

FRISCO ISD

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The Princi"pals" Pad



Dear Parents,

I hope each of you so far is having a great 2010! The ice day was kind of crazy. I know driving to work on Panther Creek that morning was pretty bad. One of the fun things about being a principal is coming up to school on days like that, and answering the phone and making sure students don't get dropped off. Only about 10 cars came up to drop off which I thought was a pretty good number considering how busy our families are in the mornings getting ready for school and work.

Just a reminder that we have

Robertson yearbooks on sale for the low, low price of \$20. Please help support our school by purchasing a yearbook for your child. The memories will last a life time, and our Yearbook Team here has worked so very hard! You may order them online via our school website at:

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

I urge you to keep in constant communication with your child's teacher in regards to student progress here at Robertson. Numerous assessments have been taken as well as report cards being sent home.

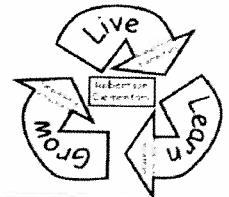
TAKS testing for students in grades 3-5 is fast approaching.

Please feel free to contact us here at Robertson if there's any assistance that you need. We believe that 2010 will be a great year for your child!

Thank you for all you do for our students and teachers and for making my job fun!

Learn, Grow, Live!

Mr. I



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

"Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussion, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive."

This quote from Parent Connection best represents our philosophy regarding attendance at Robertson Elementary. Absence from school for any reason affects your

child's education.

When students arrive late or leave school early, it interrupts the classroom and interferes with the learning environment of all students. We realize that extenuating circumstances might prevent your child's school attendance.

If your child is absent due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, please contact the school attendance

clerk, Mrs. Charles at 469-633-3682. We appreciate your efforts to get your child here before the Tardy Bell rings at 8:00 am, and to schedule medical or dental appointments after school hours.

Our goal is to assist you in educating your child. We can be successful if students are in school everyday and on time.

**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.

**Counselor Update...**



*I want to thank all of you for your generosity and help in making the "Holiday Angel Program" a huge success. Because of your kindness several children had a very bright holiday. I am always amazed to see the amount of caring that comes when a child is in need. You are the best!*

*Please join me for "Coffee With The Counselor," on March 10th at 8:30 am. Our special guest is Susan Fletcher, Ph.D. and Licensed Psychologist. Susan has a private practice in Plano and specializes in academic, behavior and/or emotional difficulties in children. She also provides AD/HD assessments for ages 6-55! She will talk about ADHD and offer advice for behavioral and academic concerns. Make sure to join us for some good coffee, good company and good information!*

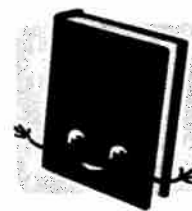
*Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.*

**Christine O'Hearn**  
#469-633-3679

**ATTENTION PARENTS!**

Thank you for the awesome response to our good behavior book program. Please continue to send in any gently used books and we will offer them to our "Blue & Gold" ten ticket holders.

The students love picking out their favorite books!



**Board Games**

We are also in need of board games. During those very cold or wet days, our students stay inside and love to play games.

If you have any board games—*new or gently used*—and would like to donate them to our school, our teachers would love to take them.



**APPLEBEE'S TEACHER OF THE MONTH...MRS. CLARK**

I have been with Robertson since it opened, and I think we have such a terrific staff of hard working folks! Mr. Iorio sets such a positive tone for all we do here. I have taught for 13 years, and have taught every grade level, Kinder - 5th. My husband and I have a beautiful daughter, Arielle, who is in college. We have two furry "daughters", our dogs, Tally and Roxy. One of my favorite quotes is: "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do." Mother Teresa

## Clinic Needs....

Nurse Dean is in need of the following for our clinic:

- \* NEW girls and boys underwear for use with accidents Sizes 4-10.



## Robertson Needs Volunteers!

Please consider giving some time to your school. There are many opportunities available to meet your schedule & interests.

