



Roberts Elementary School

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Spring has not officially sprung yet, but we have already seen the excitement in our students and families as they look ahead to the Spring Break holiday. With testing right around the corner, we are busily focusing on teaching all of the state standards and encouraging our students to work hard and do their very best on all assignments and assessments. FSA testing begins in April. Look at the dates and your calendars to guarantee all students will be in attendance on the specified days. If you have appointments planned during those days, please reschedule so your children are here consistently during the days of testing.

April 1—**4th & 5th Grade** ELA-Writing

April 1 & 2—**3rd Grade** FSA ELA

May 4 & 5—**4th & 5th Grade** FSA ELA

May 7 & 8—**3rd, 4th & 5th Grade** FSA Math

May 11 & 12 – **5th Grade** Science

Students should get plenty of rest, eat a nutritious breakfast and arrive at school on time and ready to work hard. For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2020 FSA/FCAT assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at <https://fsassessments.org/>, click on the Students and Families icon, and then select *Spring 2020 Testing Times*. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration and each and every day of school!

TIME CHANGE-SPRING FORWARD

This is a reminder that Daylight Savings time will begin on Sunday, March 8. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

SPRING BREAK

Spring Break will be the week of **March 16-20**. There will be no school for students that week and the office will be closed. Monday, March 23, will be a teacher planning day, which is a student holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 24.



Dates to Remember	
March 6	Field Day 3rd-5th @ 8:45-11:15 am K-2nd @ 12:15-2:15 pm
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 16-20	Spring Break—School Closed
March 23	Teacher Planning Day No Students
March 24	Students Return
March 31	3rd Grade Keyboard Concert
April 1	FSA-ELA Writing: Grades 4 & 5
April 1-2	FSA-ELA Grade 3
April 2	Open House
April 2	Silent Auction
April 7	20-21 Kdg. Parents Only Meeting
April 30	Kindergarten Orientation & Tour

2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a little one who will start kindergarten in August of 2020, you will be able to register your child in Focus starting March 24, 2020. Parents, go to the Leon County Schools website homepage, click on the A+ icon at the top of the page and follow directions for registration. You will need 5 things to enroll your child for kindergarten:

1. Mortgage, property tax statement or lease
2. Additional proof (utility bill, driver's license),
3. Birth Certificate
4. Immunization record
5. Current school physical (dated after 8/1/2019).

Our 2020-2021 Kindergarten Parent meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 pm, and the Kindergarten Orientation & Tour will be on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 9:30 am.

FROM THE PTO

SPRING into Action for our Red Foxes! We've had such a great year so far and still have some BIG events and fundraisers to come! Hopefully, our Silent Auction on April 2, 2020, is already on your calendar. As all of our fundraisers, it is all hands on deck to make this successful! If you have a business, frequent a business or have an idea please feel free to reach out to them for items. Each Grade will be coordinating their item to auction; so know that ask is coming in the next few weeks.

Our two PTO events in February warmed my heart! The "80's for the Ladies" Daddy Daughter Dance sponsored by Bert Pope & The Awesome App was TOTALLY RAD! Staci Epps with Epps Photography took some amazing photos and we'll be posting those pictures soon. I loved that so many Dads dug into their closets and came up with some tubular 80's outfits! Who doesn't love a Dance Party with a theme?!?!?!?

On Valentine's Day, our SWEET third graders were encouraged to bring a Bear, Blanket and/or Book to benefit the Children's Home Society (CHS). They arrived in the cafeteria before the bell rang, dropped off their donations and enjoyed a Pancake Breakfast made with love by Mrs. Hirst. A BIG, hearted thank you to her and Principal McFarland for allowing us to create this little moment of giving from our Red Foxes to children who have found themselves in the caring arms of CHS during a difficult time in their lives. We plan on expanding this event to at least one other grade next year.

Hard to believe we only have a few more months of school left this year! Let's finish strong with plenty of participation for the Silent Auction and Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week, May 4 - 8, 2020. Are you interested in helping the PTO next year, 2020/2021? We'd love to have you! Please reach out to Sarah Collins or myself.

Lily E. Truesdell
PTO President

NATIONAL YOUTH ART MONTH

March is Youth Art Month! In celebration, we have our District Elementary Art Show at the Leroy Collins Library. Our Reception is on March 12th, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Students who are in the art show will be notified by invitation. You can support the arts and your child's creativity by visiting different museums and shows, through books, and by having them be creative at home. You would be surprised by what a few crayons and some paper can do! Thank you for supporting the Visual Arts at Roberts!! Mrs. Menacof.

MUSIC NOTES

We have several upcoming musical events at Roberts that we are very excited about! On Wednesday, March 31st, at 9:00 am, our **3rd Grade** students will perform in our school cafeteria. On Thursday, April 16th at 9:00 am, **Kindergarten** Students will present their program. Also, the **2nd Grade** Musical will be Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 pm.

PE NEWS

Our annual Field Day will be held on Friday, March 6 this year. We need parent volunteers to help make this event a success for our students! Email Laurie Cox at cox1@leonschools.net if you're available in the morning (8:15-11:15) to help with 3rd—5th grades or in the afternoon (12:15-2:15) to help with kindergarten-2nd grades.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now and order forms have already been sent home with students. The cost for yearbooks is \$25 **but will increase to \$28 after March 27, 2020.** Parents, please note that yearbooks may be ordered online at www.leonards.com/yearbooks by using code C481106 or by sending the order form and payment to your child's teacher. Additional forms are available in the front office. Also, if you have taken photos at any school event this year and think they would make great yearbook pictures, please email them to Erma Sever at Severe@leonschools.net and include the grade level of the students in the photos. Please note that the photos may or may not be included and will not be credited to a particular source.

5th grade parents you have the option to add a message and a baby photo of your graduating student using the following link: <http://robertsyearbook.com/> Please keep in mind that your message will need to be 250 characters or less. If you provide a message to include in the yearbook, you must pay your teacher \$5 (**cash only**). The last day to submit messages and pictures is March 6th. If you have any questions or concerns email robertsyearbook@leonschools.net

Thank you in advance!

