



FOX TALES

from Roberts Elementary School
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MRS. MCFARLAND'S MESSAGE

The fall weather is here and our children are enjoying every minute of it! Along with the beautiful weather there were multiple activities and events that took place last month.

We had a huge turnout for our Thanksgiving lunch! It was a pleasure to see our families at school enjoying the delicious Thanksgiving feast prepared by Mrs. Hirst and her staff. Thank you also to the many volunteers who made this day run smoothly.

We also hosted a PreK-2nd grade reading event for all of our "Super" readers. Mrs. Conner and I read to the students and then our amazing teacher committee assisted the students in creating bookmarks and super hero mask. We ended the evening with some yummy treats and a photo opportunity for our all of our Super Heroes!

PTO did a wonderful job planning the Mother/Son Cosmic Bowling Event. We had almost 200 moms and their sons come out and bowl and eat pizza. Thank you, PTO, for putting together another awesome event.

During this time of being thankful and showing our love and appreciation to others, I want to take this opportunity to recognize some special people on our campus. Please join me in congratulating these outstanding Red Foxes!

- Glenn Howell Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year: **MRS. CARMEN CONNER**
- Florida School Related Employee of the Year: **MRS. CHRIS HIRST**
- Teacher of the Year: **MRS. LISA TRIERWEILER**

As we prepare for the winter break, please remind your children the importance of keeping focused on their school work and completing all assignments on their due dates. Also, please ask your child about their progress toward meeting their A.R. goal and how many words they have read this nine weeks. We will host our Late Night Library on December 6th from 5-7 p.m. Remember to read, read, read!

This is a very busy season with lots of events and activities planned at school and in the community. We will work hard at school to maintain routine and structure. With your help at home we know this will continue to be a productive year and your children will continue making academic progress.

As I have said before, I am truly blessed to be part of such a caring, giving community and am thankful to lead a professional, loving faculty and staff. Please enjoy the holiday season and the winter break with your family.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Winter Holidays will be **December 19-January 3**.

There will be no school on these days and the office will also be closed.

CARING CONNECTION

Once again this year, our school is going to provide holiday assistance to children living at the Hope Community. HOPE is a residential facility with support services for homeless families with children and homeless single women. They provide food and shelter for homeless families or single mothers and their children, giving residents the option to stay for up to six months, while working on individual goals to work their way into stable housing.

With the return of the signed parent permission form, students who wish to participate will be able to come to the office and select a fox that has a child's gift wish listed on it. The student will purchase the item and return it unwrapped with the fox taped to the gift by Tuesday, December 13th. If your child would still like to participate, please be sure to send in the permission form or contact the office.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Jacobsen or Chris Berlin at 488-0923.

MUSIC NOTES

It's Almost Here... The second grade Winter Program "Flakes" will be presented December 8th at 6pm in the school cafeteria. The Guitar Hero Club along with the String students will be playing a short concert on Monday Dec. 12th at 9:25am in the school cafeteria. Hope to see you all there. Happy Holidays!!

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Hello from the Art Department!! The year is off and running and so are we! My students are very busy being creative and we have started many new projects. We have designated art areas in the school and outside of the school where the art students have work on display. The following students have art on display in the front office of Roberts: **Skye Williams, Ashtin Dinkelman, Bo Pearson, Ryan Longfellow, Dawson Dean, Luke Davidson, and Layla Lawson**. Our representatives for the District County Office Art Display are: **Gracyn Holley and Landon Perkins**. Students in the Fall Leroy Collins Public Library art display are; **Landon Mullins, Scout Joyner, Sarah Woods, Mason Streid, Anastasia Stanton, Brodie O'Neal, Addison Cheesman, Samantha Henault, Brandi Green, Mason McCants, Madison Joyner, Cameron Welch, and Cassidy Boone**. Congratulations! Keep Art in Your Heart!! And Have a Wonderful Holiday!!

LATE NIGHT LIBRARY

Please join us on December 6 for the Late Night Library. The Media Center will be open from 5 pm-7 pm for students to read, complete A.R. goals and work on being one of the top 3 readers in the class.

