

# ROBESON ROCKET

September 2018



## PTA NEWS

### Hospitality Committee

One of the main functions of this committee is planning the monthly staff luncheons (dinner during P/T conferences). If you would like to join this committee, please let one of the current members know (Nikki Mercer, Traci Schurvinske, Monica Maier, and Dana VanDeveer).

The PTA covers the main dish, and we ask for donations for the side items, dessert, drinks, and paper products. We also will take cash contributions to help with any of these items. This is what we have planned thus far (similar to prior years):

**Sep 20:** Let's Tailgate (grilled sandwiches at Robeson)

**Oct 25:** BBQ Dinner (P/T conferences)

**Nov 15:** Thanksgiving Feast

**Jan 17:** It's cold outside! Chili/soup cook-off (please bring your favorite soup)

**Feb 21:** "That's Amore" – we LOVE our staff (Italian)

**Mar 14:** Sandwiches and grab/go items (P/T conferences)

**Apr 18:** Take me out to the ballgame (grilling at Robeson)

**May:** Cinco de Mayo feast (Teacher Appreciation Week)

For the lunches, we will also need volunteers to help setup, monitor during lunch, and clean up.

In the past, we have used Sign-up Genius. We are moving towards using the vehicle provided by the Illinois PTA, MemberHub, which has various functions and is very user friendly. You do not have to be a PTA member to sign up on MemberHub. Some items are still needed for the first staff luncheon on **Thursday, September 20**. If are able to help, please sign up at: [https://robeson.memberhub.com/hubs/19587/signup\\_forms/new](https://robeson.memberhub.com/hubs/19587/signup_forms/new)

### Fall Festival

Mark your calendars! Fallapalooza is scheduled for **Friday, October 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**. Fallapalooza is a fall festival that is both a community-building event and one of our two main fundraisers. There will

be inflatables, food trucks, a silent auction, raffle baskets, face painting, and numerous games (cake walk, book walk, ring pop toss, candy land, obstacle course, bowling, football toss, penny toss, and more!). This year we will introduce wrist-band pre-sales!

This event takes many hands to run! Please contact Kristi McDuffie ([kristimcduffie@gmail.com](mailto:kristimcduffie@gmail.com)) if you are interested in running a game, donating supplies, or donating some time at the event. There will also be a sign-up posted soon for ways you can contribute.

### Robeson T-Shirts

Coming Soon! Robeson Rockets T-shirt Sale! Come check out some of the new Robeson t-shirt designs and styles at the Open House on **September 17**. Shirts may be purchased at Open House and also through our Online Store. Students, staff and families: show your school pride by buying and wearing these new shirts! A flyer with more details is coming soon.

### Box Tops

Monthly Box Top competitions are back! At the end of each month turn in your completed box top sheet(s) to your classroom teacher. We will tally each classroom's box top submissions, and the classroom with the most box tops collected will be the winner! September's winning classroom will have a Pizza Party! Box tops are due by **September 28**.

### PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting will follow Open House on **Monday, September 17 at 6:30 pm** in the cafeteria. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND TIME CHANGE! At the meeting you can learn more about the PTA and meet new school staff. Also, the Playground Committee will unveil two playground equipment sketches. Pizza and babysitting are provided. Please plan to join us!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Grandparents' Day**

Grandparents' Day is **Monday, September 10**. Students can invite their grandparents, or any special person in their lives, to join them for lunch at Robeson.

### **Fishing Derby**

Mr. McCune, former Robeson PE teacher, is holding a Fishing Derby for Robeson students on **Thursday, September 13 from 5 to 7 pm** at Colbert Park in Savoy. He will supply rods, reels and bait, but you may bring your own rod and reel, as well. This is not a drop off event – parent/guardian supervision is required. Let Mr. McCune know if you can bring a drink or snack for 10 students ([mccbass@comcast.net](mailto:mccbass@comcast.net)).

### **Open House**

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT, THERE IS A NEW DATE AND TIME FOR OPEN HOUSE. It

will be on **Monday, September 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 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 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

### **Supplies Needed**

We need wet wipes for the cafeteria, which the students use after eating foods that may contain allergens. Also, the Library, Art, PE, Music, English as a Second Language, Social Work, Enrichment and Special Education classrooms could use boxes of tissues and disinfecting wipes since they do not receive any at the beginning of the year supply time. If you are able to contribute any of these items, please drop them off at the office. Thank you!

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### ***In the Community***

The Anita Purves Nature Center in Urbana is offering free programs at their nature playscape in celebration of Take a Child Outside Week from September 21 to September 28! "During these special times, a nature play facilitator will be on-hand with extra supplies and 'loose parts' for play." The programs will be held from 4 to 6 pm, but participants need not be there the whole time. There will be a different focus each day: fort building (Fri, Sep 21), bug hunt (Mon, Sep 24), nature art (Wed, Sep 26), and mud kitchen (Fri, Sep 28). Everyone is welcome regardless of ability, and it is FREE! Check out these and other Anita Purves events on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/APnaturecenter/>.

### **UPCOMING DATE**

- Sep 10 (Mon) – Grandparents' Day, lunch period
- Sep 13 (Thu) – Fishing Derby, 5-7pm, Colbert Park
- Sep 17 (Mon) – Open House, 5:30-6:30 pm;  
PTA Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm **NEW DATE & TIME**
- Sep 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