# Roberts Kocketeer



## **DECEMBER SURVEY!**



#### 9th - 12th Grade

#### **Maria Castro**

I asked 9-12: "If you could give a gift to anyone, who would it be, and what gift would you give?" Due to this, a wide range of responses were received. Some individuals were more serious with their answers. Others were more caring and heartfelt. The remainder of the comments were lighthearted and humorous. The more personal responses were about family members, or just people that are important to them. Replies in this category were things like, "My family, more money" or "I would give my family all of the joy and happiness in the world". As for the caring and heartfelt answers; an individual said, "A cure to anyone with a chronic illness". Another, "To the world, kindness". These students demonstrated kindness. Kindness is an act of compassion, a way of showing care and concern for others. My personal favorite responses happen to be the more lighthearted and humorous replies. "My brother, a car so he stops stealing mine" and, "I would give the world a little bit more of me". These answers keep the spirit of being generous this holiday season, but also bring some humor in as well. It's always a joy to hear what our lovely teenagers of Roberts High School have to say. And this Christmas season they did not disappoint. Everyone had something to share with the lovely community of Roberts and it's safe to say that we spread holiday cheer and Christmas spirit pretty well this holiday season!

# **5th-8th Grade** By: Molly Mitchell

This month, I asked the fifth through eighth graders how they spread their holiday cheer. Their answers were diverse and ranged from faithful to plain kindness. The overall answer for fifth grade was tied for giving in some way and caroling. Sixth grade's top answer was helping in some sort of way. The seventh graders had a three way tie. Their classes' top responses were to be nice or kind, decorate, and to donate. Last but not least, the eighth grade class had a top response of wrapping and gifting presents. The Roberts fifth through eighth grade students know how to spread holiday cheer!



## K - 4th Grade By: Colt Holdbrook

In honor of Christmas coming up, my questions this month are "Do you use a real or artificial Christmas tree?" and "How do you help decorate your Christmas tree?" This survey was done for grades Kindergarten through fourth grade. Kindergarten was split right down the middle with half of the class using a real tree and half of the class using an artificial tree. Majority of the Kindergarten class helped decorate by putting on the ornaments and lights with a few students putting on the star and hanging candy canes. First grade was also split right down the middle between artificial and real trees. A fair amount of the first grade class helped hang ornaments, yet some students did not help decorate their tree. Second grade only has one student that uses an artificial tree and helps put the angel on. The third grade students all use artificial trees except one that uses a real tree. All of the third grade students help place ornaments throughout their tree. Fourth grade has two students with one using a real tree and the other using an artificial tree. They help put tinsel, ornaments, and lights on their trees. Overall we have some very festive students in the grades kindergarten through fourth.



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#### **Varsity Basketball Schedule**

12/15 Home Custer-Hysham JVG/JVB/VG/VB 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

12/16 Away Twin Bridges VG 3:30

12/21 Home Bridger JVG/JVB/VG/VB 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

12/22 Away Northern Cheyenne VG/VB 2:00/3:30

1/5 Away Custer-Hysham JVG/JVB/VG/VB 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

1/6 Home Northern Cheyenne VG/VB 3:30/5:00

> 1/12 Away Plenty Coups JVG/JVB/VG/VB 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

1/13 Away Fromberg JVB/VB 2:00/3:30 The Junior Class and families are responsible for Concessions. The funds earned will go towards graduation and a senior trip.

Below is a list of concession items.

Junior Class Concessions
Burger Meal \$7.00
(With or without cheese, chips and drink)

Burger \$5.00 Nachos \$4.00

Super Nachos \$5.00

(Nachos with taco fixings)

Walking Taco \$5.00

Pretzel w/cheese \$4.00

**Bosco Stick \$2.00** 

Cup-O-Noodles \$1.00

Popcorn \$1.00

Pop \$2.00

Gatorade \$1.00

**Water \$1.00** 

Icee \$1.00

Chips \$1.00

**Candy \$1.50** 

Caramel Apple Suckers 2/\$1.00

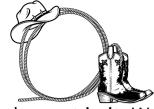
Coffee \$1.00





## **Rowdy Roberts Rockets Rodeo!**

By: Molly Mitchell



Rodeo is a thrilling event where a person can watch or take part in it. Well, if you haven't, there are a couple students who participate in events in Roberts school. These students are Colt Holdbrook and Taylor Koch. This month, we are featuring Taylor! He participates in saddle bronc riding through the Montana High School Rodeo Association. This means the contestant, or Taylor in this case, attempts to ride a bucking horse or bronc for eight seconds. When asked what his season's goals were, he responded with "going to state with hopes to win and then proceed to nationals."

