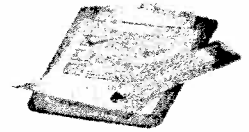


ROBERTSON ROUNDUP

November, 2009

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The Principals' Pad



James Iorio, Principal

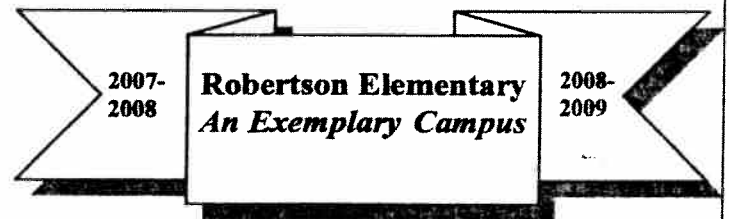
October 29, 2009

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it's already almost November! The school year is really flying by. I hope you are enjoying the nice Texas fall weather. It was so nice to see so many of you at our parent/teacher conference day on October 12th. This day really is a day of collaboration amongst teachers and families to find out how best to meet the needs of our students and your children.

In this season of thanksgiving, I know there are so many things to be thankful for. I am thankful that your child attends Robertson Elementary. Just a reminder there is no school November 23rd-27th. My family and I are going to El Paso to visit relatives. I think I have the best in-laws in the history of in-laws. We're also going to Phoenix and the Grand Canyon for a much deserved break. I wish you and your family all of the best over the upcoming holiday break.

Thanks for all you do for Robertson!
Learn, Grow, Live!



Mr. I



Upcoming Events:

- 11/3 Title I parent meeting@ 7:00pm
- 11/4 Fruitti Cup Night
(Mr. I's favorite place to go)
- 11/6 Roundup k-2@ 2:15pm
- 11/6 FISD Chili Challenge 5-8pm @
Pizza Hut Park
- 11/10 Stranger/Danger Assembly
K/1st@ 8:15am
2nd @ 9:00am
- 11/10 Fundraiser Delivery 2:00-5:00pm
- 11/12 Picture retakes
- 11/13 4th grade "on campus" Native
American field trip
- 11/13 Roundup 3rd-5th @ 2:15pm
- 11/16-20 Fall Book Fair!
- 11/16 3rd grade to the opera
- 11/16 Room Parent Meeting@ 7:00pm
- 11/19 Kinder PTA program@ 7:00pm (book
fair open in the evening)
- 11/20 Celebration of Learning Assembly
K-2@ 8:30am / 3rd-5th@ 2:15pm
- 11/23-11/27 HOLIDAY ☺

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

How to Help Your Children with Reading At Home

Everyone wants their child to be a good reader. But what do you do when he or she struggles with early reading and comprehension, or has **no interest in opening up a book**? Listed below are some general suggestions for things parents can do to help support the reading growth of their children. If you practice these steps regularly in a motivating and supportive way, they will help your child make faster progress in learning to read. When your child is "stuck" on a word, rather than say "sound it out", wait 5-10 seconds and give him or her wait time of 5-10 seconds. See what your child attempts to do to help himself. If the attempts are not correct, try some gentle prompting with these comments or questions:

- "What would make sense there?"
- "Use the picture to help you figure out what it could be."
- "Go back to the beginning of the sentence and try that again."

Most importantly, focus on what your child is doing *well* and *attempting* to do. Remain loving and supportive. When your child is having difficulty and

trying to work out the trouble spots, try these comments:

- "Good for you. I like the way you tried to work that out."
- "That was a good try. Yes, that word would make sense there."
- "I like the way you looked at the picture to help yourself."
- "I like the way you went back to the beginning of the sentence and tried it again. That's what good readers do."

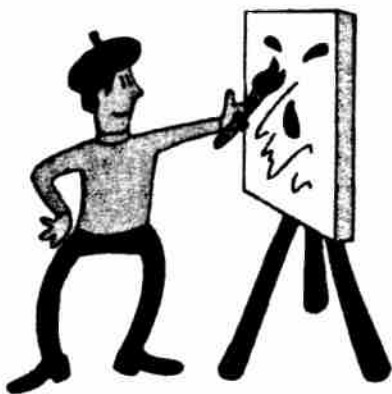
Talk about what he's reading. This "verbal processing" helps him remember and think through the themes of the book. Ask questions before, during, and after a reading session. For example:

Before: "What are you interested in about this book? What doesn't interest you?"

During: "What's going on in the book? Is it turning out the way you thought it would? What do you think will happen next?"

After: "Can you summarize the book? What did you like about it? What other books does it remind you of?"

