

# 2024~2025

## Roberts School December/January Newsletter

### **Student Happenings**

First of all, congratulations to the back-to-back state "C" girls' cross country team, the Roberts Lady Rockets! Way to make us proud, ladies; three of these young ladies, TJ Chirrick, Lilly Hyvonen, and Elizabeth DeVries have been part of three state championship teams since last fall. As they were also members of last year's cross-country championship and last spring's championship in girl's track and field! For perspective, those three championship teams were our fifth, sixth, and seventh championships in all sports over the school's history. What a fantastic accomplishment.

Additionally, volleyball and football had highly successful falls. The football cooperative with Red Lodge played in the semi-final game of the state playoffs, losing only two games all season to the two teams who played for the state championship. Volleyball also continued on past success, and a young team that returns every player made it to divisions for the seventh consecutive year!

FFA and BPA are starting to hit the ground running. FFA has already had its district leadership day and participated in various contests at the Nite Rodeo in Billings and the Montana Ag Expo in Bozeman. They will hit their big run of district contests after the first of the year. BPA is all set for regional competitions, has already begun doing some of its written tests, and went to Farimont Hot Springs for its fall leadership conference!

### **New State Assessment**

Two years ago, the state of Montana started piloting the new assessment called MAST, or the Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year. This assessment is a targeted test for specific standards that students work on for a period of time throughout the school year. This change for evaluation from the traditional assessment that tests a broader spectrum of knowledge will hopefully help us be more targeted in knowing what our students do and do not know at grade level and focus our teaching. This is our second year of working with this assessment locally, and data is becoming available. If you are a parent of a student in grades three through eight, please be on the lookout for emails about how to access the parent portal to view your child's data.

### **Next Steps**

As continues to be a summary conversation of my newsletter to the community, we really need your local support in passing a levy for our school districts operations. Resources are tight in our district, and we want to provide the best education we can for the students of our community. We also understand that resources are tight at home and will continue to be as fiscally responsible with the taxpayer's dollars as possible. But any and all support for the passing of a school district levy next spring is appreciated and critical to supporting the students of our community!

As always, thank you for you time and I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this great community! If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me!

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Superintendent of Schools



## Rocket Science

**NASA** students get ready to blast off!! It looks like we will have one elementary team, three middle school teams and one high school team for our NASA student challenge. We are excited to explore our closest natural satellite, the Moon. This year, we will be taking a deep dive into the water cycle and learning how water moves within our community and the ways we use water in agriculture. We will use the knowledge of how agriculture supports our community to find ways to support the astronauts on the future lunar station. For more ways to get involved, please contact either Miss Rausch, Mrs. Clark or Mr. Chadde.

“They said if man were meant to fly, they’d have wings. But he did fly. He discovered he had to. Man made their own wings, and those wings took humanity into the skies and then straight to the stars.” -- Captain James T. Kirk



## Rock Creek Ranchers 4-H

It's a new 4-h year for us Rock Creek Ranchers 4-h club. Our club helps the little kids build skills and develop healthy habits and get involved with different types of things. The Rock Creek Ranchers 4-h club is selling Christmas wreaths, they are home made by Deb Holdbrook. We sell Christmas wreaths to raise money for our club to go and do fun things. Some of the activities that the Rock Creek Ranchers 4-h club does is go to the Cody rec center, we also go to Cooney dam for 3 days, and we also are a huge help keeping the highway clean. We do some different things as a club.

Once again, we will be hosting the food drive at the Christmas Concert on December 19 at 6:00 pm. For every non-perishable food item donated, you will receive a ticket to be entered in the drawing to win the giant Christmas stocking full of fun gifts donated by our club. The food will go to support the Food Banks in Carbon County.



