

ROBESON ROCKET

August 2018



PTA NEWS

Welcome Back to School!

The Robeson PTA would like to welcome our new families, as well as welcome back our returning families, as we begin our 2018-2019 school year. It is our goal to work with our wonderful teachers, staff, and families to create a great learning environment for our students. We are ready for another awesome school year!

Robeson PTA Communications

In addition to this monthly newsletter, there are several ways that the PTA will distribute information. We have a PTA website packed with information and links to other useful websites. You can visit the site at <https://robessonpta.com>.

New this year, we will be using a PTA listserv to share information through MemberHub. To join, go to <https://robesson.memberhub.com/>.

Another great place to find information is our **Friends of Robeson Facebook Page**. If you have not done so, please submit a request to join, and we will add you.

Involvement in PTA

There are many ways to get involved with our PTA. You can attend meetings, join a committee, or volunteer to help at different school activities or events. Joining a committee is a great way to meet other Robeson parents, get to know our teachers and staff, and keep up with all that goes on within our school. Currently, the following committees are

looking for help: Hospitality (plan monthly meals for our faculty and staff), Fallapalooza (plan and run the school fall festival), Playground (brainstorm fundraising ideas to pay for equipment), Social (plan outings for Robeson parents), Book Fair (organize and run two Scholastic book fairs per year), and Fun Day (plan games, snacks, entertainment for the end of year celebration). Please check out our other committees on our PTA website.

Membership

Please consider joining the PTA, as doing so helps us pay our state dues. It costs \$6 per person or \$10 per couple to become official PTA members. Membership sign-up forms are being sent home. You can send the completed form along with payment to school with your student. Alternatively, you can pay dues online at <https://robesson.memberhub.store/>.

PTA Meetings

We invite all teachers, parents, and staff to join us at our monthly meetings to share ideas, ask questions, or voice concerns. You do not need to be a member of the PTA to attend meetings. Pizza and babysitting are provided.

PTA meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, except the first meeting, which will follow Open House on **September 18 at 7 pm**.

Help Robeson While Shopping

You can set your County Market and Schnucks loyalty cards, as well as your smile.amazon.com account, to benefit Robeson. Also, please remember to save box tops and send them in with your students.

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Message from Principal Pitcher

Welcome Back! It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you and your children. I would like to start by

introducing some new staff members. If you see them, please say hi.

Lisa Hoewing - 2nd Grade

Miranda Church - 2nd Grade
Ashley Sheahan - 1st Grade
Madelyn Peterson - Special Education
Melissa Hahn - Art
Ryan Mitchell - Psychologist
Jennifer Hickey - Social Worker
Jose Santana Fernandez - Strings
Christopher Fosnot - Band
Chasity Beckless - Assistant Principal

Much like you settle into new home routines when school starts, we will spend the next couple of weeks learning and practicing how we move in the halls, be the best learners and good classmates, eat lunch, go to assemblies, and more. We have been working to help students feel comforted and instill a sense of belonging in their classes. I would like you to know that the whole Robeson team has been working to

make this transition as smooth as possible; and I appreciate your patience as we start the year. We welcome regular communication, so please reach out to me or your classroom teacher if you have questions.

Looking forward to a great year!

Open House

Please plan to attend Robeson's Open House on **Tuesday, September 18 from 6-7 pm**. Families will be able to meet their student's teacher, see their student's classroom, and tour the school. Please plan to stay for the first PTA meeting starting at 7 pm.

In the Community

Wendy Pippin has reached out to invite women who are available during the daytime to join Orchard Lassies League, a ladies' only bowling league. They meet at Old Orchard Lanes on Wednesdays at 11 am, and they are usually finished by 2 pm. Their first day of bowling will be either August 29 or September 5. The cost is \$12 a week, for 30 weeks, ending in March or early April. If you are interested in joining this bowling league or you have any questions, please contact Wendy Pippin by sending her an email at wp.bowling@javawizard.org or leaving a message at 217-552-1171.

2018-2019 DATES TO KNOW

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept 3 (Mon) – No school, Labor Day• Sept 18 (Tue) – Open House, 6-7 pm; PTA Meeting, 7-8 pm• Sept 19 (Wed) – No School, Fall Holiday• Oct 5 (Fri) – Fallapalooza, 5:30-7:30 pm• Oct 8 (Mon) – No School, Fall Holiday• Oct 16 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Oct 24-26 (Wed-Fri) – Book Fair• Oct 25-26 (Thu-Fri) – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences• Nov 21-23 (Wed-Fri) – No School, Thanksgiving Break• Dec 18 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Dec 20-21 (Thu-Fri) – Early Dismissal | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dec 24-Jan 4 – No School, Winter Break• Jan 7 (Mon) – No School for Students, Institute Day• Jan 15 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Jan 21 (Mon) – No School, MLK Jr.• Feb 18 (Mon) – No School, Presidents' Day• Feb 19 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Feb 25-Mar 1 – Read Across America• Mar 13-15 (Wed-Fri) – Book Fair• Mar 14-15 (Thu-Fri) – No School, Parent Teacher Conferences• Mar 18-22 (Mon-Fri) – No School, Spring Break | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apr 16 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• Apr 19 (Fri) – No School, Spring Holiday• Apr 22 (Mon) – No School, Spring Holiday• Apr 29-May 5 – Screen Free Week• May 6-10 (Mon-Fri) – Teacher Appreciation Week• May 21 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm• May 22-23 (Wed-Thu) – Early Dismissal• May 23 (Thu) – Last Day of School• May 24 (Fri) – No School, Institute Day |
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