

# ROBESON ROCKET

February 2018



## PTA NEWS

### **Playground Committee**

The Playground Committee is planning to meet soon to discuss playground ideas. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Traci Schurvinske ([chieffan68@att.net](mailto:chieffan68@att.net)).

### **School T-Shirts**

The PTA will be selling school shirts soon! We have been working with Te Shurt on campus, and all sales will be completed online. Information on how to sign up will come home in the next couple of weeks.

### **Fifth Grade Promotion**

Mrs. Coffman will lead a meeting regarding 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion on **Tuesday, February 20 at 5:15 pm** (prior to the PTA meeting). All 5th grade parents are invited to attend.

### **Hospitality Committee**

This month, we will be hosting an Italian-themed luncheon for our staff on **Thursday, February 15** in the Staff Lounge. The PTA is providing lasagna. If you would like to contribute, please sign up to donate cash or provide a complementary dish! You may do so via Sign Up Genius at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084eaaa823a20-amorewe> Thank You!

Love,

The Robeson Hospitality Committee

### **PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will be on **February 20 from 6-7 pm**. All are welcome to attend, and pizza and child watch will be provided.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Illness and School Attendance**

It is that time of year when the flu and other illnesses are going around. Many Robeson students have been out sick this season. In an effort to keep our students and staff healthy, please be sure to follow our school district's policies outlining when students may return to school after an illness.

#### **INFLUENZA-LIKE SYMPTOMS:**

If your child is being sent home with flu-like symptoms, please note our return to school policy. In order to be proactive and to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff, your child should stay home until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others. Stay home even if taking antiviral medicines.

#### **GASTROENTERITIS-LIKE SYMPTOMS:**

If your child is being sent home with symptoms of gastroenteritis, please note our return to school policy. In order to be proactive and to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff, your child should stay home at least 24 hours after there is no vomiting or diarrhea. Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves, rather than sharing them with others.

#### **FEBRILE ILLNESS**

If your child is being sent home with a fever, please note our return to school policy. In order to be proactive and to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff, your child should stay home until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

### **Cafeteria Needs Wet Wipes**

Another way to help keep our students and staff healthy is to use wet wipes after eating foods containing nut products. The cafeteria is in need of baby wipes for this purpose. If you are able to donate, please drop off the wipes in the office. Thank you!

### **Running Club**

Running Club starts this **Friday, February 2!** Please remember pick up is at 3 pm. Go Robeson Roadrunners!

### **Robeson Blood Drive**

As a reminder, Robeson will have a blood drive on **Thursday, February 15 from 3 to 7 pm.** The Bloodmobile will be parked in Robeson's east parking lot circle drive. Please call (217) 367-2202 to schedule your donation. Be sure to mention it is a donation for the Robeson School Blood Drive. The group code for Robeson is 70958. Donations made at the Community Blood Services of Illinois donation center will also be accepted from February 8 to February 22 if you mention our drive when you donate. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Liay von Bodman ([liayal@u4sd.org](mailto:liayal@u4sd.org)).

### **Opera for the Young**

Opera for the Young visited Robeson on January 30, thanks to generous support from CU Schools Foundation and our Robeson PTA. They presented a children's version of the opera Rusalka, a story similar to that of The Little Mermaid. All students learned about opera in music class and were invited to enjoy this interactive performance. Fourth grade students prepared several songs in music class, so that they could sing as a chorus with the professional musicians.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Feb 15 (Thu) – Robeson Blood Drive, 3-7 pm
- Feb 19 (Mon) – No School, Presidents' Day
- Feb 20 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm (parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet at 5:15 pm)

Fourth graders also participated in a "Be a Designer" challenge that the opera company presented. In art class, they created posters and billboards that could be displayed at the entrance to the gym. Thanks to all who made this experience possible!



### **Multicultural Night**

Multicultural Night will be on Thursday, **April 19** from 5:30 to 8 pm. Please mark your calendars! This year, the ESL students are writing about an animal native to their home country. As in the past, we would love for all of our Robeson students to join in the fun! Be on the lookout for information in your child's backpack about writing about an animal from their native country, state, city, or their ancestors' native country or state. Similar to last year with the brochures, we will display their projects in time for Multicultural Night next to the continent where the animal is found. We will also send home a sign-up sheet for those of you who would like to have a display table showing your family's heritage. We are beginning the planning for the entertainment for the night. If you would like to help plan, set up, transport performers, help out with the food/artifact tables, clean up or know of any cultural performing people or groups, please contact Mrs. Reger ([regerma@u4sd.org](mailto:regerma@u4sd.org)). Thank you! We are looking forward to another great Multicultural Night!

- 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