



Robert Frost Elementary

October Parent Newsletter

Principal's Message

Our first school-wide reading celebration day will be Wednesday, October 31st. Each classroom will be working with their students to choose a book to give a book talk about. Students will dress up as a character from their book to celebrate their book. This is a fun chance to have a unique celebration at Robert Frost that focuses on reading. Please work with your child and their teacher to choose a book, and a costume for this celebration day.

Leslie Roache, Principal



Communication:

Check out our website:

<http://robertfrost.silverfallschools.org>

Manage your emails/phone calls/text messages with Intouch Edulink!

****Be sure the office has your current contact information.****

Upcoming Important Dates

Oct. 8th— Early Release Day @ 1:00

Oct. 11th—PTC Jog-a-Thon

Oct. 12th—NO SCHOOL

Oct. 22nd—Jog-o-Thon Pledges Due

Oct. 22nd—Early Release Day @ 1:00

Oct. 23rd—Picture Make-Up Day

Nov. 12th—NO SCHOOL

Nov. 19th & 20th—NO SCHOOL—
Conferences

Nov. 21st-23rd—NO SCHOOL—
Thanksgiving Break

Some Information from our School Counselor...

During September I got to know the third graders while we learned about the skills of being a respectful learner: focusing attention, listening, using self-talk, and being assertive. Ask them about the "Be A Learner" song and they can tell you what we all learned. In October in all three grades we will be learning about using kindness with each other, how to recognize bullying behavior and what to do when we see bullying behavior.

If your child has some needs or there is something that you would like support with please contact me. We can discuss and plan how to best support your child at school. I am starting to form groups in all grades for students who need support in regulating and managing their emotions, anxiety support, and other needs. Please contact me if you would like your student to be in one of these groups.



Please call or email Mr. Elliott if you have questions or want more information.

Elliott_bruce@silverfalls.k12.or.us

Hello Robert Frost Families!

Hello Robert Frost Families, music classes are in session. You can expect many exciting things from us this year. Students are currently learning how to feel and differentiate rhythmic patterns as well as how to read notes on the music staff. Learning these music reading skills will allow us to explore more vocal and instrumental music and activities. You may have heard your student singing the Tetris theme song or even the Banana Boat song. These are songs that will be learning to play on BoomWhackers. You may recall these as the pitched tubed percussion instruments used in our grade level performances last May.

I look forward to a great musical year here at Robert Frost,
Sasanna Botieff

Please sign up for our Robert Frost Bears Music Remind

<https://www.remind.com/join/rfbmusic>

Or text @rfbmusic to 81010



Here is a sneak peek at the visual contract each student has signed using a finger print. The Finished Project is soon to come.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oNlgh5OxO3PacWFwFxeaxhHY08R76_pH/view?usp=sharing

Automated Calling System

Silver Falls School District has implemented a new automated calling system for attendance.

What does this mean for our families? It means that you will receive an automatically generated phone call from the school if your child is marked as an UNEXCUSED absence in the morning.

If you know your child will be absent for the day or you are running late please call the school office no later than 9:15 a.m.

Our number is: 503-873-5301



Don't Be Late!

At Robert Frost our reading block is the ***first 90 minutes*** of the school day. If your student is late they miss out on important reading instruction.

Regular Attendance Makes a Difference

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused—it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from learning to read to reading to learn, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority.

Recess with Playworks!

We would like to share with you the good news that we have decided to partner with Playworks, a national non-profit, to ensure that we are doing our best to incorporate healthy, inclusive play into our school day – every day, for every kid.

Playworks will help equip our staff and community with the tools needed to create a positive recess experience for every one of our students. By shifting behavior on the playground, we expect to see more positive student engagement, more fun play opportunities and reduced negative incidences so that our students can return to the classroom ready to learn.

Our recess team will use a brand of games designed to promote inclusion. Additionally our team will apply new group management techniques to teach students how to play well together, resolve conflicts, and develop leadership skills. Playworks trainers will return to our school to observe recess and give us feedback so that we can have the best possible recess for our students.

