

2023-2024

Roberts School

August/September Newsletter

All-Class Reunion

This summer was jam-packed at the school; the community celebrated with an all-class reunion honoring staff and students of the 100-year history of classes. Meeting so many people connected during their time in this great community was incredible. Additionally, I want to thank the many people from our custodial staff to the centennial committee and anyone else who helped out along the way to make this incredible event happen.

Staff Additions

This summer, we only hired one new teacher, Sarah Clark. Sarah comes to us with fifteen years of experience in Colorado. She will be taking over the responsibilities of second and third grade. We also have had a few staff members change positions. Theresa Kosel has coached for us for multiple years but will take over as our physical education teacher after subbing last spring. Additionally, Lisa Young will be moving from a paraprofessional position to our School Counselor.

Grants Continue to Support Our School

Our school successfully applied for two grants since the end of school last spring. The first was a solar grant to install solar panels on the bus barn northeast of the school. This grant will pay for many of the school's electrical needs for the upcoming years. Furthermore, our school received a two-year grant totaling \$238,000 to support student mental health and safety.

Building Improvements

Thank you to our incredible summer staff of Peter Wisniewski, Darryl Grove, Jim Burrows, Kelly Songstad, Theresa Kosel, and Tanya Wright. This summer, every room was not only cleaned and prepped for the school year but was also cleaned and prepped for the reunion. Additionally, numerous rooms were painted, and a large shelving loft was built in our bus barn to help use expiring grants to purchase curriculum and other materials for future years and help us maintain the present level of student services.

Next Steps

This year the school will be implementing a school-wide writing program. This is the last big-picture goal of our second literacy grant. During the first seven years of these grants, we have updated the curriculum in Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Character Ed school wide while improving instructional practices in character development, assessment, personalized learning, classroom management, and general instruction. This school year, we will be working on developing a graduate profile. This profile is a list of skills and characteristics a Roberts graduate should have that reflect our communities values. It will eventually be broken down by grade level of what skills should be taught at each grade level to ensure our students graduate with those skills and characteristics. During this process, we will host a series of community meetings to collect community feedback and further engage our stakeholders to ensure this profile reflects the value of our community.

As always, we are excited for the school year and to welcome the children of this great community into our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please email ator@roberts.k12.mt.us or by phone at 406-445-2421.

Alex Ator
Superintendent of Schools

Thank you to Aaron Dantic and Rimrock Computers for our new, updated website!
Check it out at www.roberts.rockets.org

Wondering if our library has a certain book?

Visit the Library Link; Roberts School webpage: robertsrockets.org,

1. Launchpad,
2. Academic Information,
3. School Library
4. Roberts School Library.

You can search for books from there. Once you have found a book that you would like email Mrs. Pitts at pitts@roberts.k12.mt.us. I will get it to you or your child during school hours.

Scholastic Book Fairs: We will be having a Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences in November (I'm a Reading Super Hero) and in March (Spring into Reading). Please come in and see what Scholastic has to offer.

Donations: With the cooking & baking many of you will be doing over the next months, please take special care to watch for BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION labels on your receipts. By downloading the Box tops app and scanning your receipts you can help the school purchase books for the library.

Just a reminder that we also collect USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES to earn money for library needs. The library has purchased several wireless mouse, wireless keyboard and mouse, as well as some storage containers for the library. Keep those cartridges out of the landfills.

We are still recycling markers through COLORCYCLE by Crayola. Our school has donated close to 50 pounds of markers to COLORCYCLE. This program helps keep plastic markers out of our landfills. All items can be placed in the wicker baskets outside the library door. THANK YOU for your help in this!



The Rocketeer

The Rocketeer is a student managed newsletter created each month by the Journalism class. Want to read the previous Rocketeer's or keep up to date with the new ones, head over to the new School Website robertsrockets.org, select School & Academics and select The Rocketeer

NASA Teams:

We plan on competing again this year in the NASA Artemis ROADS contest. Miss Katy Rausch will be a co-advisor. Teams include students from grades 9-12, 6-8, and 3-5. Last year's teams were a great success and I am very proud of each and every one of them. Our middle school team, the Space Seekers, will be headed to Florida for an expense paid trip to Kennedy Space Center this month. The Space Seekers will be meeting over 100 students from across the country and possibly have the chance to see a launch!

Thank You again to everyone being so welcoming to myself, my own children, and my crazy classroom pets.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Please register your students online before the 1st day of school which will be Monday, August 21st. The link can be found on the school website and will also be emailed to parents.

