

ROBESON ROCKET

October 2018



PTA NEWS

Hospitality Committee

This month the Hospitality Committee has planned a BBQ dinner for our awesome staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, October 25**. Mr. Schurvinske will be smoking pork and beef for sandwiches! The rest of the items will be “grab and go” for the teachers between meetings. You may sign up to bring an item through memberhub at <https://robesson.memberhub.com/HSR1958711790>. Please drop off the items by **3:30pm on October 25** in the staff breakroom. Thank you!

Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser is underway and will go through **October 21**. Order forms and money will be collected at school from **October 22-24**. All checks should be made out to *Robeson PTA*. You can collect money and write one big check for all your student’s orders (preferred method). The cookie dough is delivered FROZEN and must be picked up from school on the delivery day (usually the week before Thanksgiving). It is each family’s responsibility to deliver items to their customers. Students will have the opportunity to earn a limo ride to Jupiter’s for pizza and games. The highest selling class will have a pizza party in their classroom.

Scholastic Book Fair

Robeson’s fall book fair will take place before and during Parent-Teacher Conferences (**Oct 24 from 2-3pm, Oct 25 from 4-8pm, Oct 26 from 8-11:30am**) in the Robeson Library hallway. Be sure to check it out and buy some fun books! You can also shop online from **October 13-29** at: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/robessonelementaryschool5>

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal Pitcher’s September Recap

Hello, what a great September! Thank you to the PTA for providing the tailgate luncheon, supporting Open House, volunteering throughout the building, and working so diligently to kick-off building the new playground. We saw many families on Grandparents/Special Friends Day and again during Open House. I hope you were able to visit classrooms and see the projects your students have been working on. October brings fall weather, Fallapalooza, and Parent-Teacher Conferences. I look forward to seeing all of you at those events.

I want to mention how much I appreciate all the families who have honored the arrival/dismissal procedures. Those who drop off in the morning, pulling all the way to the end of the

All purchases will benefit our school!

Robeson T-Shirts

Please remember that all t-shirt orders placed through our online shop will be distributed to your student's classroom on **Friday, October 12**. Enjoy your Robeson Rocket gear!

Playground Fundraisers: Dining Out at Portillo’s and Pennies Pick Your Playground

Bring your family to Portillo’s Restaurant for lunch and/or dinner on **Thursday, October 18 between 11am and 8pm**, and 20% of the proceeds will go to our school’s playground renovations! Be on the lookout for the Portillo’s fundraising flyer that will be sent home with your students and be sure to present it (in paper or on your smartphone) for our school to receive 20% of the proceeds! Feel free to dine-in, carry out, or go through the drive-thru. *At the drive-thru, please tell the first order taker that you are participating in this fundraiser.* **Portillo’s is located at 2306 N. Prospect Ave in Champaign.**

We are also conducting a “Pennies Pick Your Playground” campaign. Don’t forget to send your loose change to school with your student, so they can vote for their favorite design!

Playground Committee

The next Playground Fundraising meeting will be on **Monday, October 15 from 6-7pm** in the Staff Lounge.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 16 from 6-7pm** in the cafeteria. Pizza and babysitting are provided. Please plan to join us!

drive allows others to pull in and keep street traffic flowing. Those who use the car rider line at dismissal, exiting to the right saves time for those behind you. Those who pick up at Door 4, crossing at the crosswalk ensures a safe departure for all. The Robeson theme for September was teamwork, and it takes all of us working as a team to be safe and quick, so thank you!

Fallapalooza

Fallapalooza, our fall festival and one of our biggest fundraisers, is upon us! Please join us on **Friday, October 5 from 5:30-7:30pm** for an evening of food (available for purchase from food trucks), games/activities (cake walk, candy land, football toss, inflatables, and more), raffle baskets (including doggie and science themes, among others), and a silent auction (including birthday packages, Illini gear,

trampoline passes, and much more)! Purchase wristbands for unlimited games and activities in advance for \$15 by **Thursday, October 4**. Single tickets and wristbands will be available for purchase at the door (\$1 per ticket, 6 for \$5, \$20 unlimited wristband, \$15 for each additional child). We still need donations of 2 liter soda bottles, cakes (store bought/nut free), small toys, and candy! It takes LOTS of these donations to make this fundraiser a success, so please consider donating!

