

# February/March

## Roberts School News

### Student Happenings

Winter sports, FFA, and BPA are all well underway. BPA and FFA have been busy with Regional and District events as they prepare for the state competitions in the upcoming months. Basketball has reigned supreme as the boy's team is 5 and 7 while the girl's team is 11 and 1. The boys will likely enter the District tournament in 4th place, while the girls will likely be seeded 1st overall. On a broader sample, the girl's team is currently ranked 6th in the state for Class "C" girls as it hopes to make its first-ever state "C" girls' tournament.

### Students stay busy with various trips on Friday

As many know, the school district moved to a nontraditional calendar eight years ago and primarily goes to school only four days a week. While Roberts wasn't the first district in the state to make this jump, many have followed, and various districts in our county and surrounding counties are considering the same option in the upcoming year. With this in mind one of the ways our students stay busy on Friday is through our Friday programming once a month.

This year we have gone to Tippet Rise, The Gallagher Pumpkin Patch, Centennial Ice Arena, and skiing up at the Red Lodge Resort three times. We will conclude the year with a climbing event at Steep World and a visit to the Audobahn Center, both in Billings. Each trip tends to bring 20-40 students on a volunteer basis.

### Looking Forward

As we look forward to the upcoming years, it is a great time to reflect on where you were, where you are at, and where you are going. In recent years, our student data achievement has stagnated with the uncertainty of what school would look like every week. From a national perspective, they discuss this term as learning loss. In Roberts, like many districts in the country, we were given Federal funds to keep schools open during the pandemic and minimize damages related to the inconsistency of school operations. These funds have been a game changer for our district, helping us split up elementary combinations and bringing more intervention staff and materials while also supporting improving our overall feel of the school.

This winter benchmark assessment helped us show that the proof is in there for the work. 63% approximately 2 out of 3 Roberts Students in Grades K-10 scored at or above the national average range in Reading Comprehension or the ability to understand what is read. Additionally, on winter assessments, 74% approximately 3 out of 4 Roberts Students in K-10 grew at a rate above the national average.

Our District has had an influx of federal money, adding that to our literacy grant has allowed us to make changes in educational practices that few districts in our region or peer districts in the state would be able to achieve. Our next step is keeping quality staff in all areas and allowing our students to continue to grow at this pace. To do this will need to increase overall revenue to the school as these grants sunset. Please look forward to some information on a likely general mill levy to the district in the upcoming months.

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# FFA NEWS

The Roberts FFA Chapter is heading into a busy time of the school year. The members of the chapter will be competing in Career Development Events (CDEs) and Leadership Development Events (LDEs) in January, February and early March to qualify and prepare for the Montana FFA State Convention taking place in Great Falls, MT on March 21-25<sup>th</sup>. Students will be competing in the following events: Agronomy, Floriculture, Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Ag Sales, and Agricultural Mechanics. Members will be traveling to Bridger, Red Lodge, Joliet, Billings, Clyde Park, Columbus, Melstone, and Lewistown to compete in these various events.

In addition to traveling and competing in CDE and LDE events, Roberts FFA members will be conducting activities at Roberts School during National FFA Week that takes place February 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be activities happening during Small Group time each day of school during that week and the members are planning a teacher/staff pancake breakfast on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. We want to say thank you to all the parents for your support of the members as they participate in these FFA activities. The Roberts FFA Chapter will be having a parent/member awards banquet on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to recognize members for their achievements and awards during the 2022-2023 school year and would like to welcome parents and community members to the event.

## ***Roberts STUCO Valentine's Fundraiser***

Hello everybody! This year for Valentine's Day, the Roberts Student Council is offering a Valentine Goodie Bag or a Mini Balloon with Chocolate. We will be selling these for \$5 a piece, however, we have limited stock, so get them while you can!! If we are unable to fulfill your order with these due to limited supply, we will provide something of equal value. If you would like to order, please fill out the slip below (one slip per order) and return it to Miss Nancy with payment.



Please circle one:

Goodie Bag

Chocolates and Balloon

To:

From:

## February Menu

Week of:		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1/29	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Muffin	Breakfast Casserole	Cinnamon Swirl Toast
	LUNCH	Curry Chicken	Burritos	Cooks Choice	Corn Dogs
2/5	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Egg McMuffin	Pancake on a Stick	Bagels
	LUNCH	Walking Tacos	Mac & Cheese Chicken Strips	Turkey & Rice Casserole	Chili Frito Pie
2/12	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Oatmeal	Sausage Biscuit	Yogurt
	LUNCH	Rib Sandwich	Tater Tot Casserole	Biscuits & Gravy	Chicken Strips
2/19	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Biscuits & Gravy	Pop Tart	Mini Waffles
	LUNCH	Fish Sandwich	Chicken Pot Pie	Chili	Sweet & Sour Chicken
2/26	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Muffin	Pancake on a Stick	Egg McMuffin
	LUNCH	Chili Dogs	Breakfast for Lunch	Spaghetti	Fajitas

## March Menu

Week of:		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2/26	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Muffin	Pancake on a Stick	Egg McMuffin
	LUNCH	Chili Dogs	Breakfast for Lunch	Spaghetti	Fajitas
3/5	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Egg & Potato Scramble	Pop Tart	Bagels
	LUNCH	Chicken Sandwich	Super Potato Ole's	Chicken Alfredo	Pork Chop John
3/12	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Muffin	Mini Waffles	Yogurt
	LUNCH	Corn Dogs	Sub Sandwiches	Lasagna	Chef Salad
3/19	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Pop Tarts	Breakfast Burrito	Cinnamon Swirl Toast
	LUNCH	Fish Sticks	Pizza	Pulled Pork	Tacos
3/26	BREAK-FAST	Cereal	Yogurt	Muffin	Sausage Biscuit
	LUNCH	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	Egg Salad or Bologna Sandwich	White Chicken Chili	Cheese Burgers