

Robertson Round-up

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The Princi"pals" Pad



August 15, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Robertson Elementary! We are so thrilled that your child will be here at Robertson this year. I hope that each of you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. This is our 4th year in existence and every year the time really does go by so, so fast!

Our PTA really rocks here at Robertson! I urge all of you to join and be an active participant in PTA. It only costs \$8.00 to join so please make the "P" in PTA truly mean "Parent." PTA is also selling Robertson

spirit shirts on a pre-order basis, this will allow us to offer a few different options.

We will have our first ever Fall Festival on October 15th from 5:00-8:00pm and I know PTA is always in need of volunteers. If you haven't completed a volunteer background check form please visit:

<https://forms.friscoisd.org/backgroundcheck/>.

Our campus will also be starting a Watchdog Dads group this year and I am very excited about it. It's always great to have lots of dads up here at school helping our kiddos and staff.

I am excited about the 2010-2011 school year. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting many new families. As always please let me know if you have a question about anything, or if there is anything I can do to assist you. By working together, student success can be achieved and that's what school is all about!

<http://www.friscoisd.org/schools/elementary/robertson/>

Mr. Iorio, Principal



...A note from our Assistant Principal ...

Welcome back! We hope your summer was full of all the things you enjoy most. It's been wonderful to see each of your kids again and to hear about what they've been doing over the summer. We are excited to be back at what we love so much, teaching and being with your kids.

We appreciate your support as we work collaboratively

to encourage Robertson students to develop positive attitudes regarding school. Regular school attendance is key for their continuing success. Please join us in supporting our students to attend school regularly. We understand that children cannot attend school due to illness or family emergencies. However, we ask that you plan vacations and other family events around the

school calendar. Even though teachers are willing to provide make-up work when your child is absent, the instruction by the teacher cannot be replicated. We thank you for your cooperation in this area.

We are looking forward to a great year at Robertson!

Mrs. Davis,
Assistant Principal



Counselor Update...



Christine O'Hearn
469-633-3679

Respect Yourself!

Respect Others!

Respect Robertson!

Robertson's School Song....

Oh Robertson, we pledge our all
To do the best we can.

We'll make the most of every day,
To learn and make new friends.

We take pride in all we do,
We show respect and gratitude.

With teachers, friends and parents, too,
There's nothing that we can't do.

We wear our colors gold and blue
And promise to be true.

True to ourselves and true to our school,
Oh Robertson, we love you.

Hello students and parents, my name is Christine O'Hearn and I am the guidance counselor here at Robertson Elementary. I received my Bachelor's Degree from the University of Akron, Ohio, in Education and my Masters in School Guidance and Counseling from NOVA Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. I have a passion for counseling and helping students to become the best future leaders they can be.

At Robertson we believe that every child has the need to feel Cared for, Capable and Connected. Developmental Guidance is an integral part of the entire educational program and is important to every student's academic success. It is preventative and proactive in nature and designed to reach all students. The purpose of the school guidance program is to promote and enhance the learning process. My responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- * Classroom guidance every two weeks (approximately),
- * Lunch Bunch groups (for divorced or separated family situations, study habits, friendships, leadership, grief and/or any other need)
- * Individual counseling
- * Parent Consultation
- * Parent/Teacher Collaboration
- * Coffee With the Counselor (Great Topics this year - more info to come)

I hope to build a strong rapport with all of my students as well as parents/guardians and to work together in order to ensure that the students at Robertson have a positive educational experiences. If at any time I can be of assistance or if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school.

Coaches Corner...

Welcome back from summer vacation!! We are excited and ready for our 4th year at Robertson. Time sure does fly by. In our PE department we have many new fun activities planned for the school year. So put on your tennis shoes, grab a drink of water and let's have fun in the gym!!

The beginning of the year starts off with a bang and we need your help! Please for all our Kinder friends if our parents can teach them to tie their shoes this would be a blessing to the coaches. Safety is our #1 goal and with the little ones laces being untied at times this can be a safety issue. It is so important that your loved one knows how to lace up their shoes so they can focus on the fun activity planned on PE days. Also Tennis shoes are required for PE. We ask you on your child's PE days to make sure they are not wearing flip flops, sandals, boots, or dress shoes to PE.

