



## Growth and Changes

The Roberts School is up over 30 students from where we ended in the spring of 2017. This growth has brought many new and energetic faces to our district and also pushed a few of our classroom sizes to state limits and thus created a few accreditation issues that needed to be handled in the middle of the school year. We recently hired two new staff members on a part time basis to solve these problems and ensure we are giving the students of Roberts the best education possible.

Our first new hire is Ms. Susan Fischer as our school counselor on a part time basis. She is a Montana native who is a graduate of Billings Central in 1968. She has worked as an English teacher and Counselor over her career at mainly the high school grade levels in Shepherd, Billings and most recently Red Lodge. She was retired and began missing students so she came out of retirement to help us fill our void. She is most excited about her opportunity to work with elementary students as she has never worked with the lower grade levels before. From a schoolwide perspective, hiring Ms. Fischer allows us to shift some staff around and break up our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade afternoon combination, eliminating a classroom size issue. Thank you to Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Halvorsen for being so flexible during this process and filling in where we need as they take on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade independently going forward. Also thanks to Peter Wisniewski, Rick Sederberg and Nancy Langager, for helping us clear an office and move classroom materials in a short time frame to meet the needs our students.

Our other new hire is Mrs. Candy Harvison as a paraprofessional in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Candy comes to us after a career as a teacher in many different grade levels out of state. She has lived locally for the last 2 years and has subbed in the kitchen and classroom for us this year. She has also helped out in areas around the community, mainly by serving and cooking for the Common Ground dinner program Monday night at the Church of the Rockies. She will be filling in and helping Mrs. Roberts and our elective teachers in the afternoon when they have the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades combined. This will again alleviate the classroom limit issue we have in our 1-2 combination to again ensure we meet the individual needs of our students.

## MCLP Grant & the District Budget

With an increase in staff, comes an increase in cost, and as many of you are aware, the state of Montana recently met in a special session to cut the state wide budget due to a lack of revenue. So many of you are probably asking how the district can afford to increase staffing in a year that from a political stand point seems fiscally short. My response to this is we qualify for an increase in statewide funding due to our substantial increase in student population from our projected numbers. This money will be just enough to offset the cost of the additional staff. Also the district was just approved for a federal grant that will bring in over \$750,000 of new money over the next three years to support our staff in ensuring a quality literacy education for all our disadvantaged students. There are more details to this grant that will come out in a formal press release later this month, but I do want to thank James Sigl, Myrna Lastusky, Jackie Ronning, Cass Cole, Sheila Roberts, JaLayne Obert, Joel Bertolino, and Patti Keebler for their efforts well above and beyond their typical duties to help study data, write the grant and ensure the great opportunities for our students that this grant will provide for us over the next three years.

As always thank you for your time,

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## RPPA's State of the Arts Message

As Spring approaches, the arts are in full bloom at Roberts School, with a full calendar of music, drama, performances and student matinees. Thanks in great part to wonderful donors and calendar ad sponsors, students will be experiencing the arts first-hand!

**February 20** will find grades 3-6 attending "The Adventures of Bella and Harry: Let's Visit London" at the Alberta Bair Theater. This fun-filled musical adventure allows comparisons and contrasts between another English-speaking culture and the U.S.

**March 14** all high school students will be attending the Aquila production of one of William Shakespeare's greatest dramas, Hamlet at the Alberta Bair. The English classes, who have been studying the play, will have the oppor-

tunity to view this professional interpretation of the masterpiece. **March 16** is the date for the RPPA Talent Show Extraordinaire. Community members as well as students and staff are invited to sign up as participants. Join us for a free, fun-filled family event, which will feature Ms. McCoy's J.H. English classes' premiere production of Stormit's Gold, written by local playwright Kathy Bauer, and a student art display assembled by Sheila Roberts and Misty Pitts.