Getting to Know Assistant Principal Beckless

"I've been an elementary teacher with grades K, 1, 3 and 5th. After teaching I was the Human Resources & Professional Development Coordinator and New Teacher Mentor Coordinator for Urbana School District. I also served as a district equity leader during my coordinator role. Most recently, I was an Instructional Coach at Garden Hills. In addition to a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Administration and Leadership from the University of Illinois, I've earned a Masters in Elementary Education and an EDS in Curriculum and Instruction from DePaul University and North Central University.

My husband and I have been married for 9 years, and he coaches varsity football at Centennial and boys basketball at Edison. We have 4 children, three boys and one girl. We enjoy spending time at home with our family or going to the movies and out to dinner. We've been vegan for 16 months and enjoy it. I love to cook vegan recipes at home!"

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Chasity Beckless!

Enrichment for All Update

Enrichment for All is off to an amazing start!

*1st grade started with STEM projects focused on their Wonders reading and have switched to math enrichment around their Everyday Mathematics Explorations.

*2nd grade has been learning about graphs--bar graph, pictograph, tally chart, etc., which will be leading into a project involving data collection and graphing.

*3rd grade started with some general STEM projects to get a feel for the Engineering Design Process and what collaboration entails. Now, they have begun their three project STEM unit around Western Expansion in which they're building temporary shelters for their pioneers, followed by a covered wagon with which to travel, and a raft to ford the big rivers they encounter on their way west.

UPCOMING DATES

- Oct 5 (Fri) – Fallapalooza, 5:30-7:30pm
- Oct 8 (Mon) – No School, Fall Holiday
- Oct 15 (Mon) – Playground Fundraising Meeting, 6-7pm
- Oct 16 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6-7pm
- Oct 19 (Fri) – Picture Day

*4th grade also started with some general STEM work to get a feel for the Engineering Design Process and is starting to plan and create arcade games, which focus on kinetic and potential energy, forces and motion to work.

*5th grade also started with some basic STEM projects but is now starting STEM focused on Social Emotional Learning, Growth Mindset and Engineering Design. My goal for 5th--before we start our Mini Golf Project in the third quarter--is to be able to successfully collaborate with emphasis on taking responsibility, helping the team and showing respect to others.

All families are encouraged to join our Enrichment for All Remind App to receive activity updates and requests for materials. To join go to: remind.com/join/enrich4all - OR - text @enrich4all to the number 81010.

Library News

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who allowed their students to Adopt-A-Book this year. We had another successful fundraiser because of our wonderful families. It was great to see everyone during Open House.

Mentoring/Volunteering

The process for volunteering and mentoring has changed this year. All NEW applicants must go to champaignschools.org, click on community, select getting involved, and pick either mentoring or volunteering. Due to last year's 5th grade promotion, our school is down to 4 mentors. The mentoring commitment is only 30 minutes per week (1 hour including travel time) on school grounds. If you or someone you know is interested in changing the life of one of our students or have questions about the application process, please contact Ms. Monroe at 217-351-3884 ext. 1801 or monroeja@u4sd.org.

Clothing Donations – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and clothes for our students and families! Robeson is now sufficiently stocked with these basic necessities and no more donations are needed at this time.

Trunk-or-Treat

Save the date for a Trunk-or-Treat event at Robeson on **Monday, October 29 from 5:30 to 6:30!** More information to come.

- Oct 24-26 (Wed-Fri) – Book Fair
- Oct 25-26 (Thu-Fri) – No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct 29 (Mon) – Trunk-or-Treat, 5:30-6:30pm