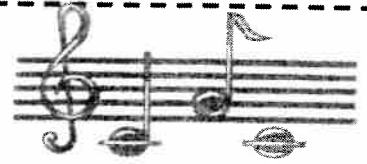
We want to introduce to you our newest Coach Derek Rodriquez. Coach Rodriquez comes to Robertson via Midwestern State, he will student teach with us until October. He is excited to be a part of our team!

Blessings

Coach Moore, Bustillos, Jones, and Rodriquez



Notes from Music Class....



As we begin another school year, I thought I would mention a few items that are happening in the music room. 4th and 5th grade choir will have our first meeting on Monday, August 30 after school at 3:05 in the music room and we will be done at 4:00. So, any 4th or 5th grader interested in joining choir is welcome to attend. No audition is necessary, just bring a great attitude! Parents, please make the necessary arrangements to ensure your child is picked up promptly after the rehearsal.

Also, ALL 4th and 5th graders will be using recorders during music class. If you do not have a recorder, you can purchase one at the following music store. It is important to purchase a recorder that is of high quality. This will help ensure student success, so please avoid purchasing "toy" recorders that are found at various dollar stores and toy stores. Another option is to purchase a recorder online. Please take note of the recommended brands and then do an internet search to find a website to purchase from. A good recorder should not cost more than \$10 and the recommended brand is usually sold for around \$6.

Recommended Brands:

- * Yamaha YRS_24B Soprano recorder
- * Soprano Peripole Angel Halo Recorder PB6000

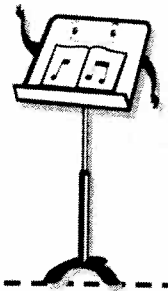
Music-n-Arts

972/668-1176

3211 Preston Road, #14, Frisco, TX 75034

Finally, I will be preparing programs for grades K-3. If you are interested in helping with the preparations for any of these programs, please let me know. It is the collaboration of parents, teachers and students that make the musicals so successful. So, any and all help is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, concerns or you would like to volunteer, please contact me through my email at biscampm@friscoisd.org.



New for the 2010-2011 School Year!!

Medication Policy Change

FISD will change the existing medication policy. Changes will include:



Over the Counter medications will no longer be administered by the school nurse. (Previously Tylenol, Motrin, Tums, Benadryl, and Cough Drops were allowed to be administered with parental consent.)

- * If your child is in need of an OTC medication as listed above, parents will be allowed to bring in a SINGLE DOSE to be used for one day only. Parents will NOT be allowed to send in an entire bottle to be used over the school year. Any medication sent over a single dose will be discarded.
- * Any OTC medication brought in must be in original, labeled container. Parents must personally check medication in with school nurse or school administrator and sign a permission slip before medication will be given.
- * Medications will NOT be allowed to be in possession of students.
- * Do not send in medication with your child to be delivered to school nurse, this is not acceptable.
- * Prescription medications (Asthma inhalers, antibiotics, ADHD medications, etc.) rules will not change. All medications must be in original container with pharmacy label attached and legible. Medication may not be expired. These medications will also need to be checked in personally with school officials, and accompanied by a signed permission slip.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the school nurse at 469-633-3683

September, 2010

Events, dates and times are subject to change.
Please check your child's
Thursday folder for updated information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Curriculum Night K/2nd/4th @ 6:30 to 7:15pm 1st/3rd/5th @ 7:30 to 8:15pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Holiday				ROUND-UP Kinder-2nd@ 2:15pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	ROUND-UP 3rd—5th @ 2:15pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Room Parent Meeting @ 7:00pm	Watchdog Dads Kick-off @ 6:00 pm				
	 COLLEGE WEEK 					
26	27	28	29	30		

*A Message from
PTA President.....Elizabeth Gill*

Welcome Back Parents, Teachers and Students!