Melanie Davis,
Assistant Principal



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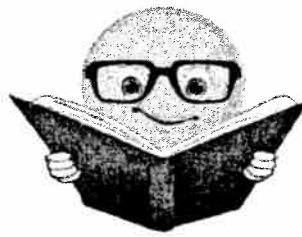


If you are in the building, please take some time to explore the Robertson Art Gallery located in the hallway between pod one and pod two. Thanks to the kinder parent volunteers for their efforts in making art more fun for the kinder students.

Fifth grade will be working with fibers and ceramics later this year. They will need any kind of yarns and threads that you may have. Any length will work but the longer the better. We will need interesting textures and colors. Please send to the art room, to the attention of Ms. Knott.

Thanks for your help

The Library needs Volunteers!
Please come by the Library or
email Lucy Towle @
towlel@friscoisd.org



Respect Yourself!
Respect Others!
Respect Robertson!

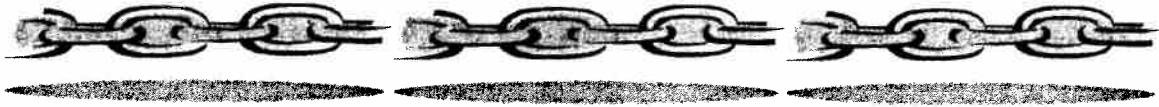
Robertson Elementary 2009-2010 Yearbook

Year book staff is up and running. They are taking pictures at events and designing the pages. If you have pictures of school events, please send them to us. The following link will allow you to upload them directly. The link is located on the Robertson homepage.



REMEMBER – the only way you can reserve a yearbook is ONLINE. Please use the following link that is located on the Robertson homepage to reserve your copy now.

Coming in January – You will be able to purchase a Fifth Grade Recognition add for your student. 1/8 page will be \$5.00. You can combine ads. More information to follow.



Kinder Parent Volunteers

Want to be more involved? Have some free time on your hands?

The Computer teacher, Ms. Hardy, and
the Art teacher Ms. Knott

Would like to invite you to help with Specials

Kinder specials time is Monday thru Thursday 12:10pm to 1:00 pm
Friday 12:25 to 1:15

Feel free to drop in anytime and enjoy the fun

Remember you need to have completed the
Volunteer Application on Line

Please email with any questions

hardyt@friscoisd.org or knotts@friscoisd.org

Counselor Update...

Mrs. O'Hearn

Hello Robertson Families,

This year is flying by! November's schedule has some exciting Guidance activities. On November 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will kick-off "Rachel's Challenge." This is a program promoting kindness to everyone. Each grade level will watch a short film about kindness and what other elementary schools are doing to spread kindness. They will be asked to join the challenge of spreading kindness at Robertson. Each grade level will make a chain out of paper links symbolizing each individual act of kindness. I am hoping for a **L O N G** chain!

On November 10th, Kinder, 1st and 2nd will be entertained by "The Kids count Players." This is a program that involves a fun, music filled message, sharing ways to stay safe. The program uses puppets to keep the students attention while learning important information.

Our Journey to Success character traits are Loyalty and Cooperation. Encourage your child to read the stories and do the activities in their planners!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Christine O'Hearn
Guidance Counselor
Robertson Elementary|FISD
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Library Happenings!

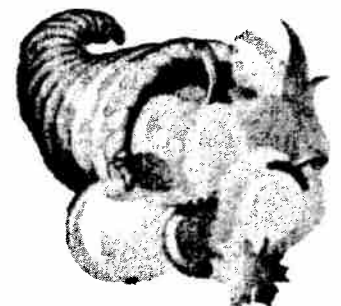
November is always a lot of fun in the library. Students are frantically reading to win prizes, participate in reading programs such as 2X2's, Bluebonnet Books, Book It (by Pizza Hut) and starting November is "Read to Succeed" (by Six Flags). Further details from all of these programs can be found at the Robertson Library Website

Another special event for the month of November is our wonderful Book Fair! If you are interested in helping your PTA with this event, please contact our Book Fair Chairperson, Cristina Crawford at crawford_cristina@yahoo.com.

Keep your kids **GOBBLING UP BOOKS** during your holiday break.



With Warm Thanksgiving wishes!
your Librarian,
Lucy Towle



Robertson Elementary

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

We are rolling through the school year, November is almost here! We have finished our cookie dough fundraiser, we certainly have some ambitious sales people at Robertson! Thank you for all your hard work! Also, thank you Jamie Berry for all your hard work and dedication.

We are gearing up for our first book fair of the year November 16-20. Start saving your coins, the loose change challenge begins in just ten days! I hope you are all able to make plans to visit our "Reading Around The World" book fair with your child. Some of the profits from this book fair will go toward bringing another author here to Robertson in December, Jody Feldman, the author of the Bluebonnet book The Gollywhopper Games. A great big Thank You to Cristina Crawford and the entire book fair committee!

