



# Roberts Elementary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I can hardly believe we are stepping into February already. This has been a year of events for sure; from the Solar Eclipse, to the Hurricane Days to the Snow Day. Now, with the dreaded flu rolling in and affecting so many students and staff members, we are trying hard to hunker down at school and move forward. We appreciate everyone who has alerted us if their child has contracted the flu or any other contagious disease. This Saturday our superintendent has enabled us to pay our custodial staff to deep clean all classrooms and public areas of the school. We are very grateful for this opportunity.

I wanted to offer an extra support service to students Monday- Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-3:30 in Lab 1. Mrs. Hartsfield will monitor and assist students as they progress through their iReady path to meet their goals in math and reading. If you are interested in your child attending please let me know ASAP at [mcfarlandk2@leonschools.net](mailto:mcfarlandk2@leonschools.net). Your child would need to be picked up at 3:30 in the car pick up area.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Trent Trot was a huge success and I owe it to the 80+ volunteers, all the students and families who registered for the race, and to the sponsors who supported the race with their contributions. We raised over \$30,000.00 for Trent's Touch Foundation to support families with children fighting childhood cancer. It is such a blessing to work with such a giving and supportive community. Mark your calendar for the 10 year celebration next January! Thank you again for allowing us to play such an important role in the daily lives of your children! It is always a pleasure to see your children reach their fullest academic potential.

## FATHER / DAUGHTER DANCE

Our annual Father/Daughter Dance is one of our most popular events of the year! Please join us for the dance which will take place on Friday, February 9, at 6:30-8:30 pm in the cafeteria. This year's theme is Mardi Gras! Please sign up for food donations and volunteering opportunities: [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48aza62f4-2018](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48aza62f4-2018)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

2/9/2018	Student Interim Reports
2/9/2018	Father / Daughter Dance
2/15/2018	Late Night Library
3/6/2018	Grade 4 & 5 FSA-ELA Writing
3/7/2018	Roberts Science Day & Family Science Night
3/9/2018	Field Day
3/9/2018	End of 3rd Nine-Weeks
3/12-16/2018	Spring Break=School Holiday
3/19/2018	Teacher Planning Day
3/20/2018	Students Return
3/23/2018	Class Picture Day
3/28/2018	Report Cards
4/3/2018	18-19 Kdg Parent Meeting
4/5/2018	18-19 Kdg Orientation/Tour

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month! Our Multicultural Committee has put together a few fun learning experiences to remember the past, celebrate the present and encourage the future. To begin with, we will have our own "RES Talking Wax Museum"! Our 5th graders will appear on the news dressed as some very famous African Americans that may be "Gone But Not Forgotten" and discuss the contributions they have made to society. All classes will have the opportunity to participate in our Annual Black History Scavenger Hunt in the Media Center where our students will discover new facts about the lives and accomplishments of different famous African Americans. Our Student Council Lead Team has created bulletin boards in our cafeteria that focus on famous African Americans in different career paths. This is going to be an enjoyable and informative month for all!

## LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS CHOICE

Leon County Schools offer a diversity of educational opportunities to students. School Choice allows a student to maximize educational opportunities by providing options for attending a school that best meets their specific needs. If you are interested in knowing more about the Leon County Schools Choice Program, please call the School Choice Office at 561-8484. School Choice/ Reassignment Forms are available at [www.leonschools.net](http://www.leonschools.net). The deadline to apply for changing schools is **March 1, 2018**.

## SOMETHING NEW FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Next time you're in our front office, please take a few moments to check out our new volunteer log-in system! We are so excited to now have everything done through a computer using the Helpcounter software. No more signing in with pen and paper AND no more logging volunteer hours from home. We now will be able to track the hours that our amazing volunteers put in through the software; and remember, the more hours logged the more access we have to grants and funding! If hours are done off campus, you can still easily log the hours into the program. Also, we will now be able to know if our volunteers have been approved by the district before they enter the school. If you have not had a chance to fill out the volunteer application form online, please do so! It is such a simple process and the link can be found on the LCS website. Thank you again to all of our fantastic volunteers!

## YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now and order forms have already been sent home with students. The cost for yearbooks right now is \$25, but will increase to \$28 after Spring Break. Parents, please note that yearbooks may be ordered online using code C421680 or by sending the order form and payment to your child's teacher. Additional forms are available in the front office. If you have questions, email [cameronc@leonschools.net](mailto:cameronc@leonschools.net). Also, if you have taken photos at any school event this year and think they would make great yearbook pictures, please email them to Christy Cameron, [cameronc@leonschools.net](mailto:cameronc@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. Thank you in advance!

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Please pass the word to families in the Roberts school zone who have children beginning kindergarten next year that we will be having an informational meeting for parents on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00 pm. This meeting is for **PARENTS ONLY**. Our annual Student Orientation & tour for new kindergarten families will be Thursday, April 5. We will begin at 9:30 am in the cafeteria where parents and children will be broken into groups. They will then be able to visit kindergarten classes and tour the school campus. Parents will be able to begin the registration process at that time.

## ROBERTS FOOD PANTRY: COLLECTION

Did you know that Roberts has a Food Pantry for students in need of snack, or take-home meals over the weekend? We are proud to continue this service to help our Red Fox Families, and this is all possible due to generous donations from Roberts Parents and Faculty! How can you help? Next time you're in the store, pick up a few extra items, and send these to the main office!

A few typical items used and reminders:

- must be non-perishable
- plastic, no glass, as these go into backpacks and could break on way home
- mix of veggies, fruits, meat, pasta, beans (cans) ready to make noodles, macaroni and cheese, soup (easy for students to head up themselves)
- breakfast items: Pop-Tarts, oatmeal, breakfast bars, etc.

Thank you for any help you can provide!

## HAVE YOU MOVED OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE?

If you have moved, or plan to move in the near future, please submit your change of address to the front office, along with two proofs of address. **Proof of address is required and must include one of the following documents: homestead exemption, mortgage deed, a lease or rental agreement, or property tax record; and at least one other form of appropriate documentation such as a driver's license, voter registration card, electric bill, or insurance bill.** 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 call Kim Kennett at 488-092 or email [kennettk@leonschools.net](mailto:kennettk@leonschools.net)