

Roberts Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Wow, time sure is flying. I am amazed to see that we are already into October. I want to thank all of you for your support at home and at school for this first seven weeks of the new school year. September 24th was Be Bold, Go Gold day. Robert and Jennifer Wisniewski of Dunkin Donuts, donated gold donuts to support two wonderful foundations, Trent's Touch and the Marshall Fisher Adolescent and young Adult Cancer Fund. Our students were so excited to support our efforts that we sold out of donuts in 15 minutes and had to move to Popsicle sales at lunch. Under the leadership of Katelyn Irwin, 4th grade student, we raised \$1064.00 in just one day! Our Boosterthon Fun Run will kick off on October 15. We are aiming to raise \$55,000.00 to spend on fitness equipment for the playground, risers for music and the stage, art room furniture, and Smart Panels for primary classrooms. If you have a child in a classroom with a Smart Panel you have seen firsthand how engaging and supportive this piece of technology is for our teachers and students. The "Fun Run" will take place on Friday, October 25 and we invite all parents to join us as we watch your children run 35 laps. Again this year we have an extra incentive for our 4th & 5th grade students. If the two grade levels raise at least \$25,000.00 combined (\$2083.00 per class) they will not only run 35 laps but they will actually enjoy a Color Run! You won't want to miss this! Please read further in the newsletter for important details regarding the Fun Run!!!!

We are fortunate to have so much information at our fingertips, including our children's grades. Please look on Leon County Focus Parent Portal to view your child's grades in all subject areas and special areas. We appreciate parents making time to conference with teachers as they share their plans for helping each child reach his/ her fullest potential. Please make it a priority to schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s) and to keep those scheduled appointments. Your support at home is so valuable! One last item, we love birthdays and we love celebrating with your children and their classmates here at school. However, we are encouraging parents to bring in cookies or small treats, preferably healthy treats, but not cupcakes with colored icing. The icing stains whatever it touches and it is also full of dyes and allergens that many parents try to avoid. Thank you for helping us make this adjustment. Thanks again for allowing us to play such a vital role in your child's life. We appreciate the opportunity and look forward to a wonderful year.

Dates to Remember	
30-Sept	Fall Holiday-NO SCHOOL
3-Oct	Health Screenings for K, 1st,
	& 3rd Grade
3-Oct	Go Pink! - Wear Pink
11-Oct	End of 1st 9 weeks
14-Oct	Teacher Planning day
	NO SCHOOL
15-Oct	BoosterThon Kick-Off
	Pep Rally 1:15pm
20-Oct	Mother/Son Pumpkin
	Carving Contest 3-6pm
25-Oct	BoosterThon Fun Run
25-Oct	Report Cards Viewable in FOCUS
28 Oct-1Nov	Red Ribbon Week
1-Nov	Fall Festival 3pm-6:30pm
6-Nov	Picture Retake Day 8:30am
11-Nov	Veteran's Day
	NO SCHOOL
15-Nov	Progress Reports viewable in FOCUS
25-29 Nov	Thanksgiving Holidays
	NO SCHOOL

BOOSTERTHON IS HERE!

We are well on our way to meeting our \$55,000 fundraising goal. Please encourage your student to contact friends and family members to raise money for every lap they run. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend to cheer on the students on October 25th. More information to come.

MESSAGE FROM PTO

Happy Fall, Y'all! Our Teachers & Students are in the full swing of things at Roberts and so is your PTO! We (Sarah Collins mostly) is busy planning our VERY first Grown Foxes Date Night!!! You are not going to want to miss this! October 3, stay tuned for details.

The Sign Up Genius for Fall Festival (Nov 1) is LIVE now!!!! Sign up, show up and be a Fox Supporter! This BIG event does not happen without YOU! To find out how you can volunteer and support the PTO, please email Becky Tucker, Volunteer Coordinator at ryanbeckytucker@hotmail.com

Special Shout Outs:

- •ENORMOUS thank you to Meg Holley who led the way for our Grandfoxes Day. She coordinated it all! From Parking, to Chic-Fil-A orders and photographers all.the.things...Meg, you are a very special Fox to RES!
- •Angie Davis single handedly planned and hosted our (newly named) PTO Pasta Party thank you! thank you!

Always a big thank you to Amy Mitchell for the ongoing coordination of our Business Partners and whatever else gets thrown her way

See you all at the Fall Festival! We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming PTO events!

Lily Etemadi, PTO President

MUSIC NOTES

Music is off to a great start this year!! Our kindergarten -2nd graders have been learning and marching to the steady beat. The 3rd grade students have started playing the soprano recorders. There are a few recorders still available for \$5 if you didn't get one. The 5th graders have been learning about meter in 2, 3 and 4. The 4th graders have started working on the Winter Musical "I Need A Little Christmas Vacation", to be presented Dec. 12th at 6pm. More information to come.

BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you so much to our Business Partners for your support. If you are interested in become one of our Business Partners please email Amy Mitchell at robertsbusinesspartners@gmail.com

PROCEDURAL REMINDERS

Lunch Money:

Please put lunch money in an envelope or baggie with the child's **full name** and their pin number.

PE NEWS

We'd like to welcome to our Physical Education staff Coach Corey Osgood and Coach Caleb Andreaus as our Champions Coach! We are in full swing at Physical Education working on cooperative games (trying to stay in the shade and as cool as possible). Please remember to have your children wear tennis shoes on their PE days and feel free to bring a water bottle too! Just as a re-cap of our Champions program, here's a little description.

Champions is a program in all our middle schools and several elementary here in Leon County. It was started 13 years ago and is funded through Capital Health Plan and run through Titus Sports Academy. It is a fitness component to our physical education class and the Champions Coach alongside our PE staff will be doing pre and post fitness testing. The students work during our regular physical education class and once a week with the Champions coach doing games and fitness activities and then they are post tested again in December and at the end of the year. The data is secured and only used for Champions purposes to see if they are indeed making an impact on student's fitness. The data collected (fitness testing) is used as "group data" to track the impact the program is making and hopefully helping our students along the way by setting any type of fitness goals.

-The Tallahassee Elementary Cross Country Championship will be on Fri., October 25th starting at 5:00pm at the Maclay School Track. For more information please contact Angie Milford, teammilford@gmail.com

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide campaign encouraging children to stay healthy and to make positive choices. Our theme for the week is "I CAN make good choices." Students are encouraged to bring canned food donations throughout the week. Check out the schedule below for our daily dress up themes.

Monday, 10/28: "Lei off unhealthy choices." Wear Hawaiian clothes.

Tuesday, 10/29: "The road to success is paved with good choices." *Dress like your future job.*

Wednesday, 10/30: "It's hip to make positive choices." Dress like a hippie...peace signs and tiedye.

Thursday, 10/31: "Keeping our bodies healthy from head to toe." *Crazy hair, hats or socks.*

Friday, 11/1: "Red Foxes pledge to make healthy choices." *Wear RED!*