

ROBERTS SCHOOL

2025 FEBRUARY – MARCH NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Student Happenings

Winter sports and ski days are in full swing as we wrap up January. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams are deep into their seasons. The girls' team, led by new coach Josh MacArthur, is in a rebuilding year after making back-to-back state appearances over the past two years. With most starters replaced, they are currently off to a 2-11 start. Meanwhile, the boys' team, returning all starters from last year's divisional squad, just completed an undefeated January and now holds a 10-2 record! Both teams are eagerly preparing for the District Tournaments in Laurel, scheduled for February 27 through March 1.

FFA and BPA are also in the middle of their competitive seasons. Seven BPA students have already qualified for state following the completion of regionals. FFA will be busy with a variety of district contests taking place in February and March.

Lastly, it's ski season! Between 20 and 25 students are participating in our three Ski Fridays. The next ski days are set for January 31 and February 21 at Red Lodge Ski Mountain.

Legislative Season

Governor Greg Gianforte has proposed a \$17.9 billion budget emphasizing tax reductions and substantial investments in education. Notably, the budget allocates \$100 million to increase K-12 teacher salaries, aiming to address recruitment and retention challenges. Additionally, House Bill 252 has been introduced to enhance the school funding formula through incentives and other measures, reflecting a legislative focus on strengthening educational support. Additionally, addressing concerns over rising property taxes, Governor Gianforte has proposed reducing state property taxes on primary residences by approximately 15%. This initiative seeks to alleviate the financial burden on homeowners, particularly those facing escalating property valuations.

The legislature is also exploring innovative approaches to property tax reform, aiming to balance taxpayer relief with the funding needs of essential services. These initiatives underscore Montana's commitment to enhancing education and providing tax relief to its residents. We hope this works out as a win-win for students of our state and for individuals who own or rent property in our great state!

Next Steps

With grants expiring and potential new state funding, we're reviewing local resources to determine if a mill levy is needed to support students. By assessing budget priorities, reallocating funds, and engaging the community, we aim to maintain essential programs and services. Transparency and stakeholder input will guide this process, ensuring alignment with strategic goals. If pursued, the mill levy will focus on sustaining student opportunities and addressing key needs for long-term success.

I would also like to notify and thank the community for my service in Roberts and my intentions to resign at the end of this school year and pursue other opportunities. It has been a pleasure to serve this fine community and its great children.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Alexander Ator
Superintendent Roberts Schools



Our second Scholastic Book Fair of the year will be open to the public the week of March 31st through April 3rd. Hours will be Monday through Wednesday after school until 5 pm.

Thursday, April 3rd hours will be 4:30-8:00 during Parent Teacher Conferences. There will be bake sale items that go towards Share the Fair, a program that uses donations to ensure that every

student gets a book from the book fair.



BPA NEWS

Our Roberts chapter BPA competed in the Regional Leadership Conference in December. We fared well. Every member qualified for State this year. We will be attending the State Leadership Conference this March in Billings.

FFA NEWS

As always, the Roberts FFA Chapter stayed busy through December and January. The chapter competed in the Sweetgrass Showdown at Big Timber in December competing in Livestock and Floriculture. The Floriculture team (Elizabeth DeVries, Zach Fetz, Molly Mitchell, TJ Chirrick and Lilly Hyvonen) qualified to compete at the state convention in April in Bozeman, MT. At District events in Columbus (Agronomy and Creed Speaking), Lexi Boslet, Arianna Medina and Kelby Langager competed in agronomy and qualified the team to compete at the FFA State Convention in April. Kelby and Arianna had a good showing for the chapter in the FFA Creed speaking event. The chapter finished up the fruit, meat and cookie sales and would like to thank everyone who purchased these items, which helps to support our chapter financially. We hope you enjoyed all the fruit, meat and cookies you purchased.