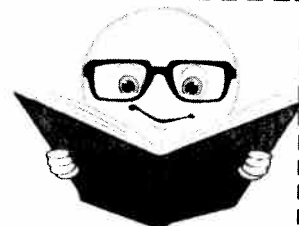
**No experience necessary!**

1 day a month or 5 days a week...

30 minutes or 2 hours or

**ANYTHING** in between!

## Library Happenings!



The library is excited to continue with it's reading incentives.

Here are some highlights:

- \* Bluebonnet Party (PTA supported) held February 12th for 3rd—5th grade
  - Students who submitted 5 book buzzes vote
  - Students who turned in 10+ buzzes are invited to the party
- \* 2x2 ongoing thru May 2010 for a prize for KG-2nd
- \* Snowman Reading continues for 3rd-5th grade students for a prize.
- \* Reading front the Heart Programs starts for KG-2nd in February for a prize
- \* Continue reading for Six Flags Read to Succeed Program due Monday, March 1st for all students
- \* Pizza Hut Book It—ongoing for all students



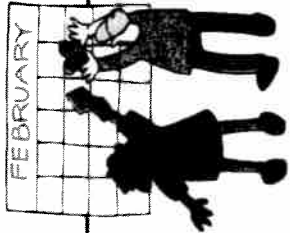



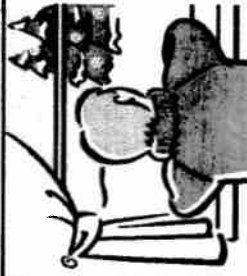

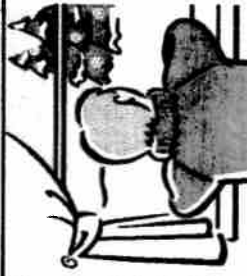


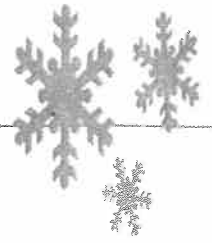
If you need further information regarding the Robertson Library Programs, please visit our website at:

[http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/Robertson\\_Lib/programs](http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/Robertson_Lib/programs).

Or contact Mrs. Towle on email at [towel@friscoisd.org](mailto:towel@friscoisd.org) or at 469-633-3686

# February, 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   | 3   | 4<br>5th grade visits<br>Stafford MS  | 5<br><b>Round-up</b><br>3rd-5th @ 2:15   | 6<br>Saturday Science<br>for 5th grade<br>9:00 to 11:00  |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11<br>Baskin<br>Robbins<br>Night<br> | 12<br>Valentine Parties<br>2:00 to 3:00<br> | 13   |
| 14  | 15<br>STUDENT<br>HOLIDAY<br> | 16  | 17  | 18 Progress<br>Reports go home!<br>PTA Program @<br>7p.m./Magician  | 19<br><b>Round-up</b><br>K-2nd @ 2:15  | 20<br>Saturday Science<br>for 5th grade<br>9:00 to 11:00 |
| 21  | 22<br>                       | 23<br>Spring Pictures<br>(Class & Individual)   | 24  | 25<br>                             | 26 TAKS<br>pep- rally<br>3rd-5th @ 8:30am<br><b>Round-up</b><br>K-2nd @ 2:15   | 27<br>Saturday Science<br>for 5th grade<br>9:00 to 11:00 |
| 28  |                              |  |  |                                    |  |  |

## ROBERTSON ELEMENTARY PTA—

*A Message from PTA President.....Elizabeth Gill  
"Happy New Year...Welcome Back"*



Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a fabulous two week break, I know I did. I truly enjoyed the time I spent with my family and friends.

Now, I begrudgingly get back to work. Although the first half of the year was very busy, the second half of the year doesn't show signs of slowing down. Our next meeting and program are scheduled for Thursday, February 18 at 7:00. Immediately following the meeting we will have a magic show which should be a really fun and entertaining family event.

At our February meeting we will be appointing a nominating committee. The purpose of this committee is to communicate with all people interested in being on the PTA Board next year. They will then slate the list of officers and conduct an election at our March meeting. If you are interested in being part of the nominating committee or on the board next year, please plan on attending our February meeting.

