

Dear Residents of Roberts,

This month, I would like to discuss an item that has been running in the Carbon County news the last few weeks. Due to new legislation last year, we are now being asked to share our projected raises in taxes to any permissive funds. Permissive funds are funds that the school administration makes recommendation to the school board to approve, the school board then makes the final decision to approve or to not approve, but they never get to a community vote.

Currently in Montana, a school can permissively levy to the following funds: Tuition; Transportation; Bus Depreciation; Adult Education & Building Reserve. All of these funds are formula funded, meaning we have a cap as to how much we can permissively levy. Below you will see the likely changes to your local taxes. As is traditionally the case these changes will be formalized at the August School Board Meeting.

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*
Bus Depreciation	\$3600 increase	1.99 mills increase	\$2.69 increase	\$5.38 increase
Transportation	\$3100 increase	1.67 mills increase	\$2.27 increase	\$4.53 increase
Tuition	0	0	0	0
Building Reserve Elementary	\$1467 increase	.78 mill increase	\$2.10 increase	\$4.19 increase
Building Reserve High School	\$1467 increase	.78 mill increase	\$2.10 increase	\$4.19 increase
Total	\$9634 increase	5.22 mill increase	\$9.16 increase	\$18.32 increase

Looking at the total line you can see the effect of the overall increases and decreases. We tried our best, as we always do, to be fiscally responsible to the school and to the local taxpayers. We have also decided to once again not run a levy to our district General Fund.

On a positive funding note we are currently working to utilize our funds received from the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Program Grant. This award of \$750,000 over the next three years is already being put to use. We have hired a literacy coach who is starting in April. Her name is Katherine Raines and she comes to us after working eight years between Casper and Sheridan. She will be working on a part time basis through the remainder of the school year. We are also working with a Literacy Consultant. His name is William Vancleave. He comes to us out a consulting company out of Bozeman. He will be working with our staff a few times a month and helping us institute best practices. His background is as a teacher and instructional coach who has also written multiple books on how to teach literacy to students of all ages. We are very excited to have these two individuals joining our team.

Thank you for your time,
Alexander Ator

PAWS FOR BOOKS BOOK FAIR WAS A DOGGONE GOOD TIME! Sadly, the book fair is over, but the students came away with great new books, the teachers' wish lists were filled (a special THANK YOU to students & parents who bought books for teacher classrooms!), and lots of great raffle prizes were given away. Most importantly, students got excited about books and reading. Thank you all for your support of the book fair and our library. Please keep encouraging your students to spend at least 20 minutes per day reading. Remember, the BEST way to do this is to MODEL it yourself! 😊

3rd Quarter Reading Challenge &

Kindle Give-Away: Many students revved up their reading for 3rd quarter, earning themselves tickets for the prize drawing on March 19th. 4 Kindles were given away courtesy of Star-in-the-West Masonic Lodge. Wyatt Roascio, Charlotte Kosel, Tyler Allen, and Mady Roascio each won a Kindle Fire. ALL other students who met or exceeded their 3rd Quarter reading goals went away with a prize. What a fun way to celebrate reading! Let's try to do even better 4th quarter!



This year's Kindle Winners! Charlotte Kosel, Wyatt Roascio, Madylin Roascio and Tyler Allen

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE BOOK FAIR AND/OR 3RD QUARTER READING CHALLENGE:

**Albertsons
Barnes & Noble
Baskin Robbins
Beartooth Hideaway
Build-a-Bear Workshop
Chic & Sassy Salon
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Exotic Pets & All Breed Grooming
Grizzly Peak Animal Hospital
Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters
Pizza Ranch
Reese & Ray's IGA
Roberts Café
Roman Theater
Tractor Supply Co.
True Value
Vue & Brew Movie Theater
Y-Stop
Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary
Zoo Montana**

ALSO, our great thanks goes to the Star-in-the-West Masonic Lodge for donating 4 Kindles to our 3rd Quarter Reading Challenge, and to our friend of the library, "Miss Aiko," who paid for EVERY student in grades K-6 to pick their own book from the book fair. Wow! We are very blessed!

RPPA Springs into Spring!

The Roberts Parents for the Performing Arts is excited this Spring, to showcase the performing arts at Roberts School with a full agenda of drama and music for students and community.

