

Rootstown Elementary Communicator - May 2018

As the 2017-18 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 24th and May 29th, 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 Mr. Kyle Rodstrom for coordinating this event.

STEM Lab

The lab was purchased and equipped through a grant written by Mahoning County Career and Technical Center/STEM and was made available for districts that are aligned with the Mahoning County Educational Service Center.

On May 10th, our grade 3-5 students were able to experience use of 3D printing, robotics and spheros, drones, virtual reality goggles, and virtual reality learning. This was a great opportunity for our students to experience STEM - S(Science) T(Technology) E(Engineering) M(Mathematics).

PTA Board for the 2018-19 School Year

- ***Jamie Matthews-President***
- ***Ralph Paulus-Vice President***
- ***Douglas Matthews-Treasurer***
- ***Deanna Day-Secretary***

Congratulations to the new board members! Thank you to the 2017-18 Board!

Grades 3-5 AIR Testing 2018

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. Students were awarded in May with an extra recess and treat. Great job everyone!

Teacher Appreciation

On Tuesday, May 9th 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!

Open House 2018-19

- ***Kindergarten will be on August 23rd from 5:00-6:00 p.m.***
- ***Grades 1-2 will be on August 23rd from 6:00-7:00 pm.***
- ***Grades 3-5 will be on August 23rd from 6:30-7:30 p.m.***

Kindergarten 2018-19

- ***Kindergarten Baseline Screening will take place on August 21st and 22nd at the scheduled time given in April.***
- ***Class lists for kindergarten will be posted on the west doors after 12:30 pm August 23rd.***
- ***Half of kindergarten will attend school on Thursday, August 30 and the other half will attend on Friday, August 31.***
- ***All of kindergarten will attend on Tuesday, September 4.***

Grades 1-5 Class Lists for 2018-19

- ***Class lists for grades 1-5 will be posted on the west doors after 3:00 p.m. on August 22, 2018.***

Accelerated Reader Celebration

Grade 2-5 students who met or exceeded their AR goal were treated to a trip to Pump-It-Up! 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: Ava-Elizabeth Bell

Grade 2: Addison Pownall

Grade 3: Isaac Simkanin

Grade 4: Ethan Oesch

Grade 5: Abby Borbely

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 18	June 25
July 9	July 16
July 23	July 30
August 6	August 13

**No AR the week of July 2rd because of the July 4th holiday.*

"Ravenna Creates Art On Main" returns for 2018 on Saturday June 23 from 11am to 5pm. Art On Main will be held along Main Street between Prospect and Meridian Streets in Ravenna. Our art teacher, Miss Horvath, will host a display of the elementary students' artwork during this free event.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Tim Springirth (Grade 5 Intervention Specialist), who was recognized as an outstanding educator at a banquet in April. Mr. Springirth won the award for State Support Team Region 8 and will travel to Columbus in June to see if he is awarded top educator of Ohio!

Fifth Grade Awards Assembly

On June 1st, Rootstown Elementary said farewell to our 5th graders who will be moving to the middle school next year. Students received awards for athletics, attendance, and academics during this assembly and had 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!

Month	Student	Grade	Teacher
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
February 2018	Ella Hayn	1st	Mrs. Bartholomy
March 2018	Owen Burrell	5th	Mrs. Sutton
April 2018	Mason Lisi	4th	Mrs. Duvall
May 2018	Natalie St. John	3rd	Mrs. Lewis

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. This year 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, I taught classroom guidance lessons throughout the year on topics such as Rover PRIDE themes, anti-bullying, responsibility, conflict resolution, and career awareness. Additionally, 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 year 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 30 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, fundraising for Gracie Field Park, choosing the themes for Red Ribbon Week and Career Week, providing the daily announcements, and responding to questions, comments, and suggestions that other students throughout the building. These students have done a tremendous job of demonstrating responsibility for the tasks given and take great pride in their school!

Red Flags

This year, our 5th grade class completed the Red Flags program. With this program, students learned what positive mental health is, how to obtain it, what mental illness is including depression, the signs and symptoms of depression, and who/how to seek help. This class did a phenomenal job participating, asking questions, and learning the information. Because untreated depression has a high correlation with suicide attempts and completions, it is my belief that there exists a strong need for this type of curriculum to be offered for our students. Sadly, suicide still is the third leading cause of death in teenagers and young adults. As a parent, listed below are signs and symptoms of depression:

- Anger, irritability and agitation are typical
- Deep feelings of sadness and hopelessness
- Anxiety and fearfulness
- Physical complaints: headaches, stomachaches
- Withdrawal from family & friends
- Loss of interest/pleasure in activities
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection & failure
- Low self-esteem, guilt, feel worthless
- Trouble concentrating & making decisions
- Loss of energy/increased fatigue
- Insomnia or oversleeping
- Changes in appetite & weight (up or down)

All parents might see any of these symptoms in their children on occasion. It is time to seek professional help when:

- Multiple symptoms appear
- Over a long period of time

- Symptoms are interfering with the child's ability to function: refusal to go to school, personal hygiene, grades, lack of friends, troubled relationships, running away, self injury, substance abuse
- Child talks about wanting to die and has thoughts of suicide

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports - PBIS

As we look to the future of our school, we are continuously reflecting on the needs of the staff and students, as well as how to best serve everyone. As such, we as a district have made changes to focus on the behavior and behavior expectations that a proud Rover should demonstrate. As we enter the 2018-2019 school year, we will lose our Rover PRIDE acronym to replace it with the following:

By focusing on these areas, students and staff will be better equipped to be successful in their educational journey to becoming lifelong learners. Please look for more information to come home closer to the start of, and throughout the next school year!