



## Rootstown Elementary News

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

Parents,

All of us at Rootstown Elementary would like to wish each of you a *Happy New Year* and hope your elementary child will find much success in 2018. It is difficult to believe that we started the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks on January 22nd. The following is a description of events prior to the holidays as well as special activities anticipated later in the year.

### ***Santa Shop***

On behalf of Rootstown Elementary, I want to thank our PTA volunteers, especially Jamie Matthews, for their time and effort purchasing and coordinating our Santa Shop. The students loved the opportunity to shop for their family and this was made possible through their efforts. Thank you!

### ***Center of Hope Food Drive***

I want to thank all of you who donated food items during our annual food drive in November. The elementary was able to collect over 2,000 food items that were donated to the Center of Hope. This is a great show of compassion for those less fortunate than us. The homerooms that collected the most in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> category was Mrs. Lewis' classroom and in the K-2 category was Mrs. Cebulla's classroom. Thank you to Mr. Rodstrom and our 5th grade Student Council for coordinating this collection.

### ***Grinch Day***

This year our Student Council sponsored a Grinch Day themed event. For the week of the fundraiser, students were asked to bring in spare change to put in the box of the teacher they would like to see as the Grinch for the day: Mr. Apthorpe, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Richardson, or Mr. Rodstrom. The teacher with the most money in his box became our Grinch with green hair for the day! This year's Grinch was none other than Mr. Apthorpe. Mr. Apthorpe and the rest of the school celebrated the day with Grinch themed clothing and activities. Through this fundraiser, the Student Council was able to make a nearly \$400 donation to the Gracie Field Park Commission!

### ***AT&T Classroom***

Over the past 2 weeks second graders in Mrs. Stackpole's class have been spending their mornings working at the Kent State University AT&T classroom. While attending the AT&T classroom the students have had 1:1 access to multiple technological devices and platforms. Each student has his or her own touch screen convertible laptop, iPad, android, and boogie board to use while working on

various lessons. This past week the students became familiar with their Google accounts. They created bar graphs using Google Sheets and completed a writing project on Google Slides. After visiting the fashion museum on campus, the students will have the opportunity to create digital storybooks on “Clothing from Long Ago” as part of a social studies unit. This experience will conclude at the end of next week with the students learning a little about coding as they program and use ozobots. Overall, this has been an enjoyable learning experience.

### ***Parent/Teacher Conferences***

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 22nd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Your child’s teacher will be in contact with you if a conference is needed. If you are not contacted and you would like a conference time that night, please contact your child’s teacher.

### ***Special Visitors’ Night Open House (formerly Grandparents’ Night)***

This annual event will take place on March 22nd from 6-7 p.m.. Students are permitted to bring a special visitor to meet their teacher and participate in a literacy-based activity. Additional information will be communicated at a later time regarding this night.

### ***State Testing***

This year’s AIR state testing for grades 3-5 will occur in April and May. These tests are part of the state of Ohio’s requirements and are not designed by our local district. Please see additional information regarding specific testing dates for your child later in this newsletter. Please do not schedule time away for your child within these test windows. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 330-325-7971 or [turner@roversk12.org](mailto:turner@roversk12.org). I am looking forward to a great 2018!

***Reminder:*** Please make sure you send your child with winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots for outdoor recess. Students should not come with a “hoodie” as a coat.

Sincerely,

Mr. Turner  
Principal  
[turner@roversk12.org](mailto:turner@roversk12.org)



### ***Lions Club Awards***

The students listed below were selected for the Lions Club Good Award. They were selected based on their attendance, listening skills, work habits, and citizenship. Congratulations!

<b><i>Month</i></b>	<b><i>Student</i></b>	<b><i>Grade/Teacher</i></b>
October 2017	Dylan Wilfong	5th - Mrs. Malone
November 2017	Logan Tooley	4th - Miss Gearhart
December 2017	Benjamin Kang	3rd - Mrs. DeBos
January 2018	Jasmine Tice	2nd - Mrs. Dye



## **Library from Mrs. Polack**

The Rootstown Elementary Library's Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching. The book fair will run from February 5-13, which is now 6 full days. The book fair will be open to the public on Monday, February 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm. The book fair closes the morning of Tuesday, February 13. Grades 4 and 5 will buy books during their normal library special and grades K-3 will have a looking and buying day. A schedule will be out the week before the book fair. There will also be an online book fair. Students have been involved by providing their book suggestions which have been given to Scholastic. Volunteers are needed to help set up, help run and help clean up the book fair. Up to six volunteers are needed in each of the two sessions, morning and afternoon to help students. Please contact Mrs. Polack at 330-325-7971, ext. 3136 if you can help.



