

# ROBESON ROCKET

March 2018



## PTA NEWS

### Hospitality Committee

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming later this month, and the Hospitality Committee is coordinating a convenient grab n' go style meal for our staff to enjoy throughout the evening.

The PTA will provide sandwiches. We would greatly appreciate your contribution of chips, drinks, dessert, etc. You can sign up at:

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

Conferences begin at 4 pm. Please have your items delivered to the staff lounge by **3:15 pm on Thursday, March 15**. Thank you!

### Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Robeson's Spring BOGO Scholastic Book Fair is coming this month during Parent-Teacher Conferences!!!

- **Wednesday, March 14** from 1:30 – 3 pm
- **Thursday, March 15** from 3:30 – 8 pm

- **Friday, March 16** from 8 – 11:30 am

Love books? Please consider volunteering to help at the Book Fair. There are a variety of ways to contribute: setting up, decorating, helping kids select books, giving a book talk, or helping pack up. If you would like to help, please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/.../20f0b4dada722a1f49-scholastic1>

### Playground Committee

The Playground Committee can use more volunteers to help write grants and find sponsors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Traci Schurvinske ([chieffan68@att.net](mailto:chieffan68@att.net)).

### PTA Meeting

There will be no PTA meeting in March due to parent/teacher conferences and the Book Fair. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 17 at 6 pm**.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood during last month's blood drive! Community Blood Services of Illinois received 24 donations. The Blood Drive raised \$277 that will be used to pay for buses for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip.

### Library News

The Spurlock museum has sponsored school visits with Native American Story Teller, Sleepy Eye. Sleepy Eye will be at Robeson on **Thursday, March 1**, to tell our third grade students Native American stories and share his collection of Native American artifacts.

**Friday, March 2** is Read Across America Day: The PTA has generously purchased a new book for every student to keep. Books will be distributed to the

students on Friday, March 2. Each class will also have a guest reader coming in to read to them. The guest readers include U of I athletes, a DJ from WIXY, an Olympic Athlete, Champaign's Mayor, a School Board Member, a News Anchor, a special Dr. Seuss Character and more! The intermediate students will also be reading to their primary buddies. It should be a fun day of reading activities!

We have several overdue books. If you could help your student look for any overdue books, it would be appreciated. Conference time is the perfect time to take care of any lost or overdue books. You can also send a check with your student, and we can send a receipt home. If you have questions about a book's status before conference time, please email Mrs. Archer at [archeral@u4sd](mailto:archeral@u4sd).

## Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week

Robeson students and staff have been celebrating Dr. Seuss Week with some fun activities. February 26 was Mismatched Monday. February 27 was Hat Day. February 28 was Wacky Wildlife Wednesday. March 1 was Pajama Day. Finally, on Read Across America Day (March 2), students are encouraged to dress like a Dr. Seuss character. What an entertaining way to foster a love of reading in our students!

## Young Author Contest

Do you love reading stories? Why not try writing one! This month students are encouraged to enter the Young Author Contest. Students may create an illustrated children's book or a short story. New pieces or work completed in the 2017-2018 school year are eligible.

Students should submit their work by **2 pm on Monday, March 26**. The entry must include a cover page with the student's full name, grade, and teacher. Submissions may be turned in to classroom teachers (teachers – please drop off submissions in the PTA mailbox).

All submissions must be the student's original work. Peers and/or adults may assist with editing, like spelling and punctuation. All content must be age appropriate and in compliance with Robeson's student conduct policies. Students may type or handwrite their stories. The entries will be evaluated on creativity, appropriate use of language, and story structure. There will be one winner per grade. If you have any questions or would like to help judge the students' entries, please contact Melissa Ames at [mames@eiu.edu](mailto:mames@eiu.edu).

## Robeson Running Rockets

Running club is going great! Kids are making progress each week. Please note that we will not meet for

## UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 14-16 (Wed-Fri) – Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
- Mar 15-16 (Thu-Fri) – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 19-23 (Mon-Fri) – No School, Spring Break
- Mar 30 (Fri) – No School, Spring Holiday

running club on March 16 or March 23 (spring break). We may start running outside after spring break, depending on the weather. Please send a light jacket with your child on Fridays! Also runners need tennis shoes every Friday. We want everyone to stay safe, and non-tennis shoes can be slippery on the floors.

If you plan to run the 5k, please let Dana VanDeveer or Mr. Fahey know. If you would like to volunteer to help during practices, please contact Dana. More information to come around the beginning of April.

## Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night is next month on Thursday, **April 19** from 5:30 to 8 pm. Please mark your calendars! Students are encouraged to write about an animal from their native country, state, city, or their ancestors' native country or state. More information about this project will be sent home soon. A sign-up sheet for display tables showing your family's heritage will also be sent home soon. 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!

## Jump Rope for Heart

Robeson students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart during their PE classes from **March 12-14**. The students are sure to have fun while learning how to live a heart healthy lifestyle and helping others by obtaining donations for the American Heart Association.

## Cafeteria Needs Wet Wipes

The cafeteria is in need of baby wipes for students to use after eating foods containing nut products. If you are able to donate, please drop off the wipes in the office. Thank you!

- Apr 2 (Mon) – No School, Spring Holiday
- Apr 17 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6 pm
- Apr 19 (Thu) – Multicultural Night
- Apr 30-May 4 – Screen Free Week
- May 7-11 (Mon-Fri) – Teacher Appreciation Week