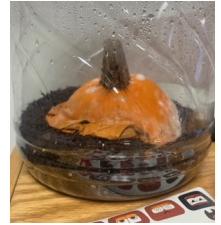
The chapter will be busy with FFA district events in February and March, in hopes of qualifying for the FFA State Convention coming up the first week of April in Bozeman on the campus of Montana State University. There will be Livestock Evaluation and speaking events in Billings on Wednesday, February 5th. The district Horse Evaluation will be held in Billings on Wednesday, February 12th. Our final district events, Ag Mechanics and Star Greenhand will be held on Tuesday, March 4th in Absarokee. The students will be preparing for these events throughout February and March.

The chapter will be celebrating National FFA Week, February 16th-22nd. The big event during this week is a pancake and burrito breakfast at the school for the school staff and community members. Please watch for advertisements about the event the first part of February around the school and the community. Thank you for supporting the Roberts FFA Chapter.

Abigail Swansborough
Roberts FFA Reporter

First Grade is moving along at a steady pace. They are learning about word problems in math and will be moving on soon. English Language Arts (reading) is buzzing right along. They have learned some unique details about the systems that make up our body with Dr. Welbody. Those systems include the skeletal, circulatory, muscular, and nervous systems. They have learned about, and tasted items from the Food Pyramid and how the foods we eat help our body become stronger, healthier, and smarter. Dr. Welbody suggests 5 ways to keep your body healthy. Those ways are eating well, exercising, sleeping, keeping clean and having regular checkups with a physician. In the next unit we will be listening to, comparing and contrasting stories about Different Lands, Similar Stories, such as "Cinderella" originally from France and "The Girl with the Red Slippers" from Egypt.

In October I carved a pumpkin and placed it in a sealed container to watch the circle of life from pumpkin to decomposition, to new seedling, to growing another pumpkin. The students are able to observe decomposition at this time. This project is based off of the book "Pumpkin Jack" by Will Hubbell.



On the 23rd of January we placed a pipe cleaner into a mixture of hot water, food color, and Borax to observe the growth of crystals on the pipe cleaner.

🏴‍☠️ Family Fun Literacy Night – A Celebration of the Love of Reading! 🏴‍☠️

Ahoy Me Hearties,

Get ready for a night filled with excitement, imagination, and, of course, *reading!* We are thrilled to invite you to our annual **Family Fun Literacy Night**, where we'll come together to celebrate the joy of books and stories. This year's theme is *Treasure Island!* Come donned in your best pirate outfit and follow the map to collect treasures.

Date: Wednesday March 26

Time: 5:30p -7:00p

Come and enjoy:

- 🌟 **Interactive Storytelling** – Watch stories come to life!
- 📖 **Reading Stations** – Use a compass to follow the map to each station.
- 🎮 **Fun Games & Activities** – Participate in literacy-based games for all ages!
- 🏆 **Giveaway** – Collect all the treasures for a change to win the big prize!



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GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

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2023-2024 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday February 1,2025	Northern Cheyenne	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00
Friday February 7,2025	Fromberg	Fromberg	JVB/VB	2:00/3:00
Saturday February 8,2025	Plenty Coups	Plenty Coups	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00
Thursday February 13,2025	Absarokee	Absarokee	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Friday February 14,2025	RPR	Roberts	JVB/VG/VB	4:30/6:00/7:30
Thursday February 20,2025	Bridger	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
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

2025 JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

ate	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

2024-2025 TRACK SCHEDULE

(This is what we have so far—we will be updating it as meets are scheduled)

Roberts Track Schedule 2025						
updated	1/29/2025					
Date	Host	Location	Level	Start Time	Bus	V
4/4/2025	Joliet/Park City	Columbus	HS	TBD		
4/8/2025	Railyard	Laurel	HS	3:30		
4/11/2025	Red Lodge Invite	Laurel	HS	TBD		
4/15/2025	Beartooth Invite	Red Lodge	HS	TBD		
4/22/2025	RLHS Invitational	Red Lodge	HS	2:00 PM		
4/30/2025	Tri-Valley	Laurel	HS	TBD		
5/6/2025	Al Walker	Laurel	HS	10:00 AM		