**March 27** Well-wishes to the music at District Music Festival!

**April 10** concludes the ABT student matinees with K-2 enjoying a live

production of "Henry and Mudge" by award-winning author Cynthia Rylant. They will share in Henry's trials and joys of training his new pet, Mudge. Once more the Roberts Parents for the Performing Arts wishes to thank our outstanding donors and sponsors. Tickets for this year's ABT Student Matinees were sponsored by community members Dave and Kathy Ritter.

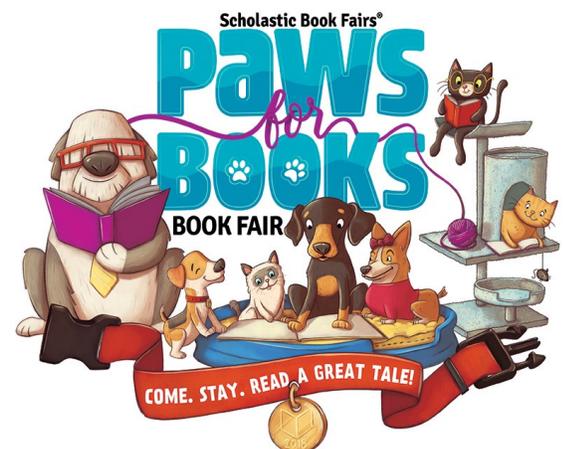


## "Paws for Books" Book Fair

The "Paws for Books" Book Fair is coming in March! This will be a great chance to get your PAWS on some amazing books at very good prices. The Book Fair will take place in our library from March 19-27<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the book fair will be open from 4-8 pm during Parent-Teacher Conferences, but parents, students and community members are welcome to SNIFF AROUND (& buy books!) during morning hours or after school on other days. Once again, there will be some great raffle prizes. One raffle ticket for every \$10 spent. So mark your calendar for a fantastic night to celebrate our students and DIG IN to some great new books. See you at the fair!

**ALSO . . . the Book Fair Bark Sale . . . er, BAKE sale** will be the 2 weeks prior to the book fair. **On Monday and Tuesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>)** students can buy dog and cat-themed goodies during lunch and after school. ALL proceeds benefit *All for Books*, a Scholastic charity.

Roberts School gets to use all the money to buy books for our school, but Scholastic MATCHES the amount and gives it to several children's charities. Great bang for your bark . . . er, buck!



### 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER READING CHALLENGE & KINDLES FOR KIDS!

Thanks to a generous donation from Star-in-the-West Masonic Lodge, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, students in grades 2-12 are encouraged to read more than ever. Students simply read books and take the Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz for each book (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders take the quiz through their classroom teachers; 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders see Mrs. L.). Students receive entries into a drawing that gives them the chance to win one of four free Kindle Fires, plus many other great prizes!

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 AR points = 1 entry

3<sup>rd</sup>: 3 AR points = 1 entry

4-6: 5 AR points = 1 entry

7-12: 8 AR points = 1 entry



### KINDER ROCKET NEWS..

We have 7 students in Kindergarten this year. Students have been hard at work learning and growing. They are becoming readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists. Each week they gain skills to help them learn and grow. Recently the class began learning about Arctic animals. They have compared Polar Bears and Walruses and discovered the Arctic regions of North America. Naturally, questions about Penguins and the North Pole led us to discover Southern Polar regions and animals. The students have read informational materials, created art and diagrams and watched different videos. The next time you see a "Kinder Rocket" ask them to tell you about Polar Bears and Walruses.



