



# Roberts Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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. DANIA IRVIN**
- Florida School Related Employee of the Year: **MRS. PATTY THOMPSON**
- Teacher of the Year: **MRS. KATIE COWART**

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 Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Remember to read, read, read!

Thank you again for your support with the Boosterthon Fun Run. We have collected 97% of the funds pledged and all of the student laptops have been purchased for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a great accomplishment in such a short time span!

Even though 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. By assisting your children with their homework, signing planners or Friday folders and checking their grades on line, 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

12/5/2017	Late Night Library 5-7 PM
12/6/2017	Tropicana Speech Contest 9 AM
12/7/2017	4th grade musical 6 PM
12/13/2017	iLead Pep Rally
12/13/2017- 12-15/2017	Early Release Days 12:20 PM
12/18/2017- 1/1/2018	Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
1/2/2018	Teacher Planning Day
1/3/2018	Students Return
1/10/2018	Report Cards go home
1/15/2018	MLK Jr Holiday-NO SCHOOL
1/18/2018	PK-2nd Reading Event
1/22/2018- 1/26/2018	Literacy Week and Scholastic Book Fair

## ROBERTS CARING CONNECTION

This year, through our Roberts Caring Connection, we will provide assistance to families who receive support from the Children's Home Society. CHS provides services to families in areas such as: adoption and pregnancy counseling, foster care, emergency shelter for domestic violence victims, early development assessments, and mental health counseling for children and families, just to name a few. If you would like to support CHS families, please send in a **WalMart, Target or Toys R Us gift card** by **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to write the amount on the card, as we need to account for all donations to the agency. Thank you for being such a caring community!

## iREADY DIAGNOSTIC

Earlier in the school year, we began a new school wide initiative called *i-Ready*. This online reading and math program has helped us to assess our students' individual needs and has monitored their progress over the past few months. During this time, the children have participated in lessons that are fun and interactive, with games and characters that have kept them engaged. Now that the students have had some time to practice, we will begin our *second round of diagnostic testing* to measure how much the students have learned, and how to tailor our instruction to meet their precise needs.

### What can I do to help?

We need your help in preparing your child for their second *i-Ready Diagnostic*, so that we can ensure the results are **accurate**. Please encourage your child to do the following:

- Eat a good breakfast and be rested on the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know; remind them that it is expected they will get about half of the questions correct.
- Use the "breaks" that are integrated into the assessment.
- Be respectful of other students who may take longer to finish.

Grade	Dates	Subject
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, 12/4	Reading
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, 12/5	Math
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday, 12/6	Reading
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, 12/7	Math

## LOST AND FOUND

The Winter holidays are approaching fast and the Lost and Found coat racks are FULL. If your child is missing a jacket, lunchbox or water bottle, please encourage them to look through the racks in the cafeteria. Mrs. Wilson will begin bagging any unclaimed items on December 13th for donation to the Lighthouse Children's Home.

## LUCKY GOAT COFFEE FUNDRAISER

Do you have an affinity for Lucky Goat Coffee Company? So do we! You can stock up on their coffee in January thanks to an exciting new fundraiser. Coffee will be delivered just in time for Valentine's Day. So if you need that coffee fix and can make it through the holidays by waiting until January to stock up, Roberts will receive 40% of the proceeds from the fundraiser! More details will follow soon!!

## MUSIC NOTES

The 4th grade students will be performing Santa's Holiday Hoedown program on December 7th at 6 PM in the cafeteria. Parents are invited to come and watch.

## SHARE NIGHT

Please join us for one of our students' favorite share nights of the year! Skate World has opened their doors for us on January 25, 2018. Be on the lookout for more information.

## LATE NIGHT LIBRARY

Please join us on December 5th 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 ELEMENTARY TRENT TROT

Roberts Elementary School is proud to host the 9th annual Trent Trot to honor Trent McElroy, a Roberts 4th grader who lost his battle to childhood cancer in 2013.

It was Trent's greatest wish to support children who are valiantly fighting the same battle that he fought. Treatment and related expenses cost \$1 billion in the US in 2009 alone. These families are vulnerable to financial stress related to unplanned hospitalizations, out of pocket expenses and changes in parental employment. With growing health care costs, resources to help ease the financial burden are limited.

To honor Trent's legacy, Roberts Elementary hosts the race each year. All proceeds go to the Trent's Touch Foundation in order to support local families battling pediatric cancer. To date, we have supported 27 local families!

For information on becoming a sponsor, donor or registering for the race, please visit [www.TrentsTouch.com](http://www.TrentsTouch.com). You can also connect with Trent's Touch on Facebook and Instagram.

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