FEBRUARY MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BREAKFAST	2/3 Cereal	2/4 Yogurt	2/5 Muffins	2/6 Mini Waffles
LUNCH	Pork Chop Sandwich	Taco Soup	KFC Bowls	Italian Dunkers
BREAKFAST	2/10 Cereal	2/11 Oatmeal	2/12 Breakfast Burrito	2/13 Cinnamon Swirl Toast
LUNCH	Tater Tot Casserole	Fajitas	Chili Frito Pie	Breakfast for Lunch
BREAKFAST	2/17 Cereal	2/18 Pancake on a Stick	2/19 Yogurt Parfait	2/20 Poptart
LUNCH	Chicken Strips	Burrito Bowls	Shepherd's Pie	Corn Dogs
BREAKFAST	2/24 Cereal	2/25 Mini Waffles	2/26 Breakfast Casserole	2/27 Bagels
LUNCH	Popcorn Chicken & Waffles	Taco Salad	Chili & Cinnamon Roll	Hot Ham-n-Cheese

MARCH MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BREAKFAST	3/3 Cereal	3-4 Oatmeal	3/5 Muffins	3/6 Sausage Biscuits
LUNCH	Hot Dogs	Tacos	Stir Fry	Sloppy Joes
BREAKFAST	3/10 Cereal	3/11 Poptart	3/12 Yogurt	3/13 Cinnamon Swirl Toast
LUNCH	PB&J or Tuna	Nachos	Chicken Pot Pie	Cheeseburgers
BREAKFAST	3/17 Cereal	3/18 Mini Waffles	3/19 Egg McMuffin	3/20 Bagels
LUNCH	Meatball Sub	Burritos	Pizza	Orange Chicken
BREAKFAST	3/24 Cereal	3/25 Pancake on a stick	3/26 Yogurt Parfait	3/27 Breakfast Burrito
LUNCH	Chicken Sandwich	Walking Taco	Riblet Sandwich	Goulash
BREAKFAST	3/31 Cereal			
LUNCH	Soup & Sand			

Mr. Rio Chadde

By Bobby Neil

Mr. Rio Chadde technically is a first-year teacher, and I was able to ask him some questions about his year so far and how it is being a teacher. The questions were pretty basic as I was trying to determine how this school year has been for him. One of the questions I asked him was what his favorite part of teaching is. He replied with, "When students start to understand the material they are learning, and also when he receives little gifts from his students." The second question I asked him was how the school year was going, and Rio said, "It is going pretty well, and I am looking forward to teaching psychology again as I have more experience teaching that subject." The last question I asked was what his career goal is for the future. Rio responded by saying, "My career goal is to obtain his PhD in ancient warfare tactics and ancient Japanese history so he could become a professor and teach at the college level"

Ms Kosel

By Faith Pitts

Ms Kosel is fairly new in the school for teaching, however she has home schooled for about 20 years before joining the school. last year she taught PE, but this year is her first year as the English teacher. I got the opportunity to ask her a couple questions about teaching; Her favorite part about teaching English specifically, is the ability to have one on one time with her students. During the school year, she has gotten more organized as a teacher to make teaching a lot easier. Her career goal for the future is uncertain, but she stated that she would like to teach at the college level after she teaches high school for a couple more years.