Taylor started doing rodeo through his family. His family has been rodeoing for several generations. Therefore, he has stories to tell and opinions to give. One being how he loves to hear the crowd cheer after a thrilling ride. Taylor Koch has rodeo experience, will you ask him about it?

## Off to the shooting range

Maria Castro

I asked Miss Molly Mitchell three questions:
How long have you been in competitive shooting?
What kind of tools do you use for competitive shooting?
How did you get into competitive shooting?
What are your goals moving forward?
These are her responses:

I have been shooting competitively for three years.

I use special clothing called leathers, an Olympic level air rifle, an offhand stand to rest my rifle, and targets provided by the club.

I initially started with my dad, but became more interested in it through 4-H. My goal moving forward is to break a score of 580 out of 600 points in the standing position with my air rifle where each individual target is worth 10 points with ten bulls per target. I shoot six targets making the total amount of points 600.

## Did you hear that?

By: Molly Mitchell

Do you enjoy listening to Christmas music during the holidays? Well, you have the opportunity to listen to music and enjoy original pieces of art courtesy of the Roberts students. On December 20th, the art show starts at 5:30 P.M. and the music program starts at 6:00 P.M. The Rock Creek Ranchers are also doing a food drive so any non-perishable food items will earn you a ticket to win a large stocking stuffed with Christmas gifts.





### 2023 Fall Sports Banquet By: Colt Holdbrook

Between the pot luck, amazing student athletes, and all of the supporting community members this year's Fall Sports Banquet was a blast. The dinner was a group effort provided by different families and the dessert was provided by the booster club along with a cake in honor of the girls winning the 2023 Class C state cross country title. Roman Bertolino was recognized for his participation in high school football at Red Lodge along with Graysen and Maxton that took part in junior high football at Red Lodge. Both junior high and high school girls volleyball teams were recognized along with the boys and girls cross country teams. Mrs. Blankenship took a moment to talk about the students that attended Youth Days which was in Great Falls. Youth Days is a chance for youth of all abilities to come together for leadership service opportunities. Lastly the junior high boys basketball team took a stand at the front to be acknowledged for their skills and efforts throughout their season. We greatly appreciate all the community members who came out to support our student athletes along with the staff and family who helped make the banquet possible.

## FFA JDAE's

**By: Maria Castro** 

Have you ever heard of JDAE's? Well if you haven't Mr. Grove out FFA Advisor would love to explain! JDAE's is officially called the Montana Ag Expo sponsored by John Deere Dealerships. It is an event that takes place in Bozeman, MT on the campus of Montana State University each year in November. The FFA members are competing in numerous Career Development Events (CDEs) and Leadership Development Events (LDEs). Let's check out our top individuals! From the Roberts FFA Chapter this year are the following: Zach Fetz in Agronomy; the Floriculture team of Jozelyn, Laynee, Hailey, and Molly; the Horse Evaluation team of Colt, Owen, Kelby, and Lexi; and the Senior Livestock Evaluation team of Colt, Nate, Owen, and Abigail.

I also asked Mr Grove how he thought the team did this year and this is what he said:

"I think overall the Roberts FFA
Chapter did a good job in the
competitions. The students are
getting more confident in the events
they are competing in and are doing a
great job of preparing and
participating. I look forward to them
getting even better and placing in
some of the events at both the district
and state level in the future.

# **Quizzing the Head Coaches**

Ms. Sarah Wade

**Molly Mitchell** 

Molly: As the head coach, what are your goals for the Varsity team?

Ms. Wade: My goals are to be competitive and grow and develop our skill on and off the floor.

Molly: How do you feel that you are going to help improve this year's team? Ms. Wade: To grow and develop new skills, to push us outside our comfort zone, and to better prepare for uncertain situations.

Molly: How do you choose who will start?

Ms. Wade: Starting positions are based on work in practice, leadership, coachability, and attitude.



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Mr. Alex Ator
By: Colt Holdbrook

Today I interviewed Mr Ator as the 2023-2024 boys varsity basketball coach and this is how it went.

Me: What roles have you taken in coaching high school boys basketball in previous years?

Mr. Ator: I have been an assistant coach two to three times when staff haven't been able to coach due to family or medical reasons. I also took a summer coaching role in Shields Valley and was an assistant coach in Medicine Lake for three years.

Me: What other roles have you taken as a basketball coach?

Mr. Ator: I have coached junior high basketball for eight years between Roberts and Medicine Lake.

Me: What determines who plays on Varsity?

Mr. Ator: Whoever has given me the most reason to trust them to be successful during the game at that given moment.

# Christmas Dress up days









Sparkle and Shine









Flannel





Look at those sleepy heads