There is a school supplies commercial that often plays this time of year with the song "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Now I'm sure our children do not agree with this sentiment, but I would imagine most of us parents do. I very much enjoy this time of year, however not for reasons most may think. I am the nerdy type that actually loves the smell of books and the clean, crispness of fresh new notebooks just waiting to be written in. But what I love most is the idea of being able to start all over with endless possibilities, looking forward to the exciting new projects that await us.

As I prepare for my second and final term as PTA President at Robertson Elementary I am looking forward to a new year filled with so much promise and fun! We have a board packed with new, enthusiastic people with many fresh and exciting ideas. The PTA Board has worked hard throughout the summer to plan a fantastic year of programs and activities for our children. Our first major fundraiser for this year will be our First Annual Fall Festival on October 15 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. This will bring back a student favorite Spring Carnival at a new time with more activities and fun for all! Our Fall Book Fair will be earlier this year running October 11 – October 15, corresponding with Parent/Teacher conferences.

Our first regular PTA meeting will be Thursday, September 16 at 7:00pm. We will go over the impact of PTA and approve our 2010-11 budget. We will discuss and vote on our fundraisers for the year as well as how we would like to use the profits to help our school and benefit our children. We will also have more information about the nationally recognized W.A.T.C.H Dogs program we will be bringing to Robertson this year.

I hope you have all filled out a membership form and will become members of this great organization. Whether you can volunteer for one hour per day or one hour per school year, please know you are all appreciated and your children will notice. The important thing is to find a way to get involved and stay connected.

Thank you for allowing me to work for and with you. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you during this upcoming school year. If you should ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ibbyjim@sbeglobal.net.

Ibby Gill, PTA President

214-872-2235

**Texas
PTA**

everychild.onevoice

Watch Dogs



Kick-Off Pizza Night

Leave Mom at home. Dads bring your Robertson students and join us for a night of fun and pizza!

Learn how you can make a positive difference at Robertson by becoming a Watch Dogs Dad!

Bring your calendar... you'll definitely want to sign up for at least 1 day to be a part of the Watch Dogs Team at Robertson.
September 21 @ 6:00 pm
Robertson Cafe

Watch Dogs (Dads of Great Students) is an opportunity for Dads to become more actively involved with their child's school.

For more information on the Watch Dogs program, please go to:

Fathers.com/watchdogs,
1888-540-dogs.

You can also contact
Mark Hawkins at:

Mark.Hawkins@tylertech.com.

Robertson Elementary PTA Board for 2010-2011

Robertson is again fortunate to have a fantastic group volunteering for PTA this year.

Introducing the Robertson PTA Board for 2010-2011!

President: Ibby Gill

1st VP Membership: Michelle (Mikki) Richardson

2nd VP Fundraising: Annie Locke

Secretary: Shayla Aly

Treasurer: Shanda Clay

Parliamentarian: Tammie Hardy

Historian: Cristina Crawford

Newsletter: Jackie Franklin

Hospitality: Leigh Anne Bruckler and Desha Byars

Store Programs: Alisah Kelly

Volunteers: Starla Hock

Room Parents: Jakki Perry

Directory: Ashley Stuckey

Web Master: Paige Olsen

Student Programs: Jamie Berry

Field Day: Erica DiBona

Fall Festival: Desha Byars and Kimberly Owens

PTA's Mission

It's What We Do!

The PTA Vision

- * Making every child's potential a reality

The PTA Mission

- * A powerful voice for all children
- * A relevant resource for families and communities
- * A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child

The Purposes of the PTA

- * To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.
- * To raise the standards of home life.
- * To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- * To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- * To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Reflections Reflections

**2010-2011
PTA
Membership**



TOGETHER  CAN

This years theme:

Together We Can...

The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in pre-school through grade 12, encouraging them to create works of art in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts.

Look forward to seeing all of the creativity in our Robertson family. More information to come.

For more information, please contact
Ibby Gill at ibbyjim@sbcglobal.net

Student guidelines and forms will be available in our office and will be posted on the Texas PTA website,
<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections>

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Sign up for the Robertson PTA!!!

