

Rootstown Elementary Newsletter May 2019

As the school year has come to a close, I would like to acknowledge those who helped make this a successful year. I appreciate all of your support to help make this a wonderful school.

Special thanks to:

- **The Rootstown Elementary students, who come to school with a positive attitude and terrific work ethic.**
- **The teachers, who spend many hours preparing lessons to maximize learning opportunities for our students.**
- **NEOMED, Townhall II, Children's Advantage, Portage County Sheriff's Department, Mahoning County ESC, Kent State AT&T Classroom and SST8 for their service to the building all year.**
- **The parents and community members, who supported the building by volunteering at the school.**
- **The PTA, for their support of the staff and students throughout the year.**
- **The district and school support staff, for helping to make the school run smoothly throughout the year.**

As you can see, many people helped make this a wonderful year. Please know that I appreciate everyone's time and effort to make this school excellent. Enjoy your summer as a family.

Sincerely,

Mr. Turner

Field Day

On May 13th and May 14th, the students had the opportunity to participate in the fourth annual Rover Olympic and Games Day. A big thank you goes out to the PTA, especially Mrs. Deanna Day, Mrs. Connie Kang, Mr. Ralph Paulus and P.E. Teacher, Mr. Kyle Rodstrom, for coordinating this event.

Buddy Benches

Thank you to Ralph Paulus (PTA), Amy Lucas (Teacher) and student council committee members for our new benches in the foyer and the alcove by the fish tank!

Principal's Math Club

On May 17, the students from 2nd-5th grade who made Principal's Math or Super Math Club for fact fluency celebrated their achievements. Congratulations to these students for their hard work all year!

PTA Board for the 2019-2020 School Year

- ***Deanna Day-President***
- ***Jason Wilson-Vice President***
- ***Jodi Davies-Treasurer***
- ***Jaime McDevitt-Secretary***

Congratulations to the new board members! Thank you to the 2018-19 Board!

Grades 3-5 AIR Testing 2019

Thank you to the students, teachers and Mrs. Ray for their efforts during our testing weeks in April and May. I am proud to report that our students worked so hard each day to use the strategies taught to them by their teachers. Great job everyone!

Teacher Appreciation

On Tuesday, May 7th we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic teaching staff at Rootstown Elementary. Thank you to our teachers for all that they do each day!

Meet the Teacher Open House 2019-2020

- ***Kindergarten will be on August 22nd from 5:00-6:00 p.m.***
- ***Grades 1-2 will be on August 22nd from 6:00-7:00 pm.***
- ***Grades 3-5 will be on August 22nd from 6:30-7:30 p.m.***

Kindergarten 2019-2020

- **Kindergarten Baseline Screening will take place on August 20, 2019, and August 21, 2019, between 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A time and day was given during registration in April.**
- **Kindergarten rosters will be developed after screening in August. Kindergarten class lists will be posted after 12:30 p.m. on August 22, 2019, on the west doors of the building.**
- **Kindergarten Open House will be August 22, 2019, from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in your child's classroom.**
- **Half of the kindergarten students will attend school on August 29th and the other half August 30th. All kindergarten students will be in attendance on September 3, 2019.**

Grades 1-5 Class Lists for 2019-2020

- **Parents will be notified via an August mailing of your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Accelerated Reader Celebration

Grade 2-5 students who met or exceeded their AR goal were treated to a COSI On Wheels Day on May 30th! We had nearly 400 students who made their goals all four nine weeks!

The following students had the highest AR goal completion percentage for the school year:

- Grade 1: Mashail Alghannam**
- Grade 2: Ava-Elizabeth Bell**
- Grade 3: Ardynn Soika**
- Grade 4: William Matthews**
- Grade 5: Ethan Oesch**

The following students had the highest AR points for the school year:

- Grade 1: Hunter Daniels**
- Grade 2: Charlie Wilson**
- Grade 3: Ardynn Soika**
- Grade 4: Isaac Simkanin**
- Grade 5: Ethan Oesch**

Summer Accelerated Reader (AR)

Please join us Mondays this summer at Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna to AR test on books read at home. We will alternate morning and evening sessions every other week to try and accommodate work schedules. Students may only test at the library on the assigned days.

9:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	5:30 P.M.- 7:30 P.M.
June 17	June 24
July 8	July 15
July 22	July 29
August 5	August 12

****No AR the week of July 1st because of the July 4th holiday.***

Fifth Grade Awards Assembly

On June 5th, Rootstown Elementary will say farewell to our 5th graders who will be moving to the middle school next year. Students will receive awards for athletics, attendance, and academics during this assembly and have the opportunity to say farewell to their teachers during the annual "parade" around the building. On behalf of Rootstown Elementary, I wish them the best of luck!



Lions Club Good 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!

<i>Month</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
<i>October 2018</i>	<i>Alia Thomas</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Mrs. Bartholomy</i>
<i>November 2018</i>	<i>Audrey Wohlwend</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Mrs. Svenson</i>
<i>December 2018</i>	<i>Sheldon Nicely</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Mrs. Coffman</i>
<i>January 2019</i>	<i>Matthew Wolfe</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Mr. Apthorpe</i>
<i>February 2019</i>	<i>Katelyn Sisley</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Mrs. Lynch</i>
<i>March 2019</i>	<i>Reid Soika</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Mr. Hindman</i>
<i>April 2019</i>	<i>Josie App</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Miss West</i>
<i>May 2019</i>	<i>Olivia O'Neill</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Mrs. Lewis</i>

4th graders present at Cuyahoga Educational Service Center

On Monday, April 29, eight Rootstown 4th graders presented at a regional conference held at the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center. The conference theme was "A million dreams keep us awake: The schools we are going to make." Unlike most professional development, many of the sessions at the conference were led by students. Rootstown's 4th grade students presented during a session with a focus on the future of schools. These students worked during their recess and lunch times, ambitiously planning for their presentation. Students discussed many realms of "school", spanning from the physical attributes of the school building to their ideal curriculum. The audience at the conference openly shared how impressed they were of the students and their insight. While some may be apprehensive of involving students in professional development situations, these 4th graders demonstrated the power of their voices while proudly representing the Rootstown community. Members of the

presentation team were 4th graders Lorelai Taylor, Isabella Adams, Matthew Wolfe, Hunter Cornett, Aubrey Davies, Olivia Davies, Ian Hufford and Evelyn Fleck. Cody Apthorpe (4th Grade Teacher) and Shanelle Mitchell (Intervention Specialist) were also in attendance.

Mrs. Ray, School Counselor

As we prepare for the relaxing summer ahead, I want to thank all of the parents, students, teachers and staff for a wonderful school year! I feel very fortunate and lucky to work in such a welcoming and kind district with great students. This has been a busy year for all! Below is a brief recap of this past year's activities.

Counseling and Student Activities

This year, I was fortunate enough to be able to offer various groups to all grade levels. A friendship group, stress and worry management, as well as an anger management group were facilitated in each grade level. Furthermore, a group for students with parents who are divorced or separated was also offered. In addition to group experiences, as a building, we recognized and celebrated the importance of Red Ribbon Week and Career Week. We were fortunate enough to have great support from our community during the holidays and throughout the year. A large thank you goes to Children's Advantage and Townhall II for the additional support throughout this school year. Finally, I want to thank all the NEOMED students who participated in, and led our bi-monthly meetings of the Fit Club – this was another successful year!

Student Council

This year, Mrs. Burrell and I co-facilitated a 5th grade Student Council. The goal of this group is to promote a greater student voice throughout the building. The council is made up of approximately 35 5th grade students who work to better the school day and atmosphere for the building. To date, the council is responsible for changes in recess games, looking at the needs in the building and working to obtain them, choosing the themes for Red Ribbon Week and Career Week, providing the daily announcements, and responding to questions, comments, and suggestions that other students have throughout the building. These students have done a tremendous job of demonstrating responsibility for the tasks given and taking great pride in their school!

Career Week

This year, we recognized and learned the importance of the world of college and careers during our Career Week. Each day we focused on a specific topic and had

daily dress-up themes. We discussed the importance of education and/or training to prepare students for a lifelong career. Students focused on college readiness, learning about different career options, and the training and education necessary for various jobs and careers. The week ended with a Vehicle Career Day where students had a hands-on experience learning about careers in garbage collection, police work, fire and rescue, EMT, auto-body and collision repair, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and maintenance within a school district. A big thank you goes to the following careers for supporting our students in learning more about life after school: Conrad's Disposal, Portage County Sheriff Department, ODOT, Rootstown Fire and EMT, Mr. Matt Collins (maintenance), and Mr. Wayne Scarberry (auto collision).

