

ROBESON ROCKET

September 2016

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting
September 20, 7 pm

Please join us at the first PTA meeting of the year immediately following the Open House. You do not need to be a member of the PTA to attend meetings; all are welcome! Free babysitting and dinner during the meeting.

This PTA meeting will feature:

- **Presentation of Robeson Clubs** – Find out what clubs your kids might want to join
- **PTA Board & Committee Introductions** – Did you know we have a Hospitality Committee to support and celebrate the efforts of the staff by providing monthly luncheons? The committee also recognizes staff birthdays each month. We will be kicking off the school year with our tailgate picnic luncheon in September. Come to the PTA meeting to find out more or to help support our great teachers.

Fall-la-pa-loo-za
September 23, 5-8 pm

Ya...Fallapalooza is almost here! This is a fun evening with dinner, great games, treats, and an amazing silent auction. And it is our major fundraiser for the year.

We need volunteers and silent auction donations!

Really Big Numbers Club

A big thank you to Jonathan Stagg for expanding RBNC this year! Given the overwhelming and positive feedback after the pilot program of The REALLY Big Numbers Club this past year, we have decided to expand the RBNC to all grades at Robeson. The 5th grade meetings will start first. Each grade level will run for 5 weeks, finishing with Kindergarten in the late spring. At the conclusion of grade-level club meetings, we will organize a school-wide RBNC celebration.



Themes for the club this year are:

- 5th Grade - CITIZEN SCIENCE: learning how to engage in real scientific endeavors and participate in a scientific community
- 4th Grade - MATH WIZARDS: helping kids develop a love of mathematics - all lessons will include using math to do cool things, like measuring the size of the earth
- 3rd Grade - COSMOLOGY and ASTRONOMY: better understanding our place in the universe (many of the activities we did this past year)
- 2nd Grade - EMPIRICISM: asking "why" questions about the natural world and using experimental methods to answer those questions
- 1st Grade - CAUSE AND EFFECT: learning to manipulate the world around us and observe the outcomes of scientific experiments
- Kindergarten - DISCOVERY: hands-on, fun, messy experiments that engage the SENSES

Thank You Janelle!

I just want to give a big shout out and thank you to Janelle, our PTA President. During registration, she was hard at work landscaping around our Robeson sign in the bus drop-off circular drive. She was planting hosts and mulching the area, so when our kids arrive at school, they are welcome to a nice looking school, with not a patch of weedy dirt. Thank you!

Pick Up - Drop Off Reminders!

There are a lot of cars during drop-off and pick-up, so please make sure to only enter using the North entrance. When exiting the South exit, left turns onto Scottsdale Drive are against the law. When using the drop-off line, please do not get out of the car. Also, you should not stop the car in the middle of the parking lot to pick up your kid; you should park and walk to the walkers door 4. Finally, there is no cell phone use in cars allowed in school zones.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dental Forms Due

If you would like your child to have a free dental exam in December, please turn in your completed pink dental as soon as possible. See Lori in the front office if you have questions.

Hand Wipes Needed

The school is in need of hand wipes (or baby wipes) for the lunchroom to clean-off sticky, peanut buttery hands. Please drop them off at the front office.

5th Grade Field Trip to Kickapoo State Park September 8

For the 5th grade science unit "Landforms, Rocks and Minerals," students will be exploring the landforms of Kickapoo State Park. Students will be visiting the Outcrop, Mine Entrance, Emerald Pond, and the Point Bar Stop near Possum Pond. It will be an all day field trip for of fun and outdoors.

Grandparent's Day September 12

Grandparents are invited to visit their grandkids' classroom and eat lunch with them.

Open House Adopt-a-Book Fundraiser Supplies/Clothes Drive September 20, 6-7 pm

Come and visit with your child's teachers, fellow parents, and check out your school.

Visit the library and help our librarian, Mrs. Archer, purchase new books for our kids with our \$10 Adopt-a-Book fundraiser. This year we need high

interest, non-fiction and fiction books. The books available for adoption will be on display in the library. Students and or family members choose the book they wish to adopt, decorate a label, and then pay \$10 per book adoption (cash or check).

Can't adopt a book, no problem. Come to the table outside of the library where we will have bookmarks available for every child.

Mrs. Pflum is hosting a school supply drive! Please consider bringing a new school supply with you to open house and place it in the box outside Mrs. Pflum's door.

Cleaning out your child's closet? Mrs. Pflum is accepting gently worn, elementary age sized clothing to share with our students. No adult or preschool size clothing please.

Welcome Ms. Brianna Harden Office Manager

We have several new additions to the Robeson Family this year and will highlight them over the next few newsletters. Welcome to our new friendly face in the front office:

Hello Robeson Families!

My name is Brianna Harden and I am the new Office Manager here at Robeson Elementary. I am a graduate from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's Degree in Social Work. I am originally from the Chicagoland area and have been in Central Illinois since 2007. I have a 1 year old son and I am super excited to be his mom! I am located in the Main office with our Attendance Secretary Lori Costello. Come by and see me or Lori any time.

UPCOMING DATES

- Sept 5, Mon – No School
- Sept 20, Tues 6-7 pm – Open House
- Sept 20, Tues 7-8 pm – PTA Meeting
- Sept 23, Fri 5-8 pm – Fallapalooza
- Oct 3, Mon – No School
- Oct 10, Mon – No School
- Oct 18, Tue 6-7 pm – PTA Meeting
- Oct 27-28, Thur-Fri – Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair - No School

Questions, comments, or contributions for future newsletters? Please contact Vickie at bvnudelman@gmail.com