A **Sound and Light Workshop** on Friday, March 9 provided interested students in 7-12 to experience the basics of production sound and stage light programming. Experts from Dia Events in Billings presented students with a special Friday School hands-on experience. Newly learned skills from the workshop were utilized by students a week later at the annual **RPPA Talent Show** on March 16, which featured a one-act play, followed by 18 various student-generated skits, musical selections, an illustrated talk and even a martial arts demonstration. During intermission an appreciative audience was invited to view a student art exhibit arranged by Sheila Roberts and Misty Pitts. The play "Stormitt's Gold" written by local Kathy Bauer and directed by English teacher Ashley McCoy and RPPA member Jahna White, can boast 100% participation by dozens of Roberts School students in grades 7-8! The action begins after the homecoming game, when several athletes and cheerleaders learn about colorful and spooky characters from Roberts' past. The students share the fascinating story of Stormitt, an early-day Roberts hermit who raised and sold prize horses. Throughout the years locals have heard treasure stories about the gold coins that he buried near his land...gold that has never been found. Highlights from the play include the school's rich history, such as its being used as a 'hospital' during the Spanish flu epidemic. In one eerie scene the students encounter ghost children at the Roberts Cemetery, victims of that epidemic. The students seek help from the school's fabled ghost children and Stormitt's ghost in an attempt to retrieve the gold and buy new uniforms for Roberts Rocket teams. The premiere of the play provided a fitting tribute to the Roberts School during its 100th year birthday celebration.

An upcoming event, **Montana Shakes**, from the Shakespeare in the Parks program, is on May 1. High-energy actors present a fun and educational look at characters and themes from Shakespearean plays via a comical play unique to their program. Following the play, nine smaller workshops will teach elementary students some exciting elements of drama. This is the third time the RPPA has been able to bring this outstanding group to the school.



Finally the RPPA is excited to announce the purchase of a new Clavinova for the music department to replace the well-worn one bought 25 years ago. This "high-tech piano", which utilizes computer programming, is an integral element in the concerts and other programs at the school. The RPPA utilized a generous gift of \$2,000 from the Seidman Foundation, along with help from the Roberts Community Foundation to purchase this new gem. Watch for further opportunities to assist RPPA, as we are hoping to purchase a new flute and music stands for the music department. For more info on how to join RPPA, contact Mary Allen @446-2864.

Roberts Students Win Carbon County Celebration of Our Youth Awards



Award for Dance/Performance

Kelby has been an outstanding student in her martial arts class—mature and dedicated beyond her years. She is patient, attentive, and engaging. Her natural abilities in sparring, bo staff, and form exceed her youth. Forms (kata) require dedication and time to memorize the patterns and techniques. Kelby is a good student who often demonstrates her forms at school for her classmates. She even recently competed in a martial arts tournament in Billings.



Kindness Award

There are many ways that Peyton demonstrates kindness, more than words can explain. He shows kindness towards his peers and adults by having a smile on his face, extending a helping hand without expecting anything in return, and by participating within the community while having a positive attitude. He has grown so much this year and is a pleasure to know.



First and Second Grade Happenings

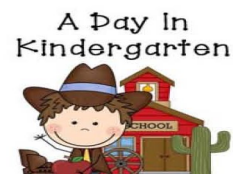
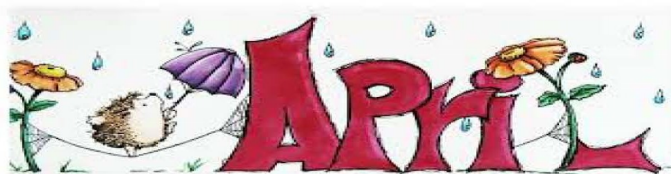
As we wrapped up the Oregon Trail Unit, kids enjoyed "Pioneer Day". Students dressed up in pioneer clothing, did a simulation with events that occurred on the trail. Kids tasted some buffalo jerky, hard tack, grits and we also churned our own home-made butter!

During March students have been exploring the water cycle. They were shocked to find out we are drinking the same water as the dinosaurs! "How can that be?" They asked. Kids learned how the same amount of water has been on the planet for years. It just keeps going through the water cycle.