Now, I have heard from many of you with questions and concerns about not having a Spring Carnival this year. Let me try to quiet your concerns. After our carnival last spring, the PTA board started a discussion regarding the timing of our carnival. We came to a decision and voted in favor of moving the carnival to the fall. Spring is a very busy time at Robertson. By the time we have finished book fair, TAKS testing and field day, everyone is exhausted and burned out. We felt by

moving the carnival to the fall, we would have a more energetic and enthusiastic group of volunteers.

In order for us to make the change to a Fall Festival, there has to be a transitional year. Unfortunately, this year will be that transitional year. In place of a carnival this spring we are planning a fitness challenge. For this, the children will get people to sponsor them for a variety of different fitness activities. We are also hoping to incorporate a health fair with this challenge. There will be many more details to come and planning will begin in the next few weeks.

I hope this clears up some of the confusion. We will still have a fun activity for the kids and families this spring and I feel our First Annual Fall Festival will be an overwhelming success next fall.

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

Ibby Gill, PTA President

Ibbyjim@sbcglobal.net

Texas PTA

every child. one voice!

October 2009

Issue 11

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 3 = Title 1 Parent Information Mtg 7:00 pm

Nov 7 = Saturday Science Starts

Nov 10 = Cookie Dough Delivery

Nov 14 = Chili Challenge/Community Parade

Nov 16-20 = Fall Book Fair

Nov 16 = Room Parent Mtg 7:00 pm Cafe

Nov 19 = PTA Program—Kinder 7:00 pm

Nov 23-27 = Holiday—No School

Volunteers



Thanks to all the parents who have given their time to volunteer.

If you would like to be informed about volunteer opportunities at Robertson please send your email address to clancye@yahoo.com.

Upcoming events include Fall Book Fair and assisting Nurse Dean with health screenings.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.
Clancy Denton
972-786-5523

Reflections 2009

Step right up and show your creativity through this year's Reflections theme: "BEAUTY IS..."

for more information please go to our website below:

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

You can also contact Mrs. Patz or get your entry forms in the office!

patzkowc@friscoisd.org

DUE: Friday, October 30th



School Directory

The Robertson Directory is a great way for students to keep in contact with their classmates.

Please pick one up in the office today for only \$1.00.

Ashley Stuckey

Ashley.stuckey@thehartford.com



Kindergarten Program



Dear Parents and Students,

It is time for our kindergarten program! It will be on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00p.m., following a short PTA meeting. Our program this year is called "The Three Piggy Opera a children's opera based on the well known story of The Three Little Pigs.

Parents are to bring their child to the gym at 6:50p.m. If you arrive early, please wait with your child in the cafeteria. Only students and teachers are to be in the gym. Parents, family and friends should have a seat in the cafeteria.

The dress for the evening will be girls in pink and boys in black or gray. We will make pig masks for the girls and wolf masks for the boys using paper plates. I would like to suggest overalls or blue jeans with pink tops for the girls and black or gray shirts with matching pants or blue jeans for the boys.

Please look at my wish list below to see if you are able to contribute any items to the play. All items will be returned unless you have specified it as a donation. You may bring your items to the music room at anytime.

Thank you,

Mrs. Biscamp

If you are interested in helping decorate the stage, please contact me through email at biscampm@friscoisd.org.

<u>Program Wish List</u>
1. Cardboard/toy bricks
2. a bale of hay
3. toy wheelbarrow, shopping cart or wagon
4. construction hats and toy tools, tool belts, anything used for "building" a house
5. wide tongue popsicle sticks and large paper plates
6. pink and black face paint for "pig" noses and "whiskers" for the wolves.

Box Top

<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Grade</u>	<u>1,092 Box Tops</u>
<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>1,032 Box Tops</u>
<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>922 Box Tops</u>
<u>4th Place</u>	<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>753 Box Tops</u>
<u>5th Place</u>	<u>Kinder</u>	<u>645 Box Tops</u>
<u>6th Place</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>252 Box Tops</u>

The grade with the most box tops as well as any grade with 2,400 Box Tops will receive EXTRA RECESS.

Keep Sending In Your Box Tops!!!

First Competition Deadline- Friday, Oct. 30th

The Second Competition Deadline will be Friday, February 26th

GREAT JOB EVERYONE ON SUPPORTING ROBERTSON! EVERY BOX TOP COUNTS!!!



4950 Eldorado Pkwy.

Located at the NW Corner of Eldorado Pkwy and the Tollway next to Market Street

Wednesday, November 4th 4pm-7pm

We would love for you to join us for some delicious *frozen yogurt* and to make it just plain irresistible, choose from dozens of toppings to meet your particular craving.

15% of all sales go to Robertson PTA

Make sure to tell the cashier that you are there to support Robertson.

I hope you will join us for a scrumptious treat and don't forget to invite friends and family.