We invite you to come join us for recess.

- Come share some High Fives and offer positive encouragement!
 - Jump into a game of 4 Square, Wall Ball, or Swings!
 - Learn a new game (3 line basketball, 3 line soccer, tag)!

Have fun!

If you are interested please contact the school so that we know when to expect you.

To read more about Playworks, research on play, and stories from playgrounds across the country, visit www.playworks.org.



Robert Frost Parent Teacher Club

2018 Jog-a-Thon

Dear Robert Frost Parents,

As our **ONLY** fundraising event for the 2018/19 school year, we are asking for your help in making sure the **2018 Jog-a-Thon** is another huge success. This fundraiser ensures that the PTC can continue to provide funds and support for fieldtrips, replacement playground and PE gear, the yearbook, teacher and staff appreciation, music, field day, and much more!

Raising \$11,000 through last year's Jog-o-thon, the PTC provided \$4,000 to classroom teachers for field trips and class specific supplies, \$3,500 for new gym backboards and playground gear, \$2,000 for music, counseling, library, field day, math night, and teacher appreciation.

Pledge Packets Went Home: September 21st, (Friday)

Jog-a-thon Day: October 11th (Thursday) – We need volunteers all times during the day!

Pledges Packets Due Back: October 22nd (Monday)

***Stay up-to-date and informed... sign-up for Remind
by texting @rfptc to 81010 or get the App 'Remind'***

Prizes are given to the top overall and grade level earns and lap runners that return their pledge money and packets on time at an awards ceremony in the end of October. In addition, all Pledge Packets returned on time will receive (1) raffle ticket and for each \$10 earned will receive (1) additional raffle ticket. Prizes this year include a Kindle Fire, karaoke microphones, board games, sports balls, water speakers, emoji pillows and bags, police car ride, fire engine ride, and more!

PARENTS, the PTC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Robert Frost Parent Teacher Club is a non-profit dedicated to providing enriching activities, supplies, and events for your students and Robert Frost staff. The current set of 2018/19 officers, yearbook coordinator and small handful of parents have now served for three years and have provided all oversight and a majority of the parent input along with teacher representatives these last three years. Without your involvement, this organization cannot function and provide these opportunities. Please consider attending PTC meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month starting in October @ 7:00pm in the Robert Frost Library (10/9, 12/11, 2/12, 4/9, 6/11) and see how you can get involved and your input heard.

Please contact me via the Robert Frost Parent Teacher Club, Remind App (@rfptc) or email at peter.matzka@oregonstate.edu.

Thank you and looking forward to a great year!

-Peter Matzka, RF PTC President

Jog-a-Thon Schedule

October 11, 2018

9:45 – 10:15	Schaefer/Pantovich
10:15 – 10:45	Henderson/Larned
10:45 – 11:15	Schmitz/Brueckner/SLP (Jones)
11:15 – 11:45	Reed/Matzka
11:45 – 12:15	LUNCH BREAK
12:15 – 12:45	Clum/Gilliam
12:45 – 1:15	Rosenblad/Durschmidt
1:15 – 1:45	Funrue/Stadeli
1:45 – 2:15	Heuberger/BSC (Brown)
2:15 – 2:45	FSC (Glaede)



Easy Snack Options for Classrooms

SFSD follows a policy regarding Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value. Please **do not** send sugary treats for classroom parties/birthdays, etc.

Please **do** send pretzels, apples, cheese cubes, veggies, etc.

Please see the list below for more classroom snack options.

Whole Grain Dry Cereal: Life, Oh's, Kix

Pretzels

Popcorn

Whole Grain Chips

Whole Grain Crackers

Vegetable Chips

Fruit Crisps

Graham Crackers

Cheese Crackers

Goldfish- any flavor

Rice Cakes

Hummus dip

Guacamole dip

Cheese Sticks

Gogurt

Squeezeable Fruit

Fresh Fruit (apples, bananas, melon, grapes, mango, berries, cherries, plums)

Veggies (carrots, celery, sweet peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers)

Dried Fruits -like Raisins

