

ROBESON ROCKET

December 2017



PTA NEWS

Playground Committee

Thank you to those people who have already joined the committee. We could still use more volunteers. We need to complete the groundwork so our students can start enjoying their new playground! Committee members will be involved in researching playground equipment companies, as well as searching for and writing grants. If you are interested, please contact a member of the PTA Board.

Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser

We had a record year of profits (about \$15,500) from our cookie dough fundraiser! The top seller class was Mr. Milo's 2nd graders. The top seller for the entire school was Natalie Summers from Ms. Baby's 1st grade class – she sold a whopping 56 items! Please join us in congratulating Natalie and Mr. Milo's class! Thanks again to all the students and their families for their superb selling efforts during this fundraiser.

The limo ride to Jupiter's for qualifying students will be on **Thursday, December 7 between 10 am and 1 pm**. Please make sure you have turned in a signed permission slip for your qualifying student. **We need more**

volunteers to supervise the students at

Jupiter's. If you would like to serve as a chaperone for the Jupiter's trip or have any questions please email Regan Phillips (reganjphillips@hotmail.com).

Hospitality Committee

The PTA Hospitality Committee is coordinating a festive "Appy Holidays" luncheon for our staff on **Thursday, December 14 from 10:45 am to 1:00 pm** in the staff lounge. If you would like to contribute an item or two, please sign up via Sign Up Genius at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084eaaa823a20-appy1>

Box Tops

The next due date for Box Tops for the November and December contests will be **Thursday, December 21**. The top two classes will earn a treat when we return from break. Please keep those Box Tops coming!

PTA Meeting

Please remember there is no meeting in December. The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 16 from 6-7 pm**.

SCHOOL NEWS

Enrichment Volunteers Needed

Did you immigrate to the U.S. or know someone who did? The 4th graders start their Immigration Unit in January and we are looking for volunteers to be interviewed about their immigration stories. Please let Mrs. Liay von Bodman know if you or someone you know may be interested.

Early Dismissal Days

Please note that students will be dismissed at **1:35 pm on Wednesday, December 20 and Thursday, December 21**.

ESL Student Projects

Mrs. Bedini's 2nd grade ESL students have been learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. They have written poems

and essays and produced recordings. Mrs. Bedini said of her 2nd graders: "I'm very proud of my students and especially I celebrated their enthusiasm and creativity on this project." Congratulations on a job well done, Robeson students!

Hour of Code

From **December 4 to December 8**, all Robeson Students will join other students across the district and nation in the Hour of Code. Students will be involved in coding activities to promote an interest in computer sciences. According to the Hour of Code website, "the Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify 'code', to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science." "The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of

millions of students in 180+ countries.” You can find out more at <https://hourofcode.com/us>.

Pajama Drive

Robeson will be hosting a Pajama Drive **December 4 – 15**. We are collecting new PJs to donate to Salt and Light. We are setting a goal of 75 sets of pajamas (infant to adult sizes) and—if we meet our goal—each class will receive an additional praise note (WOO HOO!). We are continuing our theme of GIVING that was started last month with the can drive. Donation boxes will be placed around the school and the FLS class will be collecting and counting them. There will be an all school pajama day on **Thursday, December 21** to celebrate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacie Livengood, Laura Hastings, or Olivia Elkins. Thank you!

Wacky Wednesdays

Robeson students and staff will have the opportunity to show off some wacky fashions on Wednesdays this month!

December 6 – Wacky Footwear Day: Come to school dressed in mismatched socks and/or shoes. Or wear socks with crazy patterns.

December 13 – Wacky Hair Day: Come to school with a silly headband, a fun hat, a crazy hairdo, etc. plus your wacky footwear.

December 20 – Wacky Outfit Day. Wear your wacky footwear, wacky hair, and add an ugly sweater or a crazy shirt to complete your wacky look.

Plan your wacky wardrobe and join the fun on Wacky Wednesdays this month!

2nd Annual Starry Night

The Really Big Numbers Club is hosting its second annual winter celebration, A Starry Night! ALL ROBESON FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! Last year, we had a blast inside the inflatable planetarium in the Robeson gym. This year, we will take the party outside for a star

UPCOMING DATES

- Dec 7 (Thu) – Jupiter’s Trip
- Dec 19 (Tue) – Winter Concerts
- Dec 20-21 (Wed-Thu) – Early Dismissal at 1:35pm
- Dec 22-Jan 5 – No School, Winter Break

viewing party. Professor J will be bringing a telescope to view stars, planets, and galaxies. Families are welcome to bring binoculars and telescopes, too. Kids will also recreate famous constellations with flashlights and Kathy Thomas-Stagg (of T-Stagg Photography) will photograph their creations. We will be making s’mores and drinking hot chocolate as we gaze at the stars and celebrate the holidays. PLEASE NOTE: Since we need clear weather to view the skies, **December 18** is the proposed date. In case of clouds or inclement weather, updates will be posted on the Robeson Facebook page. The location will be either Robeson Park or Kaufman Lake depending on the Champaign Park District’s approval of a bonfire. We hope lots of families are able to join us!

Winter Concerts

Winter Concerts will be on **Tuesday, December 19**, in the school gym with the following schedule:

1st Grade at 6 pm

2nd Grade at 6:30 pm

3rd Grade with 5th Grade strings at 7 pm

Students should go to their regular classrooms 10 minutes before their grade’s concert. If you have any questions, please contact our music teacher, Mrs. Madden (maddensa@u4sd.org).

Running Club

Running club permission slips have gone out for the 2018 season. If your child wants to participate, please have slips turned in by **January 15**. New this year: Every student participating in running club will get a t-shirt. We are hoping to have shirts done by the start of running club so students can wear them on Fridays to club! We are also asking for a \$10 donation to help cover the t-shirt cost plus other costs of running club (snacks, pre-race dinner). If you have any questions, please contact Dana VanDeveer (dana.vandever@gmail.com).

- Jan 8 (Mon) – No School for Students, Institute Day
- Jan 15 (Mon) – No School, MLK Jr.
- Jan 16 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm