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## Roebuck Elementary School

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Roebuck Families,

Welcome to Roebuck Elementary School! Our nurturing, challenging, and learning enriched school creates an environment that promotes student success and achievement. I am honored and proud to serve as the principal of such an outstanding school! At RES, our motto, *RES Leading the Way*, is reflective of our commitment to preparing students to be college, career and citizenship ready. The faculty and staff at Roebuck believe that children always come first. Our teachers create engaging and challenging learning experiences by focusing on creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem solving skills. Through the implementation of problem based learning, informational data analysis, and on-going professional development, our students continue to grow and experience success.

Parents and community members are encouraged to help, support, and partner with us in fulfilling our mission of providing innovative educational experiences that encourage students to build confidence, grow interests, and become problem solvers. I look forward to working closely with you to provide all of our RES "Eagles" the very best education! Please feel free to contact me if you should ever have any questions or concerns. As your principal, I am committed and dedicated to creating an atmosphere where children love to come to school each and every day!

Sincerely, Jennifer H. Faulkner

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### Dates to Remember



- 9/5 Labor Day Holiday—No School
- 9/6 Elementary Art/Music Visions Orientation at 7:00 at AMES
- 9/8 Student Council Classroom Elections
- 9/9 PTO Boosterthon Fun Run
- 9/14 Interims Issued
- 9/16 Student Council Executive Council Election
- 9/23 Kindergarten Field Trip
- 9/26-30 Fall Book Fair
- 9/26 Grandparents Breakfast K-2nd 7:15 a.m.
- 9/27 Grandparents Breakfast 3rd-5th 7:15 a.m.

### A Message from SIC

The School Improvement Council would like to welcome everyone to the 2016-2017 school year! The SIC is made up of parents, educators and community members and plays an important part in the education of our children by working together to improve our school. Ballots to select parent representatives were sent home with students on August 22, and new members will be announced soon. We are looking forward to a great year!

Erin Bulman, SIC Chairperson



### A Message from PTO

Welcome Back Roebuck Families!!!

We have many fun things planned for the students and the school this year, and we are excited to get started! If you have not noticed, please take a look at the back playground. A new Walking Track was put in over the summer with help from the Orseck family and our PTO.

RES Boosterthon Fun Run is coming up on September 9<sup>th</sup>! Be on the lookout for more information coming home with your children. The Fun Run is our big fundraiser of the year. All students participate in this event, and they have so much fun the two weeks leading up! The funds raised will be used to enrich classroom libraries, purchase more technology for the classrooms, support our STEAM initiatives, and ensure that our school, students, and staff have all they need!

We look forward to a great year!! Thank you to all of our teachers, parents, and community members that help make RES a great place to learn! We are always looking for parents to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering or joining the PTO, please email Angela Lindsey [LindseAD@spart6.org](mailto:LindseAD@spart6.org) or myself at [lety07@gmail.com](mailto:lety07@gmail.com).

Leslie Stewart, PTO President

## STEAM at RES

### RES STEAM Vision

We strive to provide an exceptional learning environment with a focus on collaborative experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math in order to prepare our students to succeed as 21st century leaders and innovators.

#### Our Five Core Commitments

1. Increase student achievement and growth in STEAM subjects as measured by state assessments
2. Incorporate problem-based learning throughout the curriculum
3. Provide STEAM related experiences and opportunities to increase family and community involvement
4. Deliver continuous professional development in STEAM-specific content knowledge and instructional practices.
5. Develop partnerships with individuals and businesses in the local STEAM communities to support and advocate our program.



## School Expectations

Using Ron Clark's The Essential 55 – An Award Winning Educator's Rules for Discovering the Successful Student in Every Child as inspiration, Roebuck Elementary School has created our very own *RES Essential 15* program. Every class is part of one of the six teams: Perseverance, Courage, Kindness, Respect, Honesty, and Responsibility. The goal of the *RES Essential 15* is to promote the development of college and career readiness skills, as well as build school unity and spirit. Teachers and staff worked together to select "15" essential expectations for character and behavior that are unique to the needs of RES and their students. *RES Essential 15* posters are prominently displayed throughout the school as a reminder of the expectations for successful learning. As part of the *RES Essential 15* program, students work together across grade level teams to make RES a place where character traits shape lives and promote success.

Be sure to ask your child about his/her Essential Team, and encourage them to demonstrate all Essential 15 expectations & character traits!



## Important Reminders

\*School begins promptly at 7:45 am (the first bell rings at 7:40 & the tardy bell rings at 7:45). After 7:45, a parent or guardian must sign their child in at the front office.

\*All car riders must be picked up by 2:45 each day. We do have a paid After School Care Program. Information can be provided by the front office.

\*Please use the car lines to drop off and pick up your child.

## Literacy Nook

### Reading Aloud to Build Comprehension

Children learn when they make connections between what they read and what they know. One method parents can use to help make these connections during shared reading time is called a *think aloud*. In other words, you talk through your thoughts as you read to them. Here are three ways to use *think alouds*, with examples from some of our favorite kids' books:

- 1) Connect the book to your child's own life experience.
- 2) Connect the book to other books your child has read.
- 3) Connect the book to big ideas/lessons.

In these examples, you are "thinking aloud" many of the connections that good readers make naturally as they read. Modeling these types of connections will help young readers know how to do it when they read alone.

*Adapted from Reading Aloud to Build Comprehension by Judith Gold and Akimi Gibson (2001).*

## Prescription from Nurse Beth

\*Parents must bring in all student medications. Students should never transport medicine.

\*Students should be fever free for 24 hours without any fever reducing medications before returning to school when sick.

\*Remind your child to wash his/her hands often. There is no better defense against germs than soap, water, and friction.

## Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

As school counselors at Roebuck Elementary, we support the academic success, personal/social growth, and career development of students.

School Counselors support students through providing individual counseling, group counseling, classroom lessons, and school-wide programs.

As counselors, we also support students through consultation with parents, teachers, administrators, and other school staff.

If you have any questions or concerns this school year, please feel free to call us! We look forward to working with you and your child this year!

Your Guidance Counselors,  
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