This last month we have had a few challenges in class, where students are required to work together and problem solve. After we completed our force and motion unit, students were split into teams and asked to build a marble run on the wall. They had to figure out how to make their marble roll the slowest and it had to land in a cup at the end. This sure was a challenge of the minds.

We recently read *Horton Hatches and Egg* by Dr. Seuss. Afterwards, students were split up into teams, given supplies and asked to build a nest for their egg. Most importantly, the nest had to be strong enough to protect the egg from Horton (a bowling ball) sitting on it. We had a few successful nests and a few where the egg broke when Horton sat on it!









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Easter Sunday	2  District Solo & Ensemble Music Festival	3 JHBBB @ Park City 4:00/5:00	4	5  Kindergarten Round-Up	6 Track Meet @ Columbus 10 AM JHBBB @ Broadview/Lavina 3:00/4:00	7 JHBBB Custer/Hysham @ Home 10:00/11:00
STATE FFA CONVENTION—BILLINGS						
8	9	10 *K-2 Alberta Bair -9:30 Henry & Mudge **West Quad Track Mt @ 3:30 **School Board Mtg @ 6:00	11 	12 4th Quarter Mid-term	13 Joliet Track Invite @ Laurel 9:00 AM	14
15  SPRING	16 Nancy Russell Presentation Grades 3-6 @ 2:00 Grades 7-10 @ 3:00	17	18	19 JH Track Meet—Roundup @ Laurel 9 AM	20 Sunshine Meet @ Columbus 9:30  BPA BINGO	21  Mom's Night
22	23	24	25	26	27  Special Olympics Friday Program	28 Park City/Harlow Meet @ Laurel 10:00 AM
29 	30					



Roberts April 2018



	2Fajitas Refried beans Rice Fruit Milk	3Italian dunkers JO JO fries Salad bar Fruit Dessert, milk	4Ham and beans Rolls Salad bar Fruit Milk	5Baked fish 7-12 Fish strips k-6 McC& cheese, rolls 2 hot veggie Dessert, milk	6no lunch	
8 17 Lunch Days HS/JH...\$44.20 Elem....\$39.95	9Sloppy Sam F.F. Salad Fruit Milk	10Pizza Salad Fruit Dessert Milk	11Biscuit& gravy Scrambled eggs Tater tots Fruit Milk	12Kielbasa red sauce French bread Salad Dessert, fruit Milk	13no lunch	14
15	16Chicken fry steak Mashed potatoes 2 hot veggies WW rolls Fruit, milk	17Frisco melt 7-12 Chicken sand k-6 Pasta bar Fruit Dessert, milk	18Roasted turkey Mashed potatoes Hot veggies, WW rolls Fruit Milk	19Enchilada Rice Salad Fruit Dessert	20no lunch	21
22	23Hay stacks Salad bar Fruit Dessert, milk	24Manicotti 7-12 Ravioli k-6 meat balls French bread Salad, dessert Fruit, milk	25(2) soup Sandwiches Veggies Fruit Milk	26Cooks choices Salad Fruit Dessert Milk	27no lunch	28
29 	30 Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes WW Rolls (2) Hot Veggies Fruit, Milk					



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Montana Shakes! 	2 6-C Tri-Valley Track Meet JH—AM HS—PM	3 Rocket Kinder Camp 1:00-4:00	4 JH Track Meet @ Harlowtown 9:30 am STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL	5
6	7	8 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ 6:00	9	10 Rocket Kinder Camp 	11 DISTRICT TRACK @ LAUREL 8:30 AM	12
13	14 JUNIOR HIGH DISTRICT TRACK @ LAUREL	15 ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY 12:30-3:45	16	17 DIVISIONAL TRACK @ LAUREL 3rd-4th Grades Big Horn Education Day Rocket KinderCamp	18 YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM FRIDAY PROGRAM	19
	21	22	23 SEMESTER TESTS	24 SEMESTER TESTS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	25	
27	28	29	30	31		



