

ROBESON ROCKET

May 2021



PTA NEWS

Family Meals Out

Get ready for Taco Tuesday! Our next Family Meal Out Fundraiser will be at El Toro Bravo (2561 W Springfield)! Bring the fundraising flyer when you dine in or carry out on **Tuesday, May 18 from 11 am to 8 pm**, and 20% of your bill will be donated back to Robeson's playground fund! You can print the flyer that was posted on our school Facebook page. The flyer will also be distributed with school supplies on May 7. There will be a stack of flyers at the register in case you forget to bring one with you.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in last month's Family Meal Out at Oberweis/That Burger Joint! With your support, we earned \$118.11 for our playground fund. Please save the dates for our summer Family Meals Out at TCBY on June 8 and Jarling's Custard Cup on July 19.

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation week is May 3-7, and the PTA is planning to pamper our teachers all week long as always (show-and-tell information coming soon!). Families of remote students will be able to drop off gifts/cards/drawings to show their appreciation for their Robeson teachers/staff on **May 7 from 2-6pm** at the supply pick up drive-through. Just be sure to clearly label the gift with the recipient's name, as they will be distributed after the requisite quarantine period. In-person students will be able to drop off gifts in the designated area of their individual classrooms. Let's show our amazing teachers some love for all their hard work and dedication during this unusual year!

Screen Free Week Challenge

The PTA is proud to announce this year's Screen Free Week Challenge from May 3-7. Join the Facebook Event Page and post photos of your Robeson student(s) or family doing a fun screen-free activity every day of the school week! (Photos can be posted daily or all five photos can be posted at the end of the

week). Any student/family who posts a set of five photos by May 8, will be entered into a gift card drawing to enjoy a treat from a local business! Winners will be announced on May 9.

We know that with virtual learning there will be some screen time required during school and independent work activities. So to qualify as a screen-free day, please limit the screen time to those required school activities.

Screen-free activities can be anything from going on a nature walk, playing a sport, playing board games or baking. For more ideas and for a list of events going on in our community, please refer to the Robeson Facebook Page. Community event links can also be found at: <https://www.chambanamoms.com/event-calendar-2/>

There will be playground meet-ups for students to try out the new Robeson playground equipment on **Wednesday, May 5**. Students are invited to come play with their peers during their designated time (K/1st – 5:45-6:30, 2nd/3rd – 6:30-7:15, 4th/5th 7:15-8). Masks must be worn and capacity will be capped at 50 people per health guidelines.

PTA Officers Slate for 2021-22

The nominating committee has presented its nominations for PTA officers for next school year. The nominees are as follows:

Melissa Ames, President
Ina Williams, Vice President
Ryan Boyd, Secretary
Laura Pew, Treasurer

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, you may still do so. Please let Kristi McDuffie (kristimcduffie@gmail.com) know and your name will be added. Voting will occur at the PTA meeting on **Tuesday, May 18**.

Social Committee

Our last Family Virtual Event of the school year will be Bingo on **Thursday, May 13 at 6 pm**. Materials for this event will be available for pickup during the supply pick up for remote students on **Friday, May 7 from 2-6pm**. Bingo materials will be sent home with in-person students. There will be prizes, so be sure to mark your calendars to join in the fun!

PTA Meeting

Our last PTA meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, **May 18 at 6 pm**. We will be voting for next year's PTA officers, so please plan to join us.

Zoom login information:

Meeting ID: 921 5770 9101

Passcode: 945358

SCHOOL NEWS

Message from Principal Pitcher

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, please take a minute to recognize the impactful educators in your children's lives. If you would like to drop off a special thanks to a teacher, you may do so during the monthly supply pick-up on **Friday, May 7, 2-6p**.

Please look for Wonders Textbooks that were sent home at the beginning of the year. We will be asking that these are returned on **May 24** for use next year.

Online Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is right around the corner. Unit 4 utilizes an online platform for registration. Registration will be open May 3, 2021 through June 3, 2021. On May 3, the Guardian 1 as listed in eSchool will receive an email with registration instructions. The email will come from Unit 4 School District noreplyregistration@powerschool.com.

If you have questions or would like additional assistance, the district will be hosting two registration events:

- **Friday, May 14, 4-7p**, in the Mellon building/parking lot

- **Thursday, June 3, 9a-12p**, in the Hessel Park Pavilion

Library News

April was the end of Robeson Curbside Checkout. Please make sure all library materials are returned on or before **May 7**. Please return materials to the collection bin located inside the front door during regular office hours, 7 am to 4 pm. Materials can also be dropped off on May 7, during the last monthly supply distribution from 2-6pm.

The Champaign Public Library summer reading program kicks off on **May 15**. Follow this link to learn more: <https://champaign.org/live>

Thank you Mr. Cahill and Mr. Milo!

A great big thank you to Mr. Cahill and Mr. Milo for the entertaining and educational science demonstration last month. We really hope students felt inspired to learn about the world around them and conduct their own experiments with the help of their grown-ups. If you missed the fun, please visit the Robeson Facebook page for a link to the recorded zoom meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

- May 3-7 (Mon-Fri) – Teacher Appreciation Week
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- May 5 (Wed) – Robeson Playground Meet-Ups, 5:45-8pm
- May 7 (Fri) – Supply pickup (including Bingo supplies), Appreciation Gifts drop-off, 2-6pm
- May 13 (Thu) – Family Virtual Bingo Event, 6pm
- May 18 (Tue) – Family Meal Out at El Toro Bravo, 11a-8p
- May 18 (Tue) – Robeson PTA Meeting, 6pm