## **Message from Mrs. Ray, School Counselor**

### ***Ohio's State Tests***

This year state standardized testing has changed from years previous. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in computer-based testing from April 9th - May 11th. In grades 3-5, students will take two days of testing for both English Language Arts and Math. In 5th grade, students will also take two days of testing for Science. It is **very** important that your child is present in school on testing days, well-rested, comfortably dressed, and having eaten a healthy breakfast. Many students will travel to the middle school on their designated testing day. Students will be practicing going to the middle school and using the computers in that building over the coming weeks.

### ***Red Flags***

This year, our district will continue implementing the "Red Flags" program. This program provides a framework of knowledge for students, staff, and parents on what positive mental health is, and how to work towards achieving it. The first step in combating any serious, debilitating, or deadly disorder is to take steps to prevent it. That means understanding what it looks like, what to do about it, and how to avoid getting sick in the first place. Red Flags is not just a program for schools. It is a proactive way of looking at mental health as a component of overall health and recognizing that mental health is an essential aspect of educational success. All students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in this program throughout February and March! Please look for more information to come home and contact Mrs. Ray with any questions or concerns!

### ***February Events***

This February, our students will participate in various activities to promote giving, sharing, and understanding our future. We will participate again with the WKDD *Change Bandits* Radiothon and help to raise money for Akron Children's Hospital. We will also reach out to one another and build stronger peer relationships with our second annual, *Start with Hello Day*. Finally, we will take a week to

focus on college and career readiness with a Career Week with special activities and dress up days. February will be an exciting time in our building!

### ***2017 Holiday Season***

I want to say thank you to all who helped in any way with the holiday help for our families this year! Through our school giving tree, we were able to provide gifts for 10 families which amounted to 32 children total!

The Ravenna Police Association gave 13 children the opportunity to Shop with a Cop. Furthermore, various families in the community provided Christmas gifts to two families in the building. Finally, the community churches provided Thanksgiving Baskets to twelve families for the holiday. As always, thank you to all who were involved and helped with ensuring that many families in our building were able to have a wonderful holiday season!

### ***Turner Award Winners***

Each month a student from each classroom is chosen to receive the Turner Award based on his or her demonstration of the character trait of that month. Each student demonstrated the character trait of responsibility or cheerfulness. Responsibility was the character trait for the month of November. Cheerfulness was the character trait for the month of December. Congratulations to the following students!

#### **November 2017 Turner Award: Responsibility**

##### **Kindergarten**

Clayton Boston -Cox  
Hunter Daniels -Nezbeth  
Levi Bolin -Ingram  
Lillian Serva - Leemaster

##### **1st**

Cheyenne Cutright -Bartholomy  
Samuel Klem -Cebulla  
Josie App -Hindman  
Liam Miller -Taylor

##### **2nd**

Olivia Thomas-Dye  
Sheldon Nicely -Stackpole  
Jax Bondarenka -Svenson  
Gregory Moore -West

##### **3rd**

Keegan Nelson-Coffman  
Brennan James- -DeBos  
Jacob Carter -Lewis  
Kendra Stout -Morgart

##### **4th**

Camryn Lappe-Apthorpe  
Emma Nelson -Duvall  
Javier Sullivan -Gearhart  
Jacob Sturm-Scarberry

##### **5th**

Kiara Krunich -Burrell  
Eric Baughman -Sutton  
Jersee Traina -Malone  
Dawson Wilfong -Lynch

## December 2017 Turner Award: Cheerfulness

### Kindergarten

Madison Propes -Cox  
Ava Storey-Nezbeth  
Cicilee White -Ingram  
D. J. Awanna - Leemaster