<https://forms.gle/nngfwDnqHbk8cPBv5> If you have any questions or need to come in to the school to fill out the registration you can do so August 14-17.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The School Board of Trustees believes that regular attendance is a shared responsibility of the student, the parent/guardian and the school. Every student enrolled in this school is subject to all school policies, procedures and rules, no matter his/her age. The administration asks that parents/guardians please call (445-2421) to notify the school between 7:45 am and 9:00 am when their student is absent. In compliance with the Missing Children Information Act the school must make a reasonable effort to notify the parent/guardian by 24 telephone of a student's absence as soon as the absence is noted or by 10:00 am if the school has not already been notified by the parent/guardian. This will allow authorities to get an earlier start on tracking missing children.

August/Sept Menu

Week of:		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8/21	BREAKFAST	Cereal	Muffin	Poptart	Yogurt
	LUNCH	Hot Dogs	Walking Tacos	Chicken Strips	Chef Salad
8/28	BREAKFAST	Cereal	Breakfast Burrito	Cinnamon Swirl Toast	Bagels
	LUNCH	Sub Sandwich	Nachos	Chicken Sandwich	Chili Frito Pie
9/4	BREAKFAST	No	Pancake on a Stick	Cereal	Sausage Biscuit
	LUNCH	School	Taco Salad	Stir Fry	Cheese Burgers
9/11	BREAKFAST	Cereal	Yogurt	Mini Waffles	Egg McMuffin
	LUNCH	PB&J or Tuna Sandwich	Popcorn Chicken & Waffles	Spaghetti	Hot Ham & Cheese
9/16	BREAKFAST	Cereal	Muffin	Breakfast Burrito	Bagels
	LUNCH	Pulled Pork	Tacos	Sloppy Joes	Corn Dogs
9/25	BREAKFAST	Cereal	Poptart	Yogurt	Cinnamon Swirl Toast
	LUNCH	Nachos	Tater Tot Casserole	Biscuits & Gravy	Rib Sandwich

Breakfast/Lunch prices for 2022-2023

Elementary:	Breakfast \$1.50—Lunch \$2.35
Junior High/High School:	Breakfast \$1.50—Lunch \$2.65
Adults/Staff:	Breakfast \$1.50—Lunch \$3.60

FFA NEWS

The Roberts FFA Chapter installed a new slate of officers at their annual year end awards banquet in April and those officers are as follows: President - Elizabeth DeVries; Vice-President - Taylor Koch; Secretary - Molly Mitchell; Sentinel - Owen Wallila; Reporter - Thommy Howard; Treasurer - Karmen Garcia. These officers had an officer retreat in June at the Buffalo State Park in Cody, Wyoming to make plans for the coming year. The chapter served a lunch at the Roberts School Reunion on Saturday, July 1st. Several members of the chapter worked parking cars at the Home of Champions Rodeo in Red Lodge July 1-4th (a special shout out to Abigail Swansborough who who worked the lunch during the reunion and all four days at the rodeo). The following members participated in the Carbon County Fair the last week of July: Elizabeth DeVries, Rachel DeVries, Lilly Hyvonen, Karmen Garcia, Kelby Langager, Taylor Koch, Thommy Howard, Owen Wallila, Luella Wallila. The chapter will begin the school year by hosting a hamburger BBQ during the school Open House on Thursday, August 24th. The chapter will also be hosting the FFA District Leadership School for the Montana FFA Southern District on Friday, September 8th. Other big events this fall for the chapter are the NILE Livestock Judging contest in Billings at the METRA in October and the Montana Ag Expo sponsored by John Deere Dealerships in Bozeman in November. All students enrolled in an Agricultural Education class in the Roberts School, grades 7-12 are automatically members of the FFA and have the opportunity to participate in FFA activities. The Roberts FFA wants to wish everyone a fun, produc-



2023 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Level	Time
Friday, August 11,	First day of Practice		V	
Saturday, August 26,	Broadview Tourney	Broadview/Lavina	V	TBA
Thursday, August	Bridger	Roberts	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30
Friday, September 1,	RPR	TBA	JH/V	5:15/6:30
Saturday, September	Gardiner Tourney	Gardiner	V	TBA
Thursday, September	Fromberg	Fromberg	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30
Friday, September 8,	Plenty Coups	Roberts	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30
Saturday, September	Fromberg	Roberts	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30
Friday, September 22,	Custer-Hysham	Custer	Elem/JH/JV/V	12:30/1:30/2:45/4:00
Saturday, September	Bridger	Bridger	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30
Thursday, Septem-	Absarokee	Roberts	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30
Tuesday, October 3,	St. Charles	Roberts	Elem/JH	3:00/4:00
Tuesday, October 3,	WSS	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30
Friday, October 6,	Billings Central	Billings Central	JV/V	5:00/6:30
Saturday, October 7,	Roberts Tourney	Roberts	V	8:00 AM
Thursday, October	Custer-Hysham	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30
Saturday, October	RPR	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30
Tuesday, October 17,	Absarokee	Absarokee	JV/V	5:15/6:30
Wednesday, October	Plenty Coups	Plenty Coups	JV/V	5:15/6:30
Saturday, October	Roy-Winifred	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30
10/26-10/28	District Volleyball	Absarokee	V	TBA
11/2-11/4	Divisional Volleyball	Bridger	V	TBA
11/9-11/11	State Volleyball	Bozeman	V	TBA

