



Roberts Elementary School

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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: **Coach Brian Dobie**

· Florida School Related Employee of the Year: **Mrs. Christy Cameron**

· Teacher of the Year: **Mrs. Lisa Blackburn**

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 6th 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. All of the student laptops have been purchased for 3rd grade students and four interactive panels have been purchased for teachers. 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	
6-Dec	Tropicana Speech Contest
6-Dec	Late Night Library 5:00pm - 7:00pm
13-Dec	4th Grade Musical 6pm
18-Dec	Pint Size Hero Blood Drive 1:30pm - 6:30pm
21-Dec	Early Release Day 12:20pm
Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter Break No School
7-Jan	Teacher Planning Day
8-Jan	Students Return to School
17-Jan	PTO Meeting 6pm
Jan 18- Jan 25	Scholastic Book Fair
21-Jan	MLK JR Holiday NO SCHOOL
Jan 28 - Feb 1	Literacy Week

ROBERTS HOLIDAY DRIVE

We are partnering with the Children's Home Society again this holiday season to provide assistance to children in our local communities. CHS provides services to children and families in areas such as: foster care, adoption and pregnancy counseling, early development assessments, and mental health counseling for children and families, just to name a few. Please look in your child's Friday Folder for a flyer with more information or check out our website for all the details. The deadline to submit gifts/gift cards is Monday, December 10. Thank you for being such a caring community!

FROM THE PTO

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the PTO Fall Festival on November 2. This family friendly event is the biggest event for the PTO and is something we all look forward to every year. A great big thank you to Kari Hilyer for organizing the event and to all the volunteers that assisted with setting up and tearing down to running booths. We could not make this event happen without the support of our administration, staff, faculty, and parent volunteers. So many thanks to each of you for all your support! If you have ideas for next year and want to get involved, please email Becky Tucker, Volunteer Coordinator at ryanbeckytucker@hotmail.com so she can put you on the list for next year. Planning for the Fall Festival begins early in the school year so expressing your interest now will ensure your involvement in the planning stages. Please mark your calendars for the next big PTO meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019! We will have a special guest from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to provide parents with practical tips on internet safety. This event is being tailored to provide answers to those questions we all wonder about – what we can do to keep our kids safe with online games, what do we need to know about social media, and so much more. Technology is constantly changing and by attending this presentation you will get the latest information from experts. This is a meeting you don't want to miss, especially if your child is getting a new phone or electronic device for the holidays. Mark your calendars and join us for an informative session on January 17, 2019.

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 21st for donation to the Lighthouse Children's Home.

LATE NIGHT LIBRARY

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

MUSIC NOTES

The 4th grade students will be performing the Jingle Bell Jukebox on December 13th at 6pm in the cafeteria. Hope to see you there!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendar for our Scholastic Book Fair, Which will take place from January 18-25th. Details will be sent home in January. This is a much-anticipated, fun event.

LITERACY WEEK

We will celebrate Literacy Week January 28- February 1. This is a statewide initiative to show appreciation for books and reading. We will have different events and activities throughout the week, so be on the lookout for more information in January.

ROBERTS ELEMENTARY -THE TRENT

Roberts Elementary School is proud to host the 10th annual Trent Trot now named THE TRENT 10K 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 35 local families!

For information on becoming a sponsor, donor or registering for the race, please visit www.TrentsTouch.com.