### 1st

Jackson Corbett -Bartholomy  
Ashlyn Dougherty -Cebulla  
Alli Osborne-Hindman  
Chloe Bell Carpenter-Taylor

### 2nd

Jessica Smith -Dye  
Bailey Smith -Stackpole  
Kaycie Young -Svenson  
CeCe Krieger -West

### 3rd

Trenton Tooley-Coffman  
Asher Kinsey -DeBos  
Gianna Giulitto -Lewis  
David Dotson -Morgart

### 4th

Claire Greene -Apthorpe  
Kylie Shelly -Duvall  
Katie Sisley -Scarberry  
Jacob Blakely - Gearhart

### 5th

Kayla Nicholas -Burrell  
Ayslenn Swaney -Sutton  
Anna Burke -Malone  
Camden Leigh -Lynch



### *Message from the Nurse, Mrs. Baldwin*

#### **Cough and cold medicines are not for kids**

A walk down the cough and cold aisle at your local pharmacy or supermarket presents a vast array of choices. When kids are congested and miserable, you might try anything marketed as sure relief. But, parents should be cautious. Not all the medicines are effective, especially for kids.

“Research has not proven the safety and effectiveness of non-prescription cough and cold medications, and they may in fact have severe adverse effects on kids,” said [Linda Beilstein](#), a certified pediatric nurse practitioner at [Akron Children’s Hospital Pediatrics in Boardman](#). “Plus, these medicines come with risks of accidental overdosing.”

That’s why providers recommend over-the-counter cough and cold remedies should not be given to children under the age of 6, and parents should avoid using them for children between the ages of 6 and 12.

Herbal products or topical aromatic therapies should be avoided, as well, because they have not been shown to be beneficial. In addition, antihistamines can cause side effects such as sedation and respiratory distress, and therefore should be avoided, too.

Most common colds are mild and self-limiting. The symptoms usually peak between the first 2-3 days of the illness and gradually improve over 10-14 days. In older children and adolescents, symptoms can resolve in as early as 5-7 days.

Getting proper rest and adequate hydration are the most important ways to recover from the common cold. There is no role for antibiotics. Antibiotics don't work for viruses, only bacterial infections.

Supportive measures can be beneficial for your congested and miserable child, however, in the meantime. To help with nasal congestion, place a cool mist humidifier at your child's bedside. In addition, nasal saline spray or mist can be used to help clear out nasal drainage and loosen secretions.

"It has been proven that warm fluids such as tea and chicken soup do help ease the symptoms of the common cold that occur due to airway irritation," said Beilstein. "Also, a teaspoon of honey has been shown to relieve a child's cough, though it should not be given to children under 1 year of age. Throat lozenges or hard candy can be used in children who are past the age of aspiration risk, as well."

The key is prevention. To help prevent the spread of germs, teach your children to cover their coughs with a tissue, avoid putting their hands near their faces or in their mouths, and how to properly wash their hands.

"Also, all children 6 months and older should receive an annual vaccine in the early fall to prevent the influenza virus," added Beilstein. "It's important because the flu causes serious complications and even death in children every year."

Link to Inside Children's blog post:

<http://inside.akronchildrens.org/2017/11/13/cough-and-cold-medicines-not-for-children/>

*The Elementary School saves the following:*

- Akron Children's Hospital (Pop tabs collection)
- ACME Receipts - Community Cashback Program (runs from August 10, 2017 through December 30, 2017)
- Box Tops for Education
- Empty computer ink cartridges & cell phones (NAME BRANDS ONLY)
- Target Stores (ID#84909)
- Giant Eagle (register at Giant Eagle - our ID# 0927)  
[www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students](http://www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students) or 1-800-474-4777

These items can be sent to school with your child. Thank you!



**Important Dates**

<b>February 2018</b>	
5-13	Book Fair
6	PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
9	Valentine's parties
12	Book Fair open to public 5-7 p.m.
15	Interims Distributed
16	No School for Students. Staff Development.
19	No School - Presidents' Day Observed
22	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 -7:00 p.m.; Kindergarten 2018-19 Parent Meeting 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.
26	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
<b>March 2018</b>	
6	PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
19	Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m.
22	Special Visitors Night and Book Swap - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
26-30	Spring Break

