



# Roberts Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 school year!

The faculty, staff and administration at Roberts Elementary are excited for the new school year. It has been a pleasure seeing the boys and girls back on campus! Our first three weeks have been extremely busy. The children are being introduced to their grade level curriculums, learning class routines, completing base line testing, taking tours around the school, participating in fire/safety drills and making new friends. The parents have attended their grade level curriculum meetings and learned about the grade level expectations, units of study, homework procedures and goals for their children. If you missed the curriculum meetings, please email your child's teacher to receive the information that was shared.

Currently, our student enrollment is 875 students, and we are getting to know many new faces. Please keep a watch for this school newsletter, Fox Tales, at the end of every month. This newsletter is a great communicator for our families and will include

IMPORTANT school news and dates. We thank you for taking the time to read each section.

I also encourage you to join our Listserv. ListServ announcements will be sent routinely and include valuable information regarding upcoming events, clarity on routines and procedures, and recognition for our students. You can find the instructions to join the Roberts ListServ on our website. Our website is also a valuable resource for information. It is up to date and maintained.

We want this year to be a "Game Changer" for your child(ren). As a team: Students, parents, teachers, school staff...we can make this happen. However, we need to remember that you, the parent, are an important piece of this foundation and without you the effectiveness would diminish greatly. Please help us by reading the newsletters, following procedures, checking your child's grades on FOCUS, attending parent conferences and meetings, and emailing teachers when you have specific questions.

As always, thank you for entrusting us with your children each and every day. We are excited about the new school year and the academic progress your children will make throughout the year.

If you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact the teacher, guidance or administration at 850-488-0923. We look forward to another successful and productive year with your children.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

9/2/2019	Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
9/9/2019	GrandFoxes Day Order Deadline
9/13 /2019	Scholastic Book Fair
9/13/2019	GrandFoxes Day
9/16/2019	Texas Roadhouse Orders and Money Due
9/19/2019	Rock Your School
9/25/2019	PICTURE DAY
9/26/2019	Texas Roadhouse Orders Pick-up Day
9/26/2019	Late Night Library
9/30/2019	Fall Holiday- NO SCHOOL
10/11/2019	End of 1st 9 Weeks
10/14/2019	Teacher Planning Day - NO SCHOOL
10/15/2019	Boosterthon Kick-Off Pep Rally

## **BOOSTERTHON IS COMING!**

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the Red Fox Fun Run! It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will then gather pledges for every lap they run (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We have a big goal of raising money for equipment and special areas enchantment .

MindSpark Wild West is the brand new Boosterthon character theme for this school year. #MindSpark is a mystery theme that combines S.T.E.A.M. skills. (Science, Technology, engineering, Arts, & Math) with character building.

Be on the look out for more Boosterthon

information after the Pep Rally on the October 15<sup>th</sup>!!

All families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run!

Thank you for your support!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Roberts Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. Let's make this the year of YES!! YES to volunteering at Roberts to support our Foxes! YES to getting to know each other better through Fall Festival shifts! YES to including Grandfoxes for a fun visit to our school! YES to being a Business Partner! YES to all the things that contribute to Roberts being an A School and a great place for our children to grow and learn!

By now you should have received a Master Calendar for most of the events we have planned this year (plus the Leon County School and Roberts' Dates too). My hope is that by communicating early and often, we will see family participation in PTO events increase. Mark your calendars and say YES to being a part of it all!

There is NO hint of Fall in the air yet (it is still so HOT!) but Carrie Millar and her powerhouse committee is definitely gearing up for a GREAT Fall Festival! Make sure you don't miss this EPIC event on November 1; there will be puppies and photos and games OH MY! The PTO will be all Fox Paws on deck for one of our Biggest (and most fun) FUN-draisers! Be on the look out for the Sign Up Geniuses and say YES to working a little (shift) and playing a lot! The PTO looks forward to a great year! Thank you so much for helping to make Roberts Elementary the **#BEST.SCHOOL.EVER**.

Lily E. Truesdell  
PTO President

## WHAT IS THE RTI/MTSS PROCESS?

Schools have a responsibility to provide effective instruction and behavioral supports to all students. RTI, also known as Response to Intervention, refers to the multi-tiered system of support that is put in place in order to meet students' educational needs. Throughout the process, data is collected and reviewed as a way to drive the instruction and interventions for all students. Parents will receive progress monitoring data about how their child is responding to the interventions. Sometimes it is thought that being found eligible for special education (ESE) is the only way to help a child. When in fact, finding out what instruction works best for a child is the key to helping them have a successful school experience. A child will benefit from the school's RTI system, whether or not they are evaluated or found eligible for special education. The interventions range in intensities or tiers based on student need.

RTI is composed of three tiers:

**Tier 1:** Core Curriculum: All students, including students who require curricular enhancements for acceleration.

**Tier 2:** Strategic Interventions: Students who need more support in addition to the core curriculum.

**Tier 3:** Comprehensive and Intensive: Students who need individualized interventions.

## BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to the wonderful businesses who supported Roberts Elementary during pre-planning week.

4Rivers Smokehouse	DogEt-AI
My First Workout	Tropical Smoothie Cafe
SoDough Baking Co.	The Bagel Market & Bistro
EKK Realty Group	Moore Lending Group
Drake Irish Dance Tallahassee	Hill, Spooner and Elliot Real Estate

If you are interested in becoming a Business Partners, please check out the Business Partners link under the PTO tab or email RobertsBusinessPartners@gmail.com.

## PROCEDURAL REMINDERS

### Attendance

If you have upcoming travel plans, please remember to send an email to Mrs. McFarland ([mcfarlandk2@leonschools.net](mailto:mcfarlandk2@leonschools.net)) **identifying the educational benefits of your trip/absences**. Also, including your child's teacher and Mrs. Cameron ([cameronc@leonschools.net](mailto:cameronc@leonschools.net)) on emails regarding travel is helpful and much appreciated.

### Extra Clothes

The school does not keep changes of clothing for students. We strongly recommend you send a complete change of clothing for your child to be kept in their classroom. Whether it's bathroom, spilled drink/food or a wet/muddy field, accidents happen to all grade levels.

### Address Changes:

If you have moved, please submit your change of address to our office, along with two proofs of address. It is very important that we receive this information in order to keep our records current and also to have an accurate mailing address for sending school information. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Kennett at [kennettk@leonschools.net](mailto:kennettk@leonschools.net)

### FOCUS Parent Portal

Focus Parent Portal allows parents to view their children's grades, attendance and schedules all through a single registered account. Parents will be able to view most of their child's demographic information along with their test history, health, and immunizations. All available to you by registering your Focus Parent Portal account. Parents will need their child's ID and a Pin in order to register. If you have not received this, contact Kim Kennett at [kennettk@leonschools.net](mailto:kennettk@leonschools.net)

## GRANDFOXES DAY on Friday, September 13, 2019

This a special time when students invite their grandparents to enjoy lunch in the cafeteria, meet their teacher and see their classroom. Online Ordering Now available!

### Important information:

-Chick-Fil-A (Order Deadline 9/9/2019)

-GrandGrams (Order Deadline 9/9/2019)

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