# 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dramatic Performances

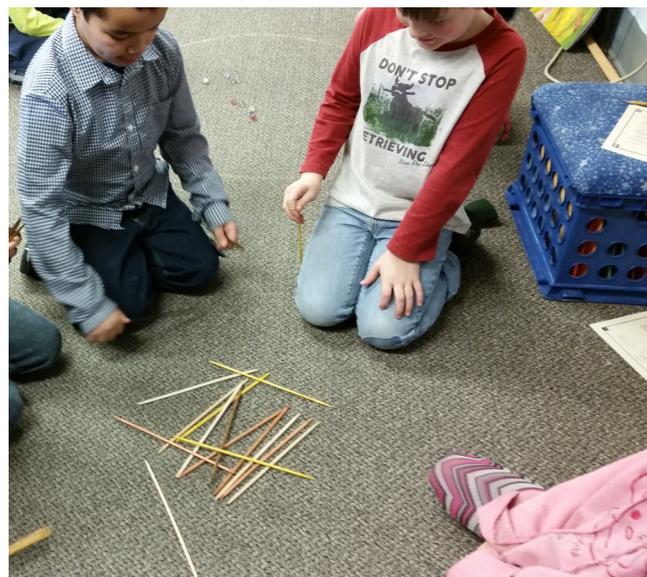
The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be working on a drama unit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. They will learn about various types of dramatic performances while also practicing presentation and speaking skills. This should be a fun and energetic third quarter culminating in the RPPA Talent Show on March 16<sup>th</sup> where our student performers will be showcasing their skits, monologues, and one-act play. Come out and support our student performers while enjoying a fun-filled family night!

Ms. Ashley McCoy

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Happenings

Currently, in math first graders are learning how to add three numbers together using the "make a ten" strategy, and they are just beginning to learn how to add double digits together using what they have learned about place value. Kids have also been playing "First to One-Hundred" using base-ten blocks.

First and Second graders have been experiencing what it was like to travel in a covered wagon as we begin a unit on The Oregon Trail. Students listen daily to journal entries about life on the trail, including hardships, struggles and the determination of the pioneers. As the class 'travels' on the trail, they get to see all the interesting landforms along the way, including Chimney Rock in Nebraska and Independence Rock in Wyoming. We will soon be "packing" our own wagons and writing about life on the trail. Last week, the children played pioneer games such as Pick-up-Sticks, Marbles, and Jacks. A great time was had by all!!



## Drivers Education Class

We are currently looking into offering a Driver's Education Class this summer. The classes usually start in June and end the middle of July. If you are interested in the class and have not contacted the school please let us know and we will make sure you are on the list.

# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 HSBB -RPR @ Home 5:00/6:00/7:30	3 HSBB @ Plenty Coups
4	5	6	7	8 	<b>9 SKI DAY</b>  HSBB @ ABSAROKEE 5/6/7:30	10 <b>SENIOR NIGHT</b> HSBB-BRIDGER @ HOME 5/6/7:30
11	12 	13 Immunizations for 6th,10th & 11th. <b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ 6:00</b>	14  <b>VALENTINES DAY</b>	15	16	17
<b>DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS @ RED LODGE</b>						
18	19 	20 3rd-6th Alberta Bair <b>Adventures of Bella and Harry</b>	21	22	<b>23 SKI DAY</b>  JHBBB @ CUSTER/ HYSHAM	24 
25	26	27 CARBON COUNTY SPELLING BEE 3:30 @ Red Lodge Civic Center <b>JHBBB PARK CITY @ HOME 4:00/5:00</b>	28 	1 JHBBB @ Fromberg 4:30	2	3

## Roberts February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>16 Lunch Days:</b> HS/JH: \$41.60 Elem: \$37.60 Reduced: \$ 6.40			1Chicken nuggets k-6 Chicken strips 7-12 F.F., salad Fruit, dessert Milk	2no lunch 	3
4	5Fajitas Rice Salad Fruit Milk	6Beef burger gravy Mashed potatoes Rolls 2 hot veggies Fruit, dessert, milk	7Turkey Mashed potatoes 2 hot veggies WW roll fruit, milk	8Rainbow pasta! Creaser salad, salad Garlic bread Fruit, dessert Milk	9no lunch	10
11	12Shrimp alfredo Popcorn shrimp French bread Salad, Fruit, milk	13Hoagie sands 2 soups Veggies Dessert Milk	14Hay stacks Salad bar Fruit Milk 	15Hamburgers F.F. Veggies Fruit Milk	16no lunch	17
18	19Beef &bean burrito Tater tots Salad Fruit Milk	20Pizza Salad dessert Fruit Milk	21French toast Bacon or sausage Scrambled eggs Tater tots Fruit, milk	22Min corn dogs Mac &cheese 2 hot veggies Fruit Dessert , milk	23no lunch	24
25	26Baked ham Scalloped potatoes Corn bread, dessert 2 hot veggies Fruit, milk	27Taco salad Rice Fruit Refried beans Milk , dessert	28southwest wraps 2 soups Veggie Fruit milk			



