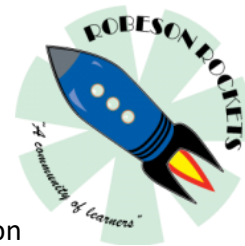


ROBESON ROCKET

September 2017



PTA NEWS

Welcome Back to School!

The Robeson PTA would like to welcome our new families, as well as welcome back our returning families, as we dive into another busy school year!

Robeson PTA Website/Facebook Page

A special thank you to Kristi McDuffie for developing our own PTA Website. The site is packed with information and provides links to other useful websites. It's a one-stop shop for all things Robeson! You can even subscribe to receive emails alerting you when updates have been posted. Look for our PTA Bylaws and Proposed Budget to be added soon. Please visit the site at <https://robessonpta.com> to see for yourself!

Another great place to find information is our **Friends of Robeson Facebook Page**. If you have not done so, please submit a request to join, and we will add you.

Help Robeson While Shopping

You can set your County Market and Schnucks loyalty cards, as well as your smile.amazon.com account, to benefit Robeson. Also, please remember to save box tops and send them in with your students.

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee organizes monthly meals for our awesome Robeson staff. They also provide a treat and gift card to each teacher during their birthday month. We LOVE our teachers at Robeson and want them to know that throughout the entire year!

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome New Staff Members

We have several new staff members at Robeson. They are: Olivia Elkins (Special Ed.), Scott Doyle (Special Ed.), Amanda Lee (2nd Grade), Angela Lindquist (4th Grade), Suzanne Berkes (Art), Brian Fahey (PE), Ana Bedini-Jacobini (ESL), and Gabriela Rosas (Aide). Please join me in welcoming these individuals into our Robeson family!

You can help by signing up to bring food via Sign-Up Genius on our Robeson Facebook Page. You can also make a monetary donation to the hospitality fund, which is used to purchase main dishes, paper products, and teacher gifts.

The next hospitality meal will be on **Friday, September 22**, and it is a "Let's Tailgate" themed lunch. Please consider signing up to bring an item or two! You may contact Dana (dana.vandever@gmail.com) or Traci (chieffan68@att.net) with any questions.

Membership

Officially joining the PTA is not required, but it helps us collect contact information and pay the Illinois PTA dues. Dues are \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. Membership sign-up forms will be going home with your students and are also available at meetings.

PTA Meetings

We invite all teachers, parents, and staff to join us at our monthly meetings to share ideas, ask questions, or voice concerns. You do not need to be a member of the PTA to attend meetings. Pizza and babysitting are provided.

PTA meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, except the first meeting, which will follow Open House on **September 19 at 7 pm**.

This month, Mrs. Coffman, 5th grade teacher, will talk about social emotional behavior and implementing our new Second Step curriculum into Robeson. Mrs. Liay will discuss her plan for the enrichment program this year. Dr. Susan Zola, Unit 4 Superintendent, will also speak at this meeting. Please plan to attend!

Open House

Please plan to attend Robeson's Open House on **Tuesday, September 19 from 6-7 pm**. Families will be able to meet their student's teacher and tour their student's classroom. Please plan to stay for the first PTA meeting starting at 7 pm.

Library News

Welcome to another great year at the Robeson Library! Please visit the library on **Tuesday, September 19, for our annual School Open House and the Library's Adopt-a-Book Program**. Adopt-a-Book is a fundraising program that helps to purchase more books for the library. Students may choose a book or books they would like to adopt for \$10 each. By adopting a book, the student will be the first to check out that particular book, and it will then be available for all the students to check out.

Each classroom attends library once per week for 40 minutes. During this time, Mrs. Archer teaches a lesson and helps the students choose a book or books for the week. Students are allowed to keep the books for one week. Second through 5th Grade students may renew the books for one additional week. Two weeks is the maximum check out time for materials, unless it is for a classroom book report or assignment.

There is a unique volunteer position available. The volunteer will be checking books out to students and helping them with activities every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:20 pm. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Archer at archeral@u4sd.org.

The library is looking for donations of gently used or new board books. Please send book donations with your student or drop them off at the library. Thank you!

Fall Festival

Fallapalooza will be held on **Friday, October 6 from 5-7 pm** – please mark your calendars! This is one of Robeson's biggest fundraisers of the year, and it is fun

2017-2018 DATES TO KNOW

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept 1 (Fri) – No School for Students, Institute Day• Sept 4 (Mon) – No school, Labor Day• Sept 19 (Tue) – Open House, 6-7 pm; PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm• Sept 21 (Thu) – No School, Fall Holiday• Oct 6 (Fri) – Fallapalooza, 5-7 pm• Oct 9 (Mon) – No School, Fall Holiday• Oct 17 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Oct 25-27 (Wed-Fri) – Book Fair• Oct 26-27 (Thu-Fri) – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences• Nov 21 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Nov 22-24 (Wed-Fri) – No School, Thanksgiving Break | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dec 20-21 (Wed-Thu) – Early Dismissal• Dec 22-Jan 5 – No School, Winter Break• Jan 8 (Mon) – No School for Students, Institute Day• Jan 15 (Mon) – No School, MLK Jr.• Jan 16 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Feb 19 (Mon) – No School, Presidents' Day• Feb 20 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Mar 14-16 (Wed-Fri) – Book Fair• Mar 15-16 (Thu-Fri) – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences• Mar 19-23 (Mon-Fri) – No School, Spring Break | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mar 30 (Fri) – No School, Spring Holiday• Apr 2 (Mon) – No School, Spring Holiday• Apr 17 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Apr 30-May 4 – Screen Free Week• May 7-11 (Mon-Fri) – Teacher Appreciation Week• May 15 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• May 24-25 (Thu-Fri) – Early Dismissal• May 25 (Fri) – Last Day of School, Unless Snow Days Added• May 29-June 4 – Snow Day |
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for the whole family, featuring games, dinner, a silent auction, music, sweet treats, raffles and much more!

Volunteers for this event are greatly appreciated! There are several ways you can help. You can bring your family to the event and enjoy the activities. You can sign up to set up, sell tickets, run a game or booth, and/or help clean up. You can donate items for the silent auction, small toys for prizes (kids' meals toys, party favors, gently used stuffed animals), books for the book walk, and/or baked goods for the cake walk.

There will be a bin near the main entrance to collect these donations. Baked goods for the cake walk will be collected closer to the date of the event. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact: Traci (chieffan68@att.net) or Jenelle (jent7@hotmail.com).

The Really Big Numbers Club

Professor J and Professor A will return to Robeson this year to lead the Really Big Numbers Club. Meetings will be held on Thursdays, starting immediately after school and dismissing at 3:20 pm. Parent volunteers are very welcome! Permission slips will be sent home for all grade levels. Please complete and return the slips right away, even if your child will not be participating until later this year. There will be a theme for each grade level, and the **5th Grade club** is tentatively scheduled to start on **Thursday, September 7**.

Like last year, there will be a celebration in the winter and spring. The RBNC will also be at Fallapalooza on Friday, October 6. Please contact Professor J (Jonathan Thomas-Stagg) at drjtstagg@gmail.com with questions.