

Rootstown Elementary Communicator October 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Principal

Rootstown Schools, in collaboration with the community, will provide a quality education in a safe environment for students to become productive, life-long learners.

Dear Rootstown Community:

It is difficult to believe that the first nine weeks ended on November 6th! While the year has been different in many ways, we are off to a great start. The students and staff have adjusted nicely to the social distancing requirements, wearing masks and the new routines at recess, lunch and dismissal. Please know that we are taking the safety and health of students and staff seriously.

As you know, the district has been working from a hybrid schedule for a portion of the nine weeks due to the rising COVID numbers in the county. Obviously, we prefer students to be in school daily face-to-face, but please know, your child's teacher is making every effort to reinforce/enrich/teach skills on the days he/she is home. Each teacher has a Google Classroom page that is dedicated to the days he/she is home during the hybrid schedule. If we should happen to go all remote, your child will work from his/her Google Classroom page daily. Although students are at school for approximately seven hours a day, please do not expect work to take the place of those seven hours. It should also be mentioned that every student learns/works at their own pace so the length of time for students to complete work may look differently on the hybrid/remote days. It is essential that parents review the work and make sure it is submitted properly to the teacher. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions/concerns related to the work on hybrid/remote days.

Lastly, the report card that will be posted on Progressbook (all students K-5) on November 13, 2020 measures your child's progress for the first nine weeks of school. Please take the time to discuss your child's report card with your child(ren) and develop a plan for the future nine weeks. As a reminder, the grades for 3rd-5th grade are updated throughout the nine weeks and can be viewed by parents at any time. I encourage you to check your child's grades regularly during the nine weeks and to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Turner
Principal
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5th grade Wax Museum

By Mrs. Malone

This year, the 5th graders participated in a living wax museum. During this event, students were asked to choose a person, past or present, that they felt had demonstrated a growth mindset which helped this person

achieve great accomplishments within or throughout their life. This year, we had a wide range of influential people from the past and present. Some of these included: Walt Disney, Marie Curie, Cleopatra, Henry Ford, Ibtihaji Muhammad and many more! Due to being hybrid, we had two days of the Wax Museum on October 15th and 16th. While the days were a little chilly, grades K-4 were still able to attend the event where our 5th graders dressed up as their influential person and presented all that they had learned throughout the research process.

Lions Club Good Award Program

The Lions Club Good Award winner for October was Carter Datko, 5th grade. Students are selected based on their attendance, listening skills, work habits, and citizenship.



Food Drive

Rootstown Elementary School will participate in the annual food drive. The food drive will run from **November 9th through November 20th**. Please bring in as many non-perishable items as possible for those less fortunate than us. All items collected will be donated to the Center of Hope in Ravenna. The class in K-2 and 3-5 that brings in the most goods will receive a donut and juice party from Mr. Turner. Thank you to Mr. Rodstrom for coordinating this drive!



Reporting Absences

Good attendance patterns are established early in life. We expect our students to be in school every day to take advantage of learning opportunities. If your child must miss school, PLEASE call the school at 330-325-7971. Please report your child off before 9:30 a.m. When your child returns to class, please write a note giving the reason for the absence.

If your child is tardy, he/she must stop in the office to sign in and get a pass to class. Please work on helping your child be prompt. Each of these procedures is required for the safety of our students and to comply with the National Missing Children's Act. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Storybook Character Day/Fall Parties

On October 29th/30th, Rootstown Elementary held their second annual "Storybook Character Dress-up Day." Students and staff were asked to choose a character from a storybook and dress up for the day. Their day concluded with our annual Fall Harvest Party. Thank you to the students/staff and parents for making this a memorable experience.

Veterans' Day 2020

By Mrs. Kavali

Due to the current circumstances, we are unfortunately unable to hold our annual Veterans Day breakfast. Instead, we acknowledged the veterans in our community and surrounding areas as they were invited to a "drive-thru" style parade put on by the students and staff in the elementary school. On the morning of Wednesday, November 11, our guests drove their vehicles through the parade route lined with students and staff who held signs, waved flags and thanked them for their service to our country.

Our students, once again, wrote and mailed letters to veterans who served in the Armed Forces. This has been a very successful outreach the students have enjoyed participating in for the past several years.



Rootstown Fire Department Fire Safety Week

Thank you to the Rootstown Fire Department for providing us a “Virtual Fire Safety Week” during the week of October 12, 2020. In past years, the Rootstown Fire Department has visited the building to teach fire safety lessons. Due to the current pandemic, the Rootstown Fire Department (Captain Gabe Tabeling, Firefighter Dianna Balog, Assistant Chief Susie Forgacs, Firemedic Alex Wain and Fireman Dan Frank) created fire safety videos for students to watch at school. The videos were a huge success!

Message from Ms. Rudloff, School Counselor

Welcome Back!

Welcome back, families! It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the first grading period! Although this year has brought its own set of challenges, I want to remind families that I am here to support students/families in any way that I can. If your child(ren) needs any support, please feel free to contact me at rudloff@roversk12.org. In addition to the work that I can provide, we also have a school counseling intern that will be working in our building this year. Ms. Emilee Livers is a school counseling intern from Kent State University who is completing the requirements necessary to become a licensed school counselor.



As part of our role in the building this year, we will be presenting a unit to classrooms that focuses on respecting differences and diversity. As a building, we are going to focus on the variety of differences that make us special and how we can celebrate the unique qualities we bring to our team as a class/building. Look for more information coming home throughout the year!

Fit Club

This year Fit Club will be held virtually through Google Classroom. Students in grades 4-5 are invited to participate in bi-monthly virtual sessions that focus on Zumba, healthy choices, and fitness challenges. A big thank you to Sophie Bell (NeoMed student) and Mrs. Wendy Lara (HS secretary) for making these activities available to our students despite all the changes to this school year!

The Elementary School saves the following:

- ❖ Akron Children’s Hospital (Pop tabs collection)
- ❖ Acme Receipts- Community Cashback Program
- ❖ Box Tops for Education
- ❖ Giant Eagle (register at Giant Eagle - ID# 0927)

❖ Target Stores (ID# 84909)

These items can be sent to school with your child.

Earn cash for our school by sending in all your Box Tops for our February 2021 deadline.

Help us reach our next goal of \$2,000.00!
Don't forget to collect from your family and friends!



Important Dates

2020	
November 9-20	Food Drive (donations to Center of Hope in Ravenna)
November 26 through November 30	No school - Thanksgiving Break
December 23-31	No School - Holiday/Winter Break
2021	
January 1	No School - Winter Break
January 18	No School - Martin Luther King Day
January 22	1st Semester Ends
February 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 12	No School for Students - Staff Development
February 15	No School - Presidents' Day
March 26	3rd Grading Period Ends
March 29 through April 2	No School - Spring Break
May 31	No School - Memorial Day
June 4	Last Day of School for Students