2023 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet	Location	Time	Level
TBA	Parent Meeting	Roberts School	TBA	JH/HS
Friday, August 11,	High School Practice	Roberts School	TBA	HS
Monday, August 21,	Elem/JH Practice be-	Roberts School	4:15 PM	JH
Friday, August 25,	Billings	Amend Park Billings	12:00 PM	HS
Wednesday, August	Roundup	Pine Ridge Golf	8:30 AM	JH/HS
Friday, September 1,	Hardin		TBA	JH/HS
Saturday, September	Red Lodge Fun Run	Red Lodge	9:00 AM	JH/HS
Thursday, September	Billings	Pioneer Park	12:00 PM	JH
Thursday, September	Billings	Amend Park	330 PM	JH
Friday, September 29,	Broadus	Rolling Hills Golf	9:00 AM	JH/HS
Thursday, September	Billings	Castle Rock	330pm	JH
Saturday, September	Crazy Mountain Run	Big Timber	10:00 AM	JH/HS
Thursday, October 12,	Joliet	Joliet	Noon	HS
Saturday, October 14,	Tri-Cities	Hobson	TBA	HS
Saturday, October 21,	All Class State Cross	Kalispell	TBA	HS



2023 RED LODGE RAM FOOTBALL



8/11 FRIDAY FIRST DAY OF HS FB PRACTICE

VARSITY SCHEDULE

8/25	FRIDAY	vs. WHITEHALL (H)	7:00 PM
9/1	FRIDAY	@ MALTA	7:00 PM
9/8	FRIDAY	@ COLSTRIP	7:00 PM
9/15	FRIDAY	vs. JOLIET (H)	7:00 PM
9/22	FRIDAY	@ HUNTLEY PROJECT	7:00 PM
9/29	FRIDAY	@ BAKER	7:00 PM
10/6	FRIDAY	vs. ROUNDUP (H)	6:00 PM
10/20	FRIDAY	vs. SHEPHERD (H)	7:00 PM

JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

9/5	TUESDAY	vs. BIG TIMBER	4:30 PM
9/11	MONDAY	@ COLUMBUS	4:30 PM
9/18	MONDAY	vs. HUNTLEY PROJECT	4:30 PM
9/30	SATURDAY	@ BAKER	10:00 AM
10/9	MONDAY	@ SHEPHERD	4:30 PM

OCT 28 SAT
NOV 4 SAT
NOV 11 SAT
NOV 18 SAT

ROUND 1 - CLASS B FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
QUARTER FINALS - CLASS B FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
SEMI FINALS - CLASS B FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
STATE B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SPORTS FEES

A participation fee is required for all students participating in school sports. There is a separate fee for each sport and the fees are due before the first game or meet,.

**ALL FOOTBALL FEES ARE PAID TO
ROBERTS SCHOOL**

Elementary/Junior High—\$20

High School—\$30

A MHSAA Sports Participation Physical Form and Concussion information form must also be turned in.

Participating Grades:

Football:	5th—12th
Volleyball:	4th—12th
Cross Country:	5th—12th
Basketball:	4th—12th
Track:	5th—12th

Schedules

All sports schedules are subject to change for many reasons. Please check the website and sign up for the Remind texts to stay up to date on the changes that are made. Texts will be sent out by coaches and Mr. Ator.



2023 RED LODGE RAM MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL



8/21 MONDAY FIRST DAY OF 7/8 FB PRACTICE

7TH AND 8TH GRADE SCHEDULE

9/2	SATURDAY	@ BIG TIMBER	10:00 AM
9/5	TUESDAY	@ JOLIET	4:30 PM
9/9	SATURDAY	vs. ROUNDUP	10:00 AM
9/12	TUESDAY	vs. COLUMBUS	4:00 PM
9/19	TUESDAY	vs. HUNTLEY PROJECT	4:00 PM
9/23	SATURDAY	@ ROUNDUP	10:00 AM
9/26	TUESDAY	@ COLUMBUS	4:00 PM
9/30	SATURDAY	vs. SHEPHERD	10:00 AM
10/7	SATURDAY	vs. ELDER GROVE	10:00 AM

5TH AND 6TH GRADE SCHEDULE

9/9	SATURDAY	vs. ROUNDUP	10:00 AM
9/12	TUESDAY	vs. COLUMBUS	4:00 PM
9/20	TUESDAY	@ BIG TIMBER	4:00 PM
9/23	SATURDAY	@ ROUNDUP	10:00 AM
9/26	TUESDAY	@ COLUMBUS	4:00 PM

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Pre School News



The Roberts School in partnership with the Roberts United Methodist Church will be coordinating a pre-school program again this year.

