

ROBESON ROCKET

February 2017



PTA NEWS

PTA Positions

Are you looking for a way to get involved with the Robeson PTA? We have several opportunities open and could use your help! The PTA is looking for a representative to serve on the Building Council, which meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2:30 pm. Building Council is a group of teachers, a parent representative, office staff, and administration who discuss building-wide plans, concerns, and budget. There are also three openings for the Nominating Committee, which will make nominations for next year's PTA Board. We would also like to start a

Fundraising Committee to develop new ideas to help raise money for our school. If you are interested in helping out, please contact PTA President, Jenelle Thompson-Keene, at jent7@hotmail.com.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 21 from 6-7 pm**. This month's focus will be "Making the Most of Parent Teacher Conferences." Please plan to attend; we would love to see more of you at the meetings. As always, free pizza and babysitting will be provided!

SCHOOL NEWS

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Creative Expressions Contest

Congratulations to the following students in Mr. Bost's class: Sandaru Devmal, Quincy Dixon, Dayaneira Gomez, Eldana Nigussie, Simon Nudelman, and Campbell Phillips. These exemplary students won the Martin Luther King, Jr. Creative Expressions Contest sponsored by the University of Illinois. They created a clay-mation video depicting Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Mr. Bost said of his students, "they worked so hard designing the set, making the figures, writing the script, filming and editing the film. I am extremely proud of the work that they accomplished." Way to go Robeson students!

National African American Parent Involvement Day

Robeson will celebrate National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) on **Monday, February 13 from 10:30 to 12:30**. All Robeson families are invited to a parent/student lunch at the designated time, as well as a "Cookies and Chat" session with the school principals. Please join us!

Blocking Driveways

We have had a few complaints from Robeson's neighbors about vehicles blocking their driveways at

dismissal time. Let's be considerate of our neighbors and leave their driveways clear!

Wet Wipes

The cafeteria is in need of wet wipes for students who bring food with peanut butter. Help us prevent cross-contamination and keep our students with allergies safe. Please drop off any donations in the office. Thank you!

Running Club

Running Club starts this **Friday, February 3rd**! Participants will meet on Fridays from 2:10 to 3:15 pm in the gym. Once the weather permits, the Running Club will run outdoors around the Robeson campus. Parents are encouraged to join their child in walking and/or jogging with the group. Volunteers to help the students log in are needed! If you can help, please contact Mr. Pope or Dana VanDeveer-Jones.

Dates to mark on your calendars:

- Thurs., April 20 at 5:30 pm - Robeson Road Runners Pasta Party in the cafeteria; and
- Fri., April 21 - Illinois Marathon 5K Run/Walk on the U of I campus.

Wellness Committee Update

We are thrilled to announce that the NEW Act-Nu after school club has 21 children registered! It begins on **Thursday, February 9 at 2:00 pm** with pick up

at Door 3 at 2:45 pm. The goal of this club is to stress the importance of exercise, sports, and the 5 main food groups. Each session will focus on a different exercise and one of the food groups. Photos will be taken, as the club members will be preparing a healthy brochure for the Robeson student body. Approximately one week before the club begins, Ms. Monroe will contact all of the registered participants. If you have any questions before then, please email Ms. Monroe at monroeja@u4sd.org.

Drama Club Update

The members of Drama Club are working hard getting ready for their performance of Schoolhouse Rock on May 19. There will be other Drama Club opportunities soon, so please watch for updates from Mrs. Stine.

Pairs to Share!

Robeson is participating in a sock drive this month to help those in need within our community. We will be collecting pairs of new socks, in any size, from **February 1-17**. We will then donate them to local organizations who are in need of socks during this very cold time of year. Thank you!

Jump Rope for Heart

This month Robeson students will participate in "Jump Rope for Heart" during PE. The Kick-Off Assembly will be on **Monday, February 6**. The students will learn about the program and prizes. Magnets with important dates have been sent home and newsletters will follow.

Blood Drive

The First Grade will be having a blood drive with Community Blood Services of Illinois' Bloodmobile on February 23 from 3-7 p.m. in the East parking lot at Robeson. We will receive a Life-Saving Grant of \$250 if at least 20 donors successfully donate a pint of blood. This grant will go toward our potential field trip to Savoy 16 to see the documentary, Born in China, which is produced by DisneyNature. Please contact Alicia Liay von Bodman (liayal@u4sd.org) to be put on the email list in order to schedule. Thanks!

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 1-17 – Sock Drive
- Feb 3 (Fri) – Pajama Day Incentive
- Feb 13 (Mon) – NAAPID at Robeson
- Feb 20 (Mon) – No School (President's Day)
- Feb 21 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6 pm

Robeson's Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night is coming on **Thursday, April 27** from 6:00-7:30 pm! Please mark your calendars now! Mrs. Reger will be sending home information for each student to make and display a travel brochure to the city, state, or country their family is from. Soon you will be able to see the travel brochures to the countries our ESL students made. We would love to add every family's brochure. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet to set up a table displaying your family's heritage. Again, everyone who comes is encouraged to bring a food to share including the family recipe. We had quite a feast of cultures last year! Mrs. Reger would love some parent volunteers to help ahead of time and that night. If interested, please email her at regerma@u4sd.org.

School of Choice Tours

School of Choice Tours start this month. Robeson will provide tours on Tuesday mornings at 9 am in February, as well as Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 pm in March. Mr. Gaines and Mr. Pope will be leading the tours, but they will need volunteers to greet visitors. Robeson will also host a School of Choice Open House on March 2 from 6 to 8 pm. Please stop into the office if you are interested in volunteering during tour days.

Read Across America Week

Read Across America Week will take place during the first week of March. Please continue to log how many pages your students and families are reading! Look for more information about activities during this week to come home soon!

Dance Clinic

Ms. Monroe, our Mentor Volunteer Coordinator, coaches the Central High School Competitive Dance Team and is putting on the CHS Mini Maroon Dance Clinic. There will be another round of fliers distributed. For more information please contact her at monroeja@u4sd.org.

- Feb 23 (Thu) – Blood Drive, 3-7 pm
- Mar 2 (Thu) – Read Across America Day
- Mar 16-17 (Thu-Fri) – No School (for students), Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 20-24 (Mon-Fri) – No School (Spring Break)