

# ROBESON ROCKET

November 2017



## PTA NEWS

### **Fall Festival Success**

Fallapalooza was a success once again! A special thank you to Traci Schurvinske and Jenelle Keene for all their planning. Thank you also to everyone who helped by donating items, setting up, running stations, selling tickets, cleaning up, and of course, to all of our wonderful families who came out to enjoy the celebration despite the rainy weather! Robeson's awesome families are what make Fallapalooza amazing year after year!

### **Special Thanks to Matt Difanis of Remax**

A huge thank you to Matt Difanis and his team from Remax for donating musical services during Fallapalooza! Thanks to Mr. Difanis' generosity, our families were able to enjoy some good tunes during our Fall Festival. If you or someone you know needs the services of a realtor, please consider contacting the Matt Difanis Remax team.



### **Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser**

Thank you to Regan Phillips for her amazing job with the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie fundraiser! This was a record year for Robeson with nearly \$36,000 in sales proceeds and donations! Thank you Robeson families for the hard work you put into selling ALL of those cookies!

The limo ride to Jupiter's for qualifying students will be on **Thursday, December 7** between 10 am and 1 pm. We will need plenty of chaperones to supervise the students at Jupiter's. Please watch for details and permission slips going home with your students soon.

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### **Book Fair – Thank You!**

A huge thank you to Suzanna Coats for organizing the Book Fair! Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped set up, tear down, and operate the register. Thanks to Suzanna and the volunteers, our families were able to purchase some amazing books!

### **Box Tops**

Congratulations to Mrs. Chambers' first grade class and Mr. Milo's second grade class for winning the September and October Box Top contests, respectively! They will enjoy a special treat of their choice in their classrooms. Please continue to collect box tops and send them in with your students.

### **School T-Shirts**

We will once again have Robeson t-shirts available for purchase. Please consider buying some school spirit wear and show off your Robeson pride! Look for more information coming home soon.

### **Playground Committee**

Want new playground equipment for our children at Robeson? You can help by joining the Playground Committee! We need people to help with researching, as well as grant searching and writing. If you are interested, please contact a member of the PTA Board or come to the next PTA meeting.

### **PTA Meeting**

Our **Tuesday, November 21** PTA meeting will be rescheduled due to Thanksgiving break. Please be on the lookout for a new date. There will not be a meeting in December due to school concerts and other activities. We hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Enrichment for All Update**

Mrs. Liay von Bodman is finishing up the insect unit with the second graders. Their papier-mâché insects are getting their wings, antennas, claws, etc. Students are doing an amazing job.

Fifth grade will be getting another visit from the Society of Women Engineers (UIUC) on Thursday, November 9. They'll learn about simple machines and do a hands-on project with what they learn.

Third graders have been studying about Westward Expansion. They've already completed two STEM projects—Temporary Shelters and Covered Wagons—and will be completing their third this week, which is a raft for their wagons to Ford the River. They've been incredibly creative and collaborative.

Fourth grade is going on a field trip Thursday, November 2 to see the Festival of South African Dance at Krannert Center for Performing Arts. Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring this trip! Their immigration unit starts in January. If you or someone you know immigrated to the United States and would be willing to share his/her immigration story, please contact Mrs. Liay von Bodman.

### **Humane Society Donations**

Our very own Lori Costello is collecting newspaper (without the ads) for the Humane Society. If you have newspaper ready to be recycled, please bring it to her in the office. Thank you!

### **"Spread the Love" Food Drive**

Again this year, Robeson is participating in the Eastern Illinois Area Food Bank's Day of Giving Campaign by helping to "Spread the Love" in our

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### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Nov 16 (Thu) – Picture Retake Day
- Nov 21 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, cancelled; new date TBD
- Nov 22-24 (Wed-Fri) – No School, Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 7 (Thu) – Jupiter's Trip

community. The Food Bank is the primary food source for food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and other emergency feeding programs. Please consider donating jars of peanut butter and jelly during this month's drive.

### **Support Robeson While Shopping**

Holiday shopping season is on its way! If you do any online shopping via Amazon this year, you can raise money for our school. "Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice." Go to smile.amazon.com to start shopping and select Robeson as the recipient. Thank you!

### **PBIS Theme/Third Grade Food Drive**

The PBIS theme for this month is compassion and empathy. To put these values into practice, the third grade has organized a food drive to benefit the Feed the Children organization. Starting on November 1, they will be collecting canned food donations (soup, Spaghetti-O's, tuna, etc.). You may send donations in with your students or drop them off in the bins located in each of the classroom hallways.

### **Winter Concerts**

Please mark your calendars for Robeson's winter concerts. They will take place on **Tuesday, December 19**, in the school gym. The schedule is:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at 6 pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at 6:30 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade with 5<sup>th</sup> Grade strings at 7 pm

- Dec 19 (Tue) – Winter Concerts
- Dec 20-21 (Wed-Thu) – Early Dismissal
- Dec 22-Jan 5 – No School, Winter Break