# ROBERTS March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>17 Lunch Days:</b> <b>JH/HS \$44.20</b> <b>Elem: \$39.95</b> <b>Reduced: \$ 6.80</b>			<i>1Goulash</i> <i>French bread</i> <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Fruit, dessert</i> <i>Milk</i>	2no lunch 	3
4	5 <i>Beef stew</i> <i>Biscuits</i> <i>Cheese stick</i> <i>Fruit, dessert</i> <i>Milk</i>	6 <i>Tacos</i> <i>Rice</i> <i>refried beans</i> <i>Salad, fruit</i> <i>Dessert, milk</i>	7 <i>Boaster chicken</i> <i>Mashed potatoes</i> <i>2 hot veggies</i> <i>Biscuit</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	8 <i>tuna noodle casse- role, WW roll</i> <i>Salad bar</i> <i>dessert</i> <i>Fruit ,milk</i>	9no lunch	10
11	12 <i>Chef salad</i> <i>Pretzels</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	13 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Dessert</i> <i>milk</i>	14 <i>Mexican soup</i> <i>Cheese quesadilla</i> <i>Veggies</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	15 <i>Tater tot casserole</i> <i>WW rolls</i> <i>2 hot veggies</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Dessert , milk</i>	16no lunch	17 
18	19 <i>B.B.Q chicken</i> <i>F.F.</i> <i>Baked beans,</i> <i>Salad, fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	20 <i>Mc Rib sand</i> <i>Roasted red potatoes</i> <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Dessert, milk</i>	21 <i>Pan cakes</i> <i>Scrambled eggs</i> <i>Tater tots</i> <i>Bacon or sausage</i> <i>Fruit, milk</i>	22 <i>Hamburgers</i> <i>JO JO fries</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	23no lunch	24
25 	26 <i>Nacho</i> <i>Rice</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	27 <i>Chinese dishes</i> <i>Rice or noodles</i> <i>Stir fry veggies</i> <i>Fortune cookies</i> <i>Fruit, milk</i>	28 <i>Beef dip sands 7-12</i> <i>Sand k-6</i> <i>2 soups</i> <i>Veggies, fruit</i> <i>Milk</i>	29 <i>Chicken &amp; noodle</i> <i>WW rolls</i> <i>Salad</i> <i>Fruit</i> <i>Dessert ,milk</i>	30no lunch	31 

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March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 JHBBB @ Fromberg 4:30	2	3 
4	5 	6	7	8	9 JHBBB @ RYGATE 3:00/4:00	10
11 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  BEGINS STATE BPA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BILLINGS	12 <b>1ST DAY OF TRACK PRACTICE</b>	13 JHBBB RYGATE @ HOME 4:00/5:00 <b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ 6</b>	14 High School— Alberta Bair "Hamlet"	15	16 RPPA Talent Show	17 JHBBB @ BRIDGER 
18	19	20	21	22 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	23	24 JHBBB @ BELFRY
25	26  JHBBB @ ABSARKEE 5:00	27 DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL	28	29	30	31

