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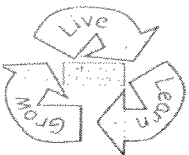
Dear Robertson Parents,

I hope that you and your families had a restful and relaxing summer these past few months. I can't believe that this is already the third year for Robertson Elementary! The last two years have really gone by so quickly. Besides doing some home improvement projects (that I contracted out to other people☺) and going to Fort Worth for a few days, my summer was pretty much non eventful. I'm excited to hear from your kiddos about how they spent their summer vacation.

Even though it's only early August, there have been lots of teachers in the building working hard to have their rooms ready for the new school year. We have the most dedicated staff ever!

We have a couple changes this year that I wanted to let you know about. Our new theme is "Learn, Grow, Live!" This has replaced "Reaching for the Stars." We also have two portable buildings that are located in the afternoon pickup area. Each portable building contains two classrooms. The location of the portables is very close to the main building which makes the safety factor, very manageable. We will have three 5th grade classes housed in the portables. In addition, our Gifted/Talented and Accelerated Math Instruction classes will share a portable classroom. We received portable buildings because of our rapid growth over the last two years. We are projected to have 850 students for this school year. **Please see the safety procedures that will be put in place for those students who will be in these classrooms.**

The Robertson PTA has already hit the ground running this year. I urge all of you to join PTA for the low, low cost of \$6. The theme for this year's membership drive is "Get Back to Basics, Join PTA!" The goal is 100% of parents and teachers to join PTA. PTA will have membership forms available at Meet the Teacher Night. These forms will also be on our school web site for you to access. In addition, PTA will be selling new Robertson spirit shirts for only \$10. When you support PTA, you support Robertson. PTA has always been so generous with our teachers and campus. I am thankful for all of the great things they do. Ibbby Gill will be serving as PTA President for this school year. Mrs. Gill and the rest of the PTA board are excited about serving in their leadership roles. Special thanks to Tonia Willis for being an awesome president for the previous 2 years.





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Volunteers are always welcome here at Robertson. As the saying goes, "Many hands make for light work." Please make sure that you fill out a volunteer background check if you are interested in serving as a volunteer. Even if you filled out a background check form last year, you must fill out one for school year 2009-2010.

You can access this online at: <https://volunteer.friscoisd.org/>

Also, please view our attached traffic flow map and procedures. Please also see our guidelines for portable classrooms. Safety is of the utmost importance at Robertson. Our traffic flow in the morning and afternoon will be the same as last year. A few general reminders:

- There is **no parking on Woodlake Parkway** (except for special events). These events will be communicated as they are approved by the Little Elm Police Department.
- At PM pickup, cars may not block thru traffic on Regina Drive. Cars may park along the curb as long as drivers remain in their vehicle.
- Please continue to be patient when dropping off and picking up students. In the afternoon, we will be dismissing 850 students. Last year, our parking lot was cleared of all vehicles by 3:10. It takes a team effort to assure that students are dismissed safely.

You may access all kinds of information about Robertson, including upcoming events, by visiting our school website.

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

The Robertson staff is very excited about working with your child this year. I hope to see each of you at Meet the Teacher Night on August 21st from 5:30-7:00pm. Robertson Rocks!

Sincerely,

James Iorio
Principal





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From our librarian, Mrs. Towle:

I would like to invite all students to bring a postcard with their favorite book they read over the summer to the library on the first day of school for a small prize. They can put their name and grade on the address part and I will hang it in the library for all to see.

I look forward to a wonderful year with everyone.

-Mrs. Towle

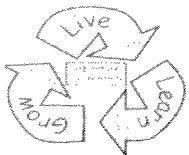
Important Upcoming Dates

August

- 19th Kindergarten Orientation 6:00pm (**parking on Woodlake allowed**)
- 21st Back to School Night 5:30-7:00pm (class lists will be posted by 5:00pm)
(**parking on Woodlake allowed**)
- 24th First day of school for Kindergarten-5th grade 8:00-3:00

September

- 3rd Elementary Curriculum Night (**parking on Woodlake allowed**)
kinder/2nd/4th 6:30-7:15pm
1st/3rd/5th 7:30-8:15pm
- 7th School holiday
- 17th PTA meeting 7:00pm (**parking on Woodlake allowed**)
- 18th-Oct 5th PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser



Robertson Traffic/Portable Classroom/Pickup/Drop-off Procedures

Portable Procedures

- **Parents may not pick up or drop off students at portables. Parents must report to the office.**
- Each portable teacher will have a walkie talkie to assist with safety.
- Students who need to enter the building or go outside to their classroom will be accompanied by either an adult or a student “buddy.”
- **Portable doors will be locked at all times (no exceptions).**
- **Portable doors will not be propped open.**
- Classes in portables will be brought into the building in the event of a threat of tornado or inclement weather.
- Teachers have specific procedures that will be put in place to pick students up in the morning, and bring them to their appropriate pick up location(s) in the afternoon.

Morning Procedures

- Buses/daycares will drop off students by the cafeteria doors in the front of the building. Students will enter these cafeteria doors. Students in 3rd-5th will go to the gym once they are inside the cafeteria. Students in Mrs. Leeper and Mrs. Westhoff’s 5th grade classes will go to the music room. Students in K-2 will remain in the cafeteria. Any student (K-5th) who needs breakfast will remain in the cafeteria.
- Walkers and bike riders will enter the glass cafeteria doors as well. Students in 3rd-5th will go to the gym once they are inside the cafeteria. Students in Mrs. Leeper and Mrs. Westhoff’s 5th grade classes will go to the music room. Students in K-2nd will remain in the cafeteria. Any student K-5th who needs breakfast will remain in the cafeteria.
- All other students will be dropped off in the back of the school near the playground. Students will walk to the back gym door which will be open. Students in 3rd-5th grade will remain in the gym. Students in Mrs. Leeper and Mrs. Westhoff’s class will go to the music room. Students in grades K-2nd will go to the cafeteria once they are in the gym. Any student (K-5th) who enters the gym, and needs breakfast, may walk from the gym to the cafeteria.
- The front area of the building will be for loading/unloading of bus/daycare students. **Parents may not drop off in the front of the building as long as the orange bus cones are up.** Once all of the buses/daycares have arrived, and the orange cones have been picked up by our outside duty teachers, students may be dropped off in front of the building

Afternoon Procedures

- **Slow down! Student safety is priority one!**
- Older siblings will go to the location of their younger sibling to be dismissed at the end of the day where the younger sibling dismisses.
- **For those students in portables:** teachers will walk bus/daycare/Alphabet/YMCA/older siblings/walkers/bike riders etc into the building to their designated pickup area. 5th grade students who are car riders, and do not have younger siblings, will be picked up at the 5th grade dismissal sign near the playground.
- All buses/daycare will pick students up in the front of the building. Bus/daycare students will be dismissed through the front of the building. **Students may not be picked up by cars in the front of the building.**
- Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed through the front entrance.
- All other students (K-5) will dismissed from their POD exit door. There are three lanes of traffic that begin off Regina Drive. The two lanes closest to the building are for student pickup only. **Parents are not to park in these lanes and get out of their cars.** The far left lane will be for moving traffic only. **Please do not remain parked in the third lane because this will block thru traffic.**
- There will be designated pickup areas indicated by signs as to where each grade level will be dismissed. See the traffic flow map for more specifics.

No Parking Areas

- There will be no parking allowed along both sides of Woodlake Drive per the Little Elm Police Department. During special events, parents will receive communication as to whether or not parking on Woodlake is permitted.