb	President's Day Holiday
	No School
21-Feb	STEM Day
28-Feb	Late Night Library Night
	5-7pm

However, we have a room full of children at 3:05 every afternoon. Please get in the car line and prepare to pick up your children at 2:50.

Last but not least, a special thank you for your support of the 10th annual race here at Roberts. The Trent 10k, 5k and 1-mile run was a huge success! We had 750 registered runners with 595 participating on race day, 40 + sponsors, 80+ volunteers and raised over \$27,000.00 to give to the Trent's Touch Foundation.

Thank you again for allowing us to play such an important role in the daily lives of your children! It is always a pleasure to see your children reach their fullest academic potential.

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FROM THE PTO

I would like to personally thank Laura Cheeseman and Becky Tucker for their organization and execution of the cookie grams, candy cane grams, and Penguin Patch gift shop over the holidays. It is because of these fabulous volunteers the students were able take pride in shopping for their families and friends for the holidays and, as an added benefit, the PTO was able to earn enough money through a percentage of the sales to purchase a new water fountain for the kindergarten playground area. Many thanks to our Red Fox families for participation and support of these extra events over the holidays. It is because of the success of events like these the PTO can provide additional funds to make improvements around the school. Support of PTO activities directly benefits Roberts Elementary!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the presentation on internet safety in January. We had a great crowd and learned a lot about the what we need to know as parents to keep our kids safe online. The next PTO event is our annual Father Daughter Dance on Friday, February 15, 2019, in the cafeteria. Dads get ready to take your daughter(s) to a special evening fit for a celebrity.

All these PTO events are possible because we have a wonderful group of volunteers, but we need more. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do for our school. If you are interested in volunteering, contact us and find out how you can help. We have opportunities for everyone, no matter how much or little time you can commit. Email our Volunteer Coordinator Becky Tucker at ryanbeckytucker@hotmail.com to see where you can make a difference at one of the best schools in town, Roberts Elementary!

Becky Marsey
PTO President

LEON COUNTY SCHOOL CHOICE

Leon County Schools offer a diversity of educational opportunities to students. School Choice allows a student to maximize educational opportunities by providing options for attending a school that best meets their specific needs. If you are interested in knowing more about the Leon County School Choice Program, please call the School Choice Office at (850) 561-8484 or visit them online at www.leonschools.net. The deadline to apply for changing schools is **March 1, 2019**.

SHARE NIGHT

Our next share night will be Wednesday, February 6th from 11am –9pm at Sonny's BBQ next to Sam's Club. 25% of your bill will be donated back to Roberts Elementary. Present flyer when you pay. Flyer valid for Dine-In, Drive Thru or Take-Out. Flyers have gone home and extras are available at the front office.

SAVE THE DATE

2019-2020 Kindergarten Parent Meeting is April 9th from 6-7pm. Kindergarten Orientation is April 16th from 9am-11am.

MUSIC NOTES

Your child will soon begin learning how to play the keyboard in music class. Studies show there are many benefits of learning to play the piano such as; improved counting and math skills, improves reading comprehension, encourages creativity, strengthens hand muscles and eye hand coordination are just to name a few. We are in need of AA batteries or disinfecting wipes. If you are able to help, please have your child bring them to the music room.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Purchasing a yearbook will ensure that your child will always remember friends, teachers, events and activities from this school year. Yearbooks may be ordered online using the following link and access code. The cost is \$25.00, with the price increasing to \$28.00 after March 26. Parents of fifth grade students will soon receive information on special yearbook opportunities which will be available for their children.

www.leonards.com/yearbooks

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