This opportunity is offered to any family with children ages 3-5 by September 10, 2023.

There will be Parent Information meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Questions may be directed to Jacki Jessen or Misty Pitts 406-445-2421

2023 FRIDAY PROGRAMS

Below is the list of activities that are scheduled for our Friday Program this year. Sign up sheets will be sent home for each date, the times are usually 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Students are expected to dress appropriately and pack a snack or lunch for on the way back to the school. We will not be running bus routes for these activities.

There is **NO CHARGE** for any of the activities **EXCEPT** Skiing. Skiing is offered for students who are 7 years old and up. The ski dates have not been locked in so that information, as well as the cost for this year, will be sent home as soon as we have the dates lined up.

Friday, September 29, 2023	Clay Center @ School
Friday, October 13, 2023	Pumpkin Patch
Friday, November 10, 2023	Ice skating
Dec /Jan/Feb	Ski Day TBD
Dec /Jan/Feb	Ski Day TBD
Dec /Jan/Feb	Ski Day TBD
Friday, March 22, 2024	Steep world climbing center
Friday, April 19, 2024	Zoo Montana

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great break! It's now time to Taco ☐ About Math and create learning opportunities. As we gear up for an awesome year of learning some things you will need to make the most out of the year:

PENCILS

Eraser

2 inch 3 ring binder

Loose leaf paper or notebook

Expo markers

Compass

Protractor

Headphones/Earbuds

As we get back into our routine of learning remember to come to class with a good attitude, on time and prepared to learn about numbers & quantity, expressions, equations, ratios & proportions, geometry, statistics, probability, functions, & modeling and remember to always ask questions. I am looking forward to a great year of learning opportunities. Enjoy the last few days of summer and see you all Aug 21st. Please feel to reach out with any questions wade@roberts.k12.mt.us.



Ms. Sarah Wade 7-12 Math

Calendar Notes:

First Day Staff: 8/16
First Day Students: 8/21

Staff Full Day PIR:

Staff Half Day PIR:

Quarters End Dates: 10/26, 1/11, 3/21, 5/30

Midterm Dates: 9/26, 11/30, 2/15, 4/25

Semester Test: 1/10 & 11, 5/29 & 5/30

Parent Teacher Conferences

4:30-8:00: 11/16/23 & 3/14/24

Open House 4:30-6:30: 8/24/22

Last Day of School: 5/30

Graduation:

Holidays/Breaks: 9/4, 11/23, 12/25, 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 1/1, 4/1, 5/27

Roberts Schools 2023-24 School Calendar

AUGUST 2023

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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Total Days 154 BW 69

OCTOBER 2023

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FEBRUARY 2024

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PIR Day (Full)

In session

Vacation Days

Open House

End of Quarter/Semester Test

Parent Teacher Conference

PIR Day (Half)

Half Day

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Home of the Rockets!

Vitalant Community Blood Drive—Wednesday, September 13

OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY
AUGUST 24TH
6:00 PM—8:00 PM

IMPORTANT DATES.....

8/9 @ 6:00 PM

- Fall Sports Parent Meeting—Grades 4th-12th
- High School Football Parent Meeting @ Red Lodge

8/11 - 1st Day of High School Volleyball and Football Practice

8/16-8/17—Teacher PIR Days

8/21—1st Day of School

8/21—1st Day of Elementary/Junior High Volleyball and Football Practice

8/24— Open House 6:00-8:00

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

We do our best to keep parents and families updated on upcoming events and changes to the schedules. The best way we have found to do this is by text and/or email. We have a list of parent emails that we utilize to send out information, so if you are not receiving the emails and would like to, please let us know and we will add you.

How to Sign Up for REMIND TEXT UPDATES

REMIND is a service that we use as a school to send out text messages to everyone that is signed up. To sign up you can go to the link that is shown below and enter your information. This is used by Mr. Ator for general school information as well as teachers and coaches so you may need to sign up for more than one Remind link. We have provided the General School link below and any other links will be provided to you by the teachers and coaches.

<https://www.remind.com/join/rocketgen>

CHECK OUT THE NEW UPDATED WEBSITE!

www.roberts.rockets.org

The registration link will be on the website