

ROBESON ROCKET

January 2018



PTA NEWS

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back all our families. We hope everyone enjoyed the long winter break. Here's to a wonderful second half of the school year!

Jupiter's Trip

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to chaperone the Jupiter's trip last month. Thanks to the volunteers, we were able to get large groups of students to and from the restaurant in a safe and timely manner. The students had a fantastic time riding the limo, eating pizza, and playing games!

Hospitality Committee

The PTA Hospitality Committee is providing a hearty and healthy soup and salad luncheon for our wonderful staff on **Thursday, January 18**. If you would like to contribute an item(s), you may sign up via Sign Up Genius at:

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

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 16 from 6-7 pm**. All are welcome to attend, and pizza and child watch will be provided.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST Math Recognition

Robeson was recently recognized by the MIND Research Institute as a *Profile in Success* for successfully implementing the ST Math program into our math curriculum. The article emphasized that students who made more progress in ST Math earned higher math NWEA/NIT scores. It is working! You can access the MIND Research Institute's blog entry at: <http://blog.mindresearch.org/blog/st-math-growth-mindset-at-robeson> (this link was also previously posted to the Robeson Facebook Page). From there, you may download the article to read the full story. Keep up the great work, Robeson teachers and students!

RBNC's Starry Night

A special thank you to Professor J and Kathy Thomas-Stagg for hosting another fun event for our Robeson community! Last month, students and their families had fun creating glow paint and punch constellations, learning how a telescope works, and making s'mores under the night sky. Always a fun time with the RBNC!

Running Club

The start of Running Club is fast approaching! The first session will be **Friday, February 2** from 2:10 to 3 pm. If your student is participating and you have not done so, please send in the permission slip and \$10 donation (for t-shirt, snacks, pre-race dinner) by **Tuesday, January 16**. If you have any questions, please contact Dana VanDeveer (dana.vandever@gmail.com).

Help Needed in 4th Grade Classroom

Ms. Lindquist is looking for parent volunteers to help level her reading books. She is looking for 2 to 3 people who have an hour or so to give. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Ms. Lindquist (lindquan@u4sd.org).

Enrichment Program

The 4th Graders will begin their four-week Immigration Unit for Social Studies on February 20. We are looking for volunteers who have immigrated to the United States from another country and who are willing to be interviewed by a group of 4th graders regarding their country of origin (culture, animals, climate, traditions,

etc.), their reason(s) for immigrating here, and their feelings since immigrating. Student groups will create a video and a magazine of each volunteer's immigration story. If you or someone you know would be willing to share a story of immigration with us, please contact Mrs. Liay von Bodman (217-351-3884 ext. 1834, liayal@u4sd.org) by **January 30**.

Mentoring Program

January is National Mentor Month! Ms. Monroe would like to thank our Mentors for their dedication and service.

Dedicated Hearts

Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find.
It takes a special person to be
So generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man
Is a quality all too rare.
Yet you give of your time and talents,
For all in need to share.

So thank you for being a volunteer,
We're privileged to work with you.
We want you to know how appreciated you are,
Not just today, but the whole year through.

Thank you Bobby Ward, Allyson Sanborn, Regan Hunt Phillips, Mary Ann Pankau, Cindy Lockett, Randy Hauser, Jeff Klotz, and Jennifer Hesch!

The C-U One to One Mentoring program is currently recruiting mentors. If you are interested in mentoring or volunteering please contact Ms. Monroe at (217) 351-3884 ext. 1546.

Drama Club

Robeson's Drama Club will be starting on **Wednesday, January 17** and will be available to all students in 3rd through 5th grade. This year, the Drama Club will be doing a production of Annie Jr! For students interested

UPCOMING DATES

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

in being onstage, there will be several opportunities for featured parts in every number. There will also be opportunities to participate backstage in a variety of tasks, including: costuming, sets, props, and front of the house management. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays from 2 to 3 pm. There will be additional rehearsals closer to the performance in May. The deadline for permission slips is **Friday, January 12**. A rehearsal schedule will be sent out soon.

Robeson Blood Drive

Robeson will be hosting a blood drive with the Community Blood Services of Illinois 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. Donations made at the CBSIL 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).

Mind Yeti

This year, our Robeson teachers and students are using a tool called "Mind Yeti" to learn about and practice mindfulness in the classroom. The activities are designed to help the participants "calm down, stay focused and create a kinder, friendlier classroom environment." You can support your student by practicing Mind Yeti activities at home. To get started, go to mindyeti.com, click "Sign up," select "Parent" from the drop-down menu, and choose a session to help your child become a more focused student.

- Feb 19 (Mon) – No School, Presidents' Day