## Quarter 1 Honor Roll

| 2024-2025 Roberts High School |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Quarter 1                     |                            |
| High Honor Roll 3.75-4.0      | Basic Honor Roll 3.25-3.74 |
| Adrienna Bertolino            | Bobby Neil                 |
| FaithLynn Pitts               | Roman Bertolino            |
| Abigail Swansborough          | Lexi Boslet                |
| Terryn Chirrick               | Brooklyn Nelson            |
| Harmony Herron                | Elizabeth DeVries          |
| Chase MacArthur               | Wyatt Hobson               |
| Charlotte Kosel               | Taylor MacArthur           |
| Molly Mitchell                | Lilly Hyvonen              |
| Taylor Crane                  | Luella Wallila             |
| Gus Kosel                     |                            |
| Kelby Langager                |                            |
| Nate Weber                    |                            |
|                               |                            |
|                               |                            |
| 2024-2025 Roberts Junior High |                            |
| Quarter 1                     |                            |
| High 3.75-4.0                 | Basic 3.25-3.74            |
| Robert DeVries                | Jurnee Blackburn           |
| Wyatt Fetner                  | Parker Young               |
| Emmalynn Pitts                | Brayden Neil               |
| McKenna McSpadden             | Tabitha Swansborough       |
| Reba Cooper                   |                            |
| Greyson Fjell                 |                            |
| Colson Crane                  |                            |
| Arianna Medina                |                            |



## History of Pumpkin Pie By Maria Castro

Pumpkin pie that we have today is not what you might expect from the past. An example of this comes from a 1653 French cookbook instructed chefs to boil the pumpkin in milk and strain it before putting it in a crust. In 1670 *Gentlewoman's Companion*, a newspaper in England, advocated a pie filled with alternating layers of pumpkin and apple, spiced rosemary, sweet marjoram and handful of thyme. Sometimes a crust was unnecessary and an early recipe from New England had people hollowed-out pumpkin with spiced, sweetened milk and cooked it directly in a fire pit. By the 18th century pumpkin pie had earned a place at the table, as Thanksgiving became an important New England region for a fall festival. It wasn't until Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863 that pumpkin pie be-

## Fact or Fiction By Lilly Hyvonen

Fact or Fiction: Thanksgiving is held on the final Thursday of November each year. Fiction. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln placed the holiday on the last Thursday in November. However, in 1939, after a request from the National Retail Dry Goods Association, President Franklin Roosevelt agreed to put the holiday on the fourth Thursday of the month in order to extend the holiday shopping season by a week.

2. Fact or Fiction: One of America's Founding Fathers thought the turkey should be the national bird of the United States. Fact. In a letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin suggested that the wild turkey would be a more appropriate national symbol for the newly independent United States than the bald eagle.

3. Fact or Fiction: The movement of the turkey inspired a ballroom dance. Fact. The turkey trot, modeled on that bird's characteristic short, jerky steps, was one of a number of popular dance styles that emerged during the late 19th and early 20th century in the United States.



The **Roberts FFA** chapter has been very busy so far this year. We have been to multiple competitions including the NILE and JDAE. In the NILE the Roberts Chapter competed in Livestock Judging, Vet Science, Ag Sales, and Horse Judging. JDAE was located in Bozeman so the Roberts Chapter left at 5:30am to start competitions at 8am. The Roberts Chapter competed in various events in Bozeman. These competitions included Livestock, Horse, Mechanics, Milk tasting, Employment Skills, Agronomy and more. We also competed in Jr Quiz Bowl and placed 2nd (Ari, Lexi, Kelby, and Luella) and our Floriculture Team placed 12th. Upcoming events are the Sweet Grass Showdown, Districts in Columbus, Fusion Summit in Helena, and Mechanics in Lewistown. We have recently finished up the fruit, meat, and cookie sales and would like to thank everyone for your support throughout this event. The next fundraising event will be in Billings. The Roberts Chapter has been invited to an auction in Billings and will be making a coat rack for that auction. The next chapter meeting will be on December 4th in the agriculture classroom at 6:30pm.

Abigail Swansborough  
FFA Reporter



## News from Roberts School Business Professionals of America

We have a great group of students in BPA this year. Roberts BPA members have been hard at work making calls to sponsors for the Roberts Community Calendar. They are also preparing for the upcoming regional leadership conference in Livingston on December 11. Calendars will be handed out at the elementary Christmas program, and mailed to business sponsors.