Our Bylaws state: "No officer shall serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive

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terms." This means there will be several open positions for next year, including:

2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Fundraising  
Environmental  
Historian Store Programs  
Volunteers Room Parents  
Programs Field Day  
Fall Festival

Although these are the positions at this point I know will need to be filled, there may be board members not interested in completing a second term. Any PTA member is free to run for any board position. There will be a form regarding PTA elections coming home in your child's Thursday folder in the next couple weeks. Please take a few minutes to fill out any positions you would be interested in and return the form to your child's teacher by March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding any board positions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to work for and with you.

Ibby Gill  
PTA President  
[ibbyjim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ibbyjim@sbcglobal.net)

# Texas PTA

*everychild.onevoice.*

## Upcoming Fundraising

In December the Executive Board met and had a very productive meeting planning our fitness fundraiser for this spring. Unfortunately, the day after our meeting, we were informed that FISSD has a policy prohibiting us from having two fundraisers in one school year involving the children actively collecting money. Since we did the cookie dough fundraiser in the fall, we cannot now do the fitness fundraiser.

We have had some ideas brought to us and we are researching them. If anyone has a fundraising idea that would not involve the kids going out and soliciting money, please contact

Ibby Gill at

[ibbyjim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ibbyjim@sbcglobal.net) or

Jamie Berry at

[berry.jamie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:berry.jamie@sbcglobal.net).

We are currently taking pre-orders for the Robertson Family Cookbook. If you would like to order a cookbook and do not have a form, there are additional forms in the office.

Our last fundraiser for the year will be a recycling drive. With this fundraiser the PTA will receive a percentage based on the value of the items brought in. Plan your spring cleaning around this event! You'll be able to get rid of old TVs, computers, appliances, DVDs, etc. This will also qualify as a tax right off, receipts will be provided to you. Please watch for more details to come.

# Reflections

Congratulations to all of our Robertson Reflections applicants!

- Jessica Walters - Participant
- Emma Kiser - Participant
- Joshua Kiser - Honorable Mention
- Iris Lin - Honorable Mention
- Zachary Spiegel - 3rd Place
- Ashley Spiegel - 2nd Place
- Jasmine Lin - 1st Place
- Rachel Willis - 2nd Place

Thank you again for working so hard and representing Robertson Elementary in the 2009 Reflections Program!

We are Proud of you!!

*Cami Patzkowski, Reflections*

## Robertson Family Cookbook

Preorder your Robertson Family Cookbook for \$8.00, cash only. Additional order forms are available in the office. There will be a limited supply available during the Spring Book Fair for \$10.00.



## Grade Level Box Tops Competition

Lift Off With Box Tops

DEADLINE- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kinder- 450 Box Tops
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- 372 Box Tops
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 304 Box Tops
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- 269 Box Tops
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 232 Box Tops
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- 195 Box Tops

The grade with the most box tops turned in by the deadline will receive extra recess and/or any grade that reaches 2,400 box tops.

There was 11,297 box tops turned in the previous competition this school year. Which earned Robertson \$1,129.70 towards the playground cover.

KEEP UP THE AWESOME JOB EVERYONE!!!!

## *Volunteers*

Happy New Year to everyone! Thanks so much for being so responsive to volunteer needs in 2009. We have a busy spring semester coming up with many opportunities to help. Spring Book Fair is in March and Field Day is in May. Please plan on being involved in one or both of these events. If your email address has changed, please send me your new one. Also, if you are not on my volunteer email list and want to be, please send me your info to [clancye@yahoo.com](mailto:clancye@yahoo.com). The PTA is also looking for people to be on the nominating committee and the audit committee. Please feel free to email me if you are interested or have questions regarding these opportunities.

Thanks ... Clancy Denton

## Field Day

Volunteers are also needed for Field Day in May.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wendy Spiegel [spiegelwendy@yahoo.com](mailto:spiegelwendy@yahoo.com).

## Robertson Spirit Night At Baskin Robbins

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 – 9:00



Robertson PTA receives 15% of all sales

Bring your neighbors, friends, and family. Help support Robertson Elementary!

Be sure and tell the cashier you are with Robertson!