Roberts May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	15 Lunch Days HS/JH...\$39 Elem....\$35.25	1Spaghetti Garlic bread Creaser salad, salad Fruit, dessert ,milk	2Pulled pork sand Salad bar Chips, cheese stick Fruit Milk	3Meat Balls Mashed potatoes Biscuit 2 hot veggies Fruit, dessert, milk	4no lunch	5
6	7Chicken sandwich JoJo fries Salad Fruit Milk	8Pizza Salad bar Fruit Dessert Milk	9Tacos Rice Salad Fruit Milk	10BBQ Hot dogs & Polish, coleslaw Baked beans, Veggies, fruit Dessert, milk	11no lunch	12
13	14Chefsalad Bread sticks Fruit Milk	15Fajitas Rice Salad Fruit Dessert, milk	16Chicken nuggetk-6 Chicken strips 7-12 F.F. Salad, fruit Milk	17BBQ Burgers Chips Veggies Fruit Dessert	18no lunch	19
20	21Nachos Rice Salad Fruit Milk	22Hoagies Chips Fruit Ice cream Veggies, milk	23Sack lunches	Last day - Cooks Choice Ice Cream	25 Happy Last Day of School 	
27	28	29	30	31		

MAY 24TH IS THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL— IT IS A FULL DAY! STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 4:00

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

<i>Tuesday, April 3, 2018</i>	<i>Park City</i>	<i>Park City</i>	<i>Elem (b)/JH (b)</i>	<i>4:00/5:00</i>	<i>2:30</i>	
<i>Friday, April 6, 2018</i>	<i>Broadview/ Lavina</i>	<i>Broadview</i>	<i>Elem (b)/JH (b)</i>	<i>3:00/4:00</i>	<i>Noon</i>	
Saturday, April 7, 2018	Custer/	Roberts	Elem (b)/JH (b)	10:00/11:00		

Roberts Track Schedule 2018						
updated	3/28/2018					
Date	Host	Location	Level	Start Time	Bus	R
Monday, March 12, 2018	1st Day of Practice					
Thursday, March 29, 2018	Snowflake	Columbus	V	9:00 AM		
Friday, April 6, 2018	Roundup/Park City	Columbus	V	10:00 AM		
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	West Quad	West High	V	3:30 PM		
Friday, April 13, 2018	Joliet Invitational	Laurel	V	9:00 AM		
Thursday, April 19, 2018	Roundup	Laurel	JH	9:00 AM		
Friday, April 20, 2018	Sunshine Meet	Columbus	V	9:30		
Saturday, April 21, 2018	PROM					
Friday, April 27, 2018	Park City	Park City	JH	1:00		
Saturday, April 28, 2018	Park City/Harlow	Laurel	V	10:00 AM		
Wednesday, May 2, 2018	6C Tri-Valley	Laurel	V/JH	12:00 PM		
Friday, May 4, 2018	Harlowtown	Harlo	JH	9:30 AM		
Saturday, May 5, 2018	Stillwater Invitational	Laurel	V	9:00 AM		
Friday, May 11, 2018	6-C District	Laurel	V	8:30 AM		
Saturday, May 12, 2018	6-C Robets	Columbus	JH	9:00	Confirmed	
Monday, May 14, 2018	Junior High Districts	Laurel	JH	9:30		
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Divisional Track	Laurel	V	9:30 AM		
May 25-26, 2018	State Track	Great Falls	V			

NOTICE:

The last day of school will be Thursday, May 24th. The Junior High and High School Students will be taking their semester tests on Wednesday and Thursday. **WE WILL HAVE A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL ON THE 24TH.**

The students will be dismissed at 4:00 PM

2018 April/May Newsletter

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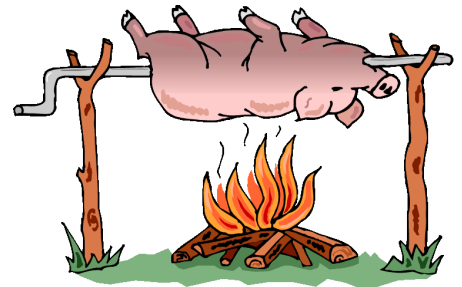
Kindergarten Roundup

Thursday, April 5th

8:00 AM

**Please call the school if you
have a child that you would
like to register**

**Roberts
Fire Dept
Pig Roast**



Saturday, June 2nd

@ 5:00 PM

2018 Graduation

**Sunday, May 20th
2:00 pm**



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**Friday, April 20th
6:00-9:00 pm**

PARENTS: June will be here before we know it! Just a reminder to help your student keep careful track of his or her library books. Books should be returned on a weekly or at least monthly basis, and **all library books must be turned in by May 17th**. Thank you for your help with this!