*Kindergarteners are learning to read and write letters and digraphs. We are learning beginning, middle and ending sounds. Students have started reading and writing sentences. We have practiced adding within 10 and writing numbers to 30. They have learned longer, shorter and equal when comparing lengths of objects. We practice counting to 100 by 1's and 10's daily. Students have learned 2D shapes and are working to identify 3D shapes. We will continue to practice our names, birthdates, towns and phone numbers to keep us safe.*

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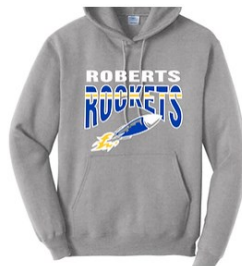
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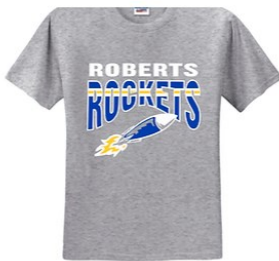
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# DECEMBER MENU

|           | Monday |                 | Tuesday |                    | Wednesday |                  | Thursday |                      |
|-----------|--------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|----------------------|
| BREAKFAST | 12/2   | Cereal          | 12/3    | Sausage Biscuit    | 12/4      | Muffins          | 12/5     | Bagels               |
| LUNCH     |        | Italian Dunkers |         | Walking Taco       |           | Chicken Alfredo  |          | Breakfast for Lunch  |
| BREAKFAST | 12/9   | Cereal          | 12/10   | Breakfast Burrito  | 12/11     | Yogurt           | 12/12    | Mini Waffles         |
| LUNCH     |        | Chicken Strips  |         | Burrito Bowls      |           | Christmas Dinner |          | Chili Frito Pie      |
| BREAKFAST | 12/16  | Cereal          | 12/17   | Pancake on a Stick | 12/18     | Popart           | 12/19    | Cinnamon Swirl Toast |
| LUNCH     |        | Corn Dogs       |         | Taco Salad         |           | Pizza            |          | Chicken Sandwich     |
| BREAKFAST | 12/23  | NO              | 12/24   | NO                 | 12/25     | NO               | 12/26    | NO                   |
| LUNCH     |        | SCHOOL          |         | SCHOOL             |           | SCHOOL           |          | SCHOOL               |

# JANUARY MENU

|           | Monday |                          | Tuesday |                     | Wednesday |                  | Thursday |                              |
|-----------|--------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| BREAKFAST | 1/6    | Cereal                   | 1/7     | Sausage Biscuit     | 1/8       | Muffins          | 1/9      | Egg McMuffin                 |
| LUNCH     |        | Chicken Parmesan         |         | Nachos              |           | Mac N Cheese     |          | Chopped Subs                 |
| BREAKFAST | 1/13   | Cereal                   | 1/14    | Breakfast Burrito   | 1/15      | Popart           | 1/16     | Bagels                       |
| LUNCH     |        | Scalloped Potatoes & Ham |         | Tacos               |           | Lasagna          |          | Sweet N Sour Chicken         |
| BREAKFAST | 1/20   | Cereal                   | 1/21    | Breakfast Casserole | 1/22      | Yogurt           | 1/23     | Cinnamon Swirl Toast         |
| LUNCH     |        | Soup N Sandwich          |         | Burritos            |           | Baked Potato Bar |          | Biscuits & Gravy             |
| BREAKFAST | 1/27   | Cereal                   | 1/28    | Mini Waffles        | 1/29      | Biscuits & Gravy | 1/30     | Pancake on a Stick           |
| LUNCH     |        | Pulled Pork              |         | Walking Taco        |           | Spaghetti        |          | Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup |



## Roberts HS Schedule

| Date                          | Opponent                     | Location              | Level                    | Time                            |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Thursday November             | First Day of Practice        |                       | VG/VB                    | TBA                             |
| <del>Saturday December</del>  | <del>Broadview-Lavina</del>  | <del>Broadview</del>  | <del>JVG/JVB/VG/VB</del> | <del>12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00</del> |
| Tuesday December              | White Sulphur Springs        | White Sulphur Springs | JVG/VG                   | 2:30/5:30                       |
| Friday, December 13,          | Broadview-Lavina             | Broadview             | JVG/JV/BVG/VB            | 12:00/1:30/6:00/7:30            |
| Saturday, December 14,        | Roundup                      | Lavina                | VG/VB                    | 6:00/7:30                       |
| Friday, December 20,          | Custer-Hysham                | Custer                | JVG/JVB/VG/VB            | 2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30             |
| Saturday December             | Terry                        | Terry                 | JVG/JVB/VG/VB            | 2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30             |
| Friday January 3,2025         | Bridger                      | Bridger               | JVG/JVB/VG/VB            | 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30             |
| <b>Saturday January</b>       | <b>Broadus</b>               | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB</b>     | <b>12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00</b>     |
| Friday January 10,2025        | Broadus                      | Broadus               | JVG/JVB/VG/VB            | 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30             |
| <b>Saturday January</b>       | <b>Custer-Hysham</b>         | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB</b>     | <b>3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30</b>      |
| <b>Thursday January</b>       | <b>Fromberg</b>              | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>VB</b>                | <b>7:30</b>                     |
| <b>Thursday January</b>       | <b>White Sulphur Springs</b> | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVG/VG</b>            | <b>4:30/6:00</b>                |
| <b>Friday January 17,2025</b> | <b>Plenty Coups</b>          | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB</b>     | <b>3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30</b>      |
| Friday January 24,2025        | RPR                          | TBA                   | JVB/VG/VB                | 4:30/6:00/7:30                  |
| <b>Saturday January</b>       | <b>Absarokee</b>             | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB</b>     | <b>12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00</b>     |
| <b>Friday January 31,2025</b> | <b>Bridger</b>               | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVG/JVB/VG/VB</b>     | <b>3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30</b>      |
| Friday February 7,2025        | Fromberg                     | Fromberg              | VB                       | 6:00                            |
| Saturday February             | Plenty Coups                 | Plenty Coups          | JVG/JVB/VG/VB            | 12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00            |
| Thursday February             | Absarokee                    | Absarokee             | JVG/JVB/VG/VB            | 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30             |
| <b>Friday February</b>        | <b>RPR</b>                   | <b>Roberts</b>        | <b>JVB/VG/VB</b>         | <b>4:30/6:00/7:30</b>           |
| Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2025          | Districts                    | Laurel                | VG/VB                    | TBA                             |
| 03/5 - 03/8, 2025             | Divisionals                  | Lockwood              | VG/VB                    | TBA                             |
| 03/12-03/15, 2025             | State                        | Butte                 | VG/VB                    | TBA                             |

## Roberts JH Boys Schedule

| Date                        | Opponent              | Location    | Level       | Time      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Monday February 10,2025     | First day of practice | Old Gym     | Elem/JH     | TBA       |
| Tuesday February 18,2025    | Plenty Coups          | Roberts     | Elem/JH     | 4:30/5:30 |
| Saturday, February 22, 2025 | Bridger & Fromberg    | Bridger     | JH (A only) | TBA       |
| Monday February 24,2025     | Plenty Coup           | Plenty Coup | Elem/JH     | 4:00/5:00 |
| Monday March 3, 2025        | Absarokee             | Roberts     | Elem/JH     | 4:00/5:00 |
| Tuesday March 4, 2025       | Fromberg              | Roberts     | Elem/JH     | 4:00/5:00 |
| Monday, March 10, 2025      | Bridger               | Roberts     | Elem/JH     | 4:30/5:30 |
| Tuesday, March 11, 2025     | RPR                   | Rapelje     | Elem/JH     | 4:00/5:00 |
| Tuesday, March 18, 2025     | RPR                   | Roberts     | Elem/JH     | 4:00/5:00 |
| Friday, March 21, 2025      | Absarokee             | Absarokee   | Elem/JH     | 3:00/4:00 |

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Christmas Break December 23–January 2, Back to school January 6

## Elementary Christmas Program

*Tuesday, December 17–6:00 pm*



**Rock Creek Ranchers 4-H**  
**Will be hosting our annual food**  
**drive at the Christmas Program.**  
**Please bring non-perishable**  
**food items for a chance to win**  
**the giant stocking.**



## Roberts Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest!!

Don't you just love seeing all those sparkly lights and decorations during the holiday season? The Roberts Activity Committee is sponsoring their second annual Outdoor Christmas Decorating contest again! Anyone living in Roberts and within a 5 mile radius is encouraged to participate. Deadline to sign up is December 12. Judging will be done by members of the Roberts Volunteer Firefighters the 13th. There will be cash prizes awarded to the top three winners. Let's light up our amazing community!

> To sign up call Elta Ayre at 406-670-7651 or Steve Keebler at 406-431-1229.