ROBERTS TRENT TROT...LEAVING CANCER IN THE DUST



On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Roberts Elementary School will be hosting our 8th annual 5K and 1 Miler. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Trent Touch Foundation, which provides support to local families of children facing childhood cancer. Last year, we had over 1,000 participants and were able to raise \$25,000 which was used to help financially support families with children recently diagnosed with cancer. In 3 years we have financially supported 17 families. We would like to offer our Roberts' families the opportunity to support our race by becoming a sponsor. If you would like to learn more about the Trent Touch Foundation and become a sponsor, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trent-trot-5k-1m-2017-registration-29316274767?aff=es2>

PTO NEWS

- What a whirlwind! It's been a busy few months and we have a lot to be thankful for as we head in to the holiday season. From family events to fundraising efforts, we have done it all over the last few months. As we begin to look back over what our PTO has accomplished since August, I would like to give thanks to everyone who have played a role in a successful fall!
- Nearly 200 mothers and sons attended our Mother + Son event at Skate World, thanks to the hard work of Brooke Spicer. The free event received rave reviews from everyone in attendance.
- Fall Festival exceeded our fundraising goal of \$10,000. Led by Dayle Mooney, Kathryn Tadder and Melissa Boland, this year's event has nearly 1,000 people attending with new booths, new vendors and a whole new level of excitement. A special thanks to the many parent volunteers and teachers who spent time manning the classroom booths. We couldn't do it without you!
- We are taking a break during December but will be back with a full calendar including the Father + Daughter event, the Silent Auction + Science Night and Foxes Under the Stars. Look for more information in early January.

Happy holidays to you and your family!



A SALUTE FROM ROBERTS

CITIZENSHIP SKILLS

Our citizenship skills for the past month have been Think Win-Win, Put First Things First-Work First, Then Play, Begin With the End in Mind-Have a Plan! **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students whose names were drawn during the month: **SUMMIT NORTH, JESSICA PIERRELUS, DEVAN ROBINSON, LUCY MANN, KENDAL COVAN, DARIAN JEFFERSON, TRIP HARRIETT, CONNOR GROSSO, KINJAL SMITH, ELIJAH LAMM, BRYCE BEDONIE, KENDALL LYONS, DAWSON DEAN, JOHN WEGLINSKI, EVERETT LILLY, LANDON WILLIAMS, COLIN KEENE, LANEY MCDONALD, HALEY JONES, ELLIE MAZZIOTTA, MADISON FREEMAN, CARSON KOCH, BEN GRIGGS, ANALISE BALTODANO, ISABEL CUMMINGS, EDWARD BARE, BAILEY KUHLOFF, SHAYNA FRANK, JAKE ROCHE, NATHAN EDWARDS, REESE LINN, LULU CARTWRIGHT, LEXIE KATE CRUMBAKER, GENESIS BURGOS-RUZ, MIKA FOSTER, DYLAN SCHLOSSMAN, ELLIE WOLFE, SHANIA WIGGINS, MAX LEISHMAN, KINSLEY EDELSTEIN, JON VANN, RILEY MUNROE, WAYLON LUNSFORD, RJ DIBLE, KYLIE MARINI, BRITTYN LONGFELLOW, KALEB WILSON, LEWIS WALLACE, PAYTON WINDER, ELLA SELOVER, CARTER JOHNSON, COLE WOHLRAB, MADISON RAWLS, CIERRA STEPHENS, COURTNEY TAYLOR, ARABELLA SADBURY, COLIN LAMM, KAYTIE MEAD, BROOKE BARINEAU, NOLAN GARCIA, PRESTON RITCHIE, ELIZABETH TOWNSEND, SYDNEY AHL, KENNEDY SPEARS, PIERSON TOWNSON, JEFFREY TUCKER, ALAYSHA WILLIAMS, JACOB CLARK, CREW CARLILE, ALYSE YOUNG, MADISON FREDRICK, MATTHEW BAGGETT, RHIANNA JOHNSON, GABE STARKE, SPENCER THACKER, HAYDEN ALEXANDER, CADEN NORTH, LAURA HUTCHINS, DJ BLACK, RAMZI AHMAD, EASTON LITTLE, AIDAN GONZALEZ, ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, BRANDON HOWELL, HADLEY HOBBS, PARKER BENEDICT, JOHN ROCHE, FISHER COLLINS, EMMA SWANSON, PAIZLEE WINDER, DYLAN PELLEGRINO, KATELYN IRWIN, ALI GRIGSBY, STEVEN DOHENY, DJ LING, MADISON WHITFIELD, DASIA DRYE, ASHLEY MEYER, TREVOR ROBINSON, HALEY HEITMEYER, PAYTON DAVIS, JACK COBB, MIGUEL GUERRA, JUNIPER DE GREEF, COLBY HARDEN, BETSY CONRAD, MAKAYLA FLOWERS, SAMANTHA HENAULT, ELLA WOHLRAB, MAX LATIMER, KENNEDY BOYER, JADEN LOLLIE, LEAH COTE, ANDREW EGGERS, GRACE HUGHGINS, JACOB GRIFFITH, ELLIE WOLFE, IVY WATTERSON, EMMY RUSHING, COLE VALVERI, ISAAC WIKTORSKI**