# Basketball Schedule

Friday, February 2, 2018	Reed Point/Rapelje	Roberts	BJV/GV/BV	5:00/6:00/7:30
Saturday, February 3, 2018	Plenty Coups	Plenty Coups	GV/BV	5:00/6:00/7:30
Friday, February 9, 2018	Absarokee	Absarokee	BJV/GV/BV	5:00/6:00/7:30
<b>Saturday, February 10,</b>	<b>Bridger</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>BJVGV/BV</b>	<b>5:00/6:00/7:30</b>
February 15-18, 2018	District 6-C Tourna-	Red Lodge		
Friday February, 23,2018	Hysham/Custer	Hysham/custer	Elem (b)/JH (b)	4:00 5:00
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	<b>Park City</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Elem (b)/JH (b)</b>	<b>4:00/5:00</b>
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Fromberg	Fromberg	JH (b)	4:30 1 game
Friday, March 9, 2018	Ryegate	Ryegate	Elem (b)/JH (b)	3:00/4:00
<b>Tuesday, March 13, 2018</b>	<b>Ryegate</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Elem (b)/JH (b)</b>	<b>4:00/5:00</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Custer/Hysham</b>	<b>Custer</b>	<b>Elem(b) JH (b)</b>	<b>4:00/5:00</b>
Saturday, March 17, 2018	Bridger	Bridger	Elem (b)	10:00 -11:00
Saturday, March 24, 2018	Belfry	Belfry	JH (b)/Elem (b)	4:00 1 game
Monday, March 26, 2018	Absarokee	Absarokee	JH (b)	5:00 1 game
<b>Tuesday, MARCH 27, 2018</b>	<b>Fromberg</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JH</b>	<b>5:00 1 game</b>
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	Park City	Park City	JH (b)/Elem (b)	4:00/5:00
<b>Thursday, April 5, 2018</b>	<b>Bridger</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Elem (b)/JH (b)</b>	<b>4:00/5:00</b>
Friday, April 6, 2018	Broadview/Lavina	Broadview/Lavina	Elem (b)/JH (b)	3:00/4:00

## 2018 6C District Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament February 15-18

### Red Lodge High School

Check out the school website: [Roberts.k12.mt.us](http://Roberts.k12.mt.us) for times

# Spirit Week

February 12th-15th

Monday : 'Merica Monday

Tuesday : Tourist Tuesday

Wednesday : Wacky Wednesday

Thursday : Blue and Gold Day



Show your school spirit and support for our basketball players as they head to districts!

## 2018 February/March Newsletter

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**RESPECT**  
**OWNERSHIP**  
**CHARACTER**  
**KINDNESS**  
**EFFORT**  
**TEAMWORK**  
**SAFE**

### Student Council 2018 Valentine Fundraiser

Please return order forms and payment by **Thursday, February 8th.**

Checks can be made out to Roberts School.

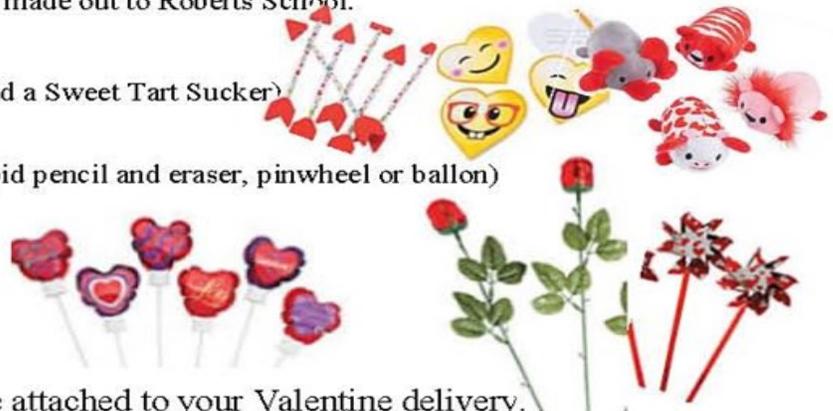
Stuffed Animal Combo... \$5.00  
(Stuffed Animal, Balloon or Pinwheel, and a Sweet Tart Sucker)

Emoji Valentine Combo... \$5.00  
(Mini Emoji Notebook, heart stamp, Cupid pencil and eraser, pinwheel or ballon)

Chocolate Candy Rose... \$3.00

Mini Valentine Balloon... \$2.00

Valentine Pinwheel... \$2.00



Please complete this tag that will be attached to your Valentine delivery.

Please complete one order form per student.

To:

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From:

