

ROBESON ROCKET

November 2018



PTA NEWS

Fallapalooza – Thank You!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with Fallapalooza! It was a successful community building and fundraising event, and we couldn't have done it without all of you! We would like to thank: everyone who donated items, from toys to cupcakes and more; teachers and staff, who let us use their rooms, prepared raffle baskets, and attended the event; the custodial staff and administrators who stayed late and helped us plan; the volunteers who ran games, set-up, and sold tickets; and last but not least, the parents who brought their kids and let them run wild with glee! We are delighted to have such a vibrant Robeson family. – PTA Officers and Fallapalooza Committee

Book Fair – Thank You!

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped run our Fall Book Fair! And a special thank you to all the families who supported Robeson by purchasing books!

Social Committee

Our next event will be Robeson Bowling Day! Join us for some wholesome family fun on **November 11 from 12 to 2 pm** at Old Orchard Lanes in Savoy. Bowling and shoes are covered compliments of the Robeson PTA!

Hospitality Committee

We are SO THANKFUL for our Robeson staff! Please help give them a THANKSgiving feast before break on **Thursday, November 15**. The PTA will provide the main dish (ham and turkey). We are asking for families to bring a festive side dish, dessert or drinks. If you are able to make a

SCHOOL NEWS

Note from Principal Pitcher

Greetings families! Thank you for your collaboration during Parent-Teacher Conferences again this year and thank you to the PTA for the delicious meal. There are quite a few things happening at Robeson as we close out October and start November.

We are once again asking families to complete a parent survey called the 5Essentials. This gives us feedback about how we are responding to the needs of families in regard to communication, accessibility, and academics. We would

contribution, sign up at:
<https://robeson.memberhub.com/HSR19587113417>

Playground Fundraising Committee

Our next meal out fundraiser will be at Papa Murphy's Pizza (1753 W Kirby Ave Champaign). Get your lunch and/or dinner at Papa Murphy's any time from **11 am to 8 pm on Wednesday, November 28** and 20% of the proceeds will go to our school's playground renovations!

Order online at papamurphys.com and enter check out code: SUPPORT, or bring in the Papa Murphy's fundraiser flyer, and our school will get 20% of the proceeds! Be on the lookout for the Papa Murphy's fundraising flyer that will be coming home soon!

Otis Spunkmeyer Incentive

The Jupiter's Party & Limo Ride will take place on **Tuesday, December 18** during the school day for all students who qualified for the Otis Spunkmeyer fundraising incentive (individual students who sold 18 items or siblings who sold 28 items). Each student will receive tokens for games. If you wish for your student(s) to purchase additional tokens, you may send money with your student(s). Please look for permission slips coming home soon. Email reganjphillips@hotmail.com with any questions or if you're willing to chaperone that day. Thank you!

PTA Meeting

Please note that there will be no PTA meeting in November due to Thanksgiving Break. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 18 at 6 pm**.

appreciate your input. The survey can be found here:
<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

October's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) focus was Skills for Learning and our incentive was a Rocktober party on October 31 sponsored by our kindergarten team. November's theme is empathy, identifying feelings, and showing compassion. We will kick off this month with an assembly on November 5 where the fifth grade team will share the incentive with the school. The bulletin boards in the main hallway always display information about the monthly focus.

We are trying some new communication tools as the year progresses. You should expect to see a Weekly Bulletin email that will give updates to supplement the Friends of Robeson Facebook Page. If you are not receiving that email, there may be an issue with the email we have on file for you, so please notify the main office. We are also working on updating the Robeson website. – In Education, Jessica

Update from 5th Grade

Fifth grade has been participating in Trick or Treat for UNICEF and has been busy collecting money. We are excited to see what our grand total donation will be after Halloween!

Fifth grade is also finishing their Fiction Reading Fair projects. The 4th Annual Fiction Reading Fair will take place in November.

Getting to Know Mr. Fostnot

Mr. Chris Fosnot received his Undergraduate degree in Music Education from Western Michigan University. Mr. Fosnot's primary instrument is percussion. While at WMU, he focused his attention equally on classical and jazz music, and has significant experience teaching and performing in both genres.

During his time in Michigan, Mr. Fosnot worked with several competitive marching bands, jazz bands, concert bands, and chamber ensembles. He was also an active performer of classical, jazz, and chamber music. Mr. Fosnot has been a featured soloist with the WMU Symphonic Band, in WMU's world-renown vocal jazz program Gold Company, and in the WMU Bronco Marching Band.

Mr. Fosnot is currently working with both the Robeson and Westview 5th grade band students, as well as assisting at Centennial High School. When he is not teaching or performing, Mr. Fosnot likes to spend his time kayaking, single-track mountain biking, and watching Cubs baseball with his friends and family.

Food Drive

Robeson will be participating in a food drive for Eastern Illinois Food Bank's "Day of Giving!" From **October 29 to November 20**, we will have two food collection bins available outside of the main office for parents, teachers, and students to place their donations of non-perishable food items. We will also have a monetary collection bin

located in the main office. Please consider donating, and help Robeson give back to our community!

Spanish Club

The students are learning to communicate in Spanish in the four areas of language: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. They're acting and singing in Spanish to practice their new concepts and vocabulary. The club's next session will be held in the Spring.

Taekwondo Club

The Taekwondo Club is back by popular demand! Robeson is once again offering an introductory martial arts club through Leaders for Life Martial Arts. Leaders for Life staff will be teaching leadership skills, stranger danger, respect, and bullying awareness to our students after school. Mrs. Reger (one of our ESL teachers) is a 3rd degree black belt and will once again be co-sponsoring this club. The club is open to K-5 grades and will be on **Wednesdays (Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 5, and Dec 12) from 2:05 to 3 pm**. Please look for permission slips to come home in your student's backpack. Contact Kristi (kristimcduffie@gmail.com) or Mrs. Reger (regerma@u4sd.org) with questions.

Note from Mrs. Archer

Thank you to the PTA for donating books from the Book Fair to the library. The students are enjoying the selection of great books.

The Leadership Group is collecting new or slightly used Robeson shirts. There are collection boxes located outside of the library. We are hoping every student will have a Robeson shirt to wear on Thursdays for Robeson Spirit Wear Day. Don't forget Fridays are Fan Fridays – wear your favorite fan shirt!

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on **Monday, November 26 from 12:45 to 1:45 pm**.

Winter Concerts

Please mark your calendars for Robeson's winter concerts on **Thursday, December 13**, with Kindergarten performing at 6 pm, and 1st grade at 6:30 pm. Please note that the other grade levels will have musical performances later in the school year.

UPCOMING DATES

- Nov 11 (Sun) – Robeson Bowling Day, 12-2 pm
- Nov 15 (Thu) – Staff Lunch
- Nov 21-23 (Wed-Fri) – No School, Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 26 (Mon) – Picture Retake Day
- Nov 28 (Wed) – Papa Murphy's Meal Out, 11am-8pm

- Dec 13 (Thu) – Winter Concerts, 6-7 pm (K & 1st grade)
- Dec 18 (Tue) – Jupiter's Trip, during school day
- Dec 18 (Tue) – PTA Meeting, 6 pm
- Dec 20-21 (Thu-Fri) – Early Dismissal at 1:35 pm
- Dec 24-Jan 4 – No School, Winter Break