Mr Jarussi

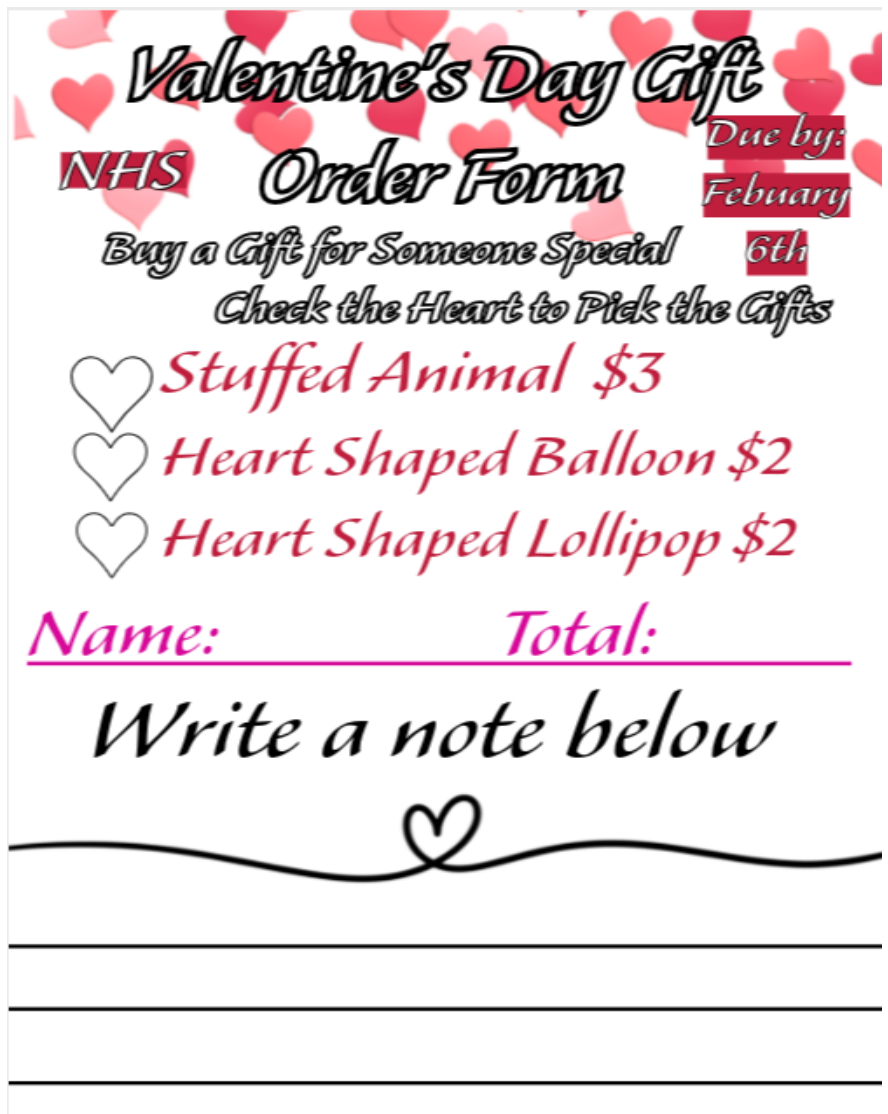
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Mr Jarussi is a first year teacher as well as some of the other new teachers, he teaches 7-12 Grade- math. He likes teaching for the reason of getting to talk about math with people who also like math, and being able to have a common interest with more people. The school year so far for him is going pretty smoothly so far. For his career goal he has stated that he doesn't really have a goal, because he doesn't know where his life might take him in the future.

GRADUATION

Sunday




June 1st



Valentine's Day Gift


NHS *Order Form* **Due by:**
February 6th

Buy a Gift for Someone Special **6th**
Check the Heart to Pick the Gifts

-  *Stuffed Animal \$3*
-  *Heart Shaped Balloon \$2*
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Boys and Girl

Districts—2/27-3/1 @ Laurel

Divisional—3/5-3/8 @ Lockwood

State—

3/12-3/15 @ Butte



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The annual Trustee Election will be held on May 6, 2025. One seat on the board is up for election for a three (3) year term. Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for Trustee Candidates forms are available at the office of the district clerk and must be completed and returned to the district clerk by March 27, 2025. Candidates must be registered voters of Roberts School District #5.

Last Ski Day: Friday, February 21, 2025