Signing up for PTA enables the school and PTA to work together to benefit our children. Some of the accomplishments from last year include two scholastic book fairs, field day tee shirts, and new classroom books for the teachers. This year, we are working to start a successful "Watch Dog" group, provide fun, educational school programs, and continue to provide support for our teachers and students. One major goal carrying over from last year is the purchase of a playground cover.



Dues for the 2010-2011 school year are only \$8.00 per person. Please involve parents, siblings, grandparents, relatives and friends. Your participation, while voluntary, has so many benefits to the children.

If you were unable to attend *Popsicles with the Principal* or *Meet the Teacher* night, it's not too late! You will have an additional sign-up form in your child's Thursday folder.

Not only will you be part of a great organization, you will also receive a free school directory.

Did you know?? PTA members receive the following member discounts: La Quinta discount rate, 3% off a Nationwide Insurance for auto policies, 5-10% off Enterprise Rent A Car, 5% off Barnes & Noble and much more.

For more information, please contact your VP of Membership, Mikki Richardson (mikkers99@yahoo.com), or review the website at www.txpta.org

Fall Directory

If you are interested in advertising in the School Directory

book fair

"Here's to Our Heroes!"

Reading Saves the Day!

Come to our fall book fair

October 11—October 15

**If you would like to help plan
this exciting event,
please contact Ibby Gill
at**

PTA AT WORK...

1st Annual Robertson Elementary Fall Festival

Parents and Business Owners,

We need your help in making this a year to remember for Frisco children and future leaders!

Robertson is requesting Volunteers and Local Businesses support to ensure its success.

The Fall Festival is provides an opportunity for children to develop social relationship and self-confidence through games and interaction with peers, teachers, parents, and local businesses. It encourages children to become active members of their community, and promote awareness of city leaders and businesses.

Activity: Fall Festival
Location: Robertson Elementary
Date: October 15th
Time: 5 - 8pm

Sponsorship Ideas:
Door Prizes, Silent Auction Items, Raffle Items

For sponsorships opportunities please contact:
Desha Byars at deshabyars@att.net or 469-579-5590
Kimberly Owens at walkincircles@live.com

For Volunteer opportunities please contact:
Starla Hock at shanandstar@hotmail.com

Your time and sponsorship are greatly appreciated.

Welcome Back Robertson Volunteers!

We have many events in the fall that will require your help to be successful. Please make sure you fill out your volunteer form (available on the school's website) and complete your background check at www.friscoisd.org. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Starla Hock,
Volunteer Coordinator
shanandstar@hotmail.com

Robertson PTA Room Parent

Are you looking for a fulfilling and fun way to connect with your child's class and teacher?

Volunteer to be a Room Parent! We are currently in need of two parents per class. Please contact Jakki Perry at jakkiperry@hotmail.com.

Important Note

Our first meeting will be Room Parent Orientation on Monday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Jakki Perry

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to our 2010-2011 PTA Board for hosting our Welcome Back Luncheon on August 20th for our Robertson Staff. It was a huge success!

Our next Robertson Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be on October 1st, hosted by our Kindergarten parents. Information will be sent home mid-September. Thanks in advance for your support!

Leigh Anne Bruckler
leighannebruckler@sbcglobal.net

Box Top Grade Competition

The Winner will receive
extra recess time!!!!



Collection sheets will be coming home with the children or clip the box tops and send them in a zip lock bags to your child's teacher. Be sure and check expiration dates and don't forget to put your child's grade level on the collection sheet or zip lock bag.

Good luck to each grade level. Let's have a great year in earning money for our school with box tops for education!!!

Alisah Kelly, Store Programs
(alisahkelly@sbcglobal.net)

Capri Sun Drink Pouch Brigade

Every year BILLIONS of drink pouches end up in dumpsters and landfills across America. TerraCycle, Capri Sun and Honest Kids are working together to put an end to this awful loss of resources.

As an eco-friendly innovator, TerraCycle converts the drink pouch material into unique fashion bags, tote bags, pencil cases, and other items for kids and adults! Together with your help we CAN make a difference! Stay tuned for more information from Alisah Kelly!

