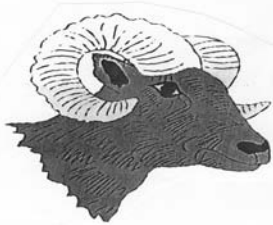


Information Rox!

A Letter from your Principal, Mrs. Tara Grove

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Save the Date:



**Friday,
October 16, 2009
Rock and Roll for
the Arts
6:00-8:00 pm**



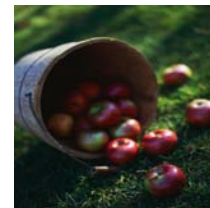
Happy Fall!

Dear Roxboro family,

We are off to a great start at Roxboro Elementary! The students are busy with lots of exciting things here at school. They have settled in nicely and we feel that we have had a smooth start to the new 2009-2010 school year. We just finished the Benchmark Testing for Grades 3-5 which will give us specific skills to work on with your student and the DIBELS Oral Reading Fluency for Grades 1-3 to check for reading fluency.

Many of you were able to come to Curriculum Night so we thank you for your participation. Next year, we will continue to push for 100% attendance to this event!

We look forward to a busy fall season filled with many academic and fun-filled opportunities for your students to enjoy! Enjoy this beautiful season with your child! Eat an apple, go on a hay-ride, read a great book and enjoy the leaves that are changing quickly!



Sincerely, Tara Grove

Inside the Classrooms at Roxboro... Mandarin Chinese Program



We are very excited that we have begun implementation of our Mandarin Chinese Program for the 2009-2010 school year! Grace Chen joins our teaching staff and she will be the lead teacher for the Mandarin Chinese Program at Roxboro Elementary. We welcome her and we are very excited to have her on-board to kick off such an exciting program. **Kindergarten and first grade parents: Please join us for an informational night on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00-7:00 pm in Roxboro's auditorium.**

Timeline:

1. Two kindergarten classes and two first grade classrooms: Begin language instruction September 2009
2. Grades 2-5: opportunities to learn about the Chinese culture once a month
3. Each year after, one additional grade= In 5 years, all grades K-5 will have Mandarin instruction

Why Mandarin Chinese?

- *The most spoken language in the world
- *Ohio exports to China \$1.5 billion last year and increasing each year
- * Providing opportunities for our students in the 21st century
- * More than 75 schools are offering Mandarin programs in Ohio: Shaker Heights, South Euclid-Lyndhurst, Toledo, Cincinnati, Laurel, Hathaway Brown and Chagrin Falls
- * More than 400 programs nationwide: 25,000 to 50,000 students included
- * President Obama has called for critical language instruction including Chinese

Congratulations to the following students for making CHALLENGE CHOIR 2009-2010:

Gavin Alcorn	Aleaha Goodwin	Rosalie Phillips	Stephen Pecoraro	Juliet Webster
Graeme Alcorn	Emma Heller	Dayaan Malik	Eli Piszal	Aaron Sapp
Meryem Azzam	Jewell Johnson	Ethan Mercado	Gigi Protasiewicz	Gwen Wright
Ali Boyd	Tyree Knight	Cierra Mitchell	Hannah Woodside	
Linnea Covault	Michael Landon	Faith Morris	Evan Schoop	
Amir Collier	Daniel Lawson	Izzy Parras	Julia Schuck	
Shakorie Davis	Blue McDaniel-Oqueli	Cecilia Payne	Sabrina Sharp	
Elyse Evans	Eric Galdamez	Anabel Pedersen	Syeann Turner	

A Note to Parents

Here a few FYIs for parents:

1. Parents please continue to drop off your children by quickly parking on the right side of our drop-off area in the morning. Do not leave your car unattended because it is a safety concern for our students.
2. You should have received a note about H1N1 from our district regarding our district health plan. Please know that our cleaning/custodial/lunch staffs continue to wash and disinfect all touch surfaces on a daily basis. Hand sanitizers are being purchased by the district to place them in all classrooms by the end of October which is great news!
3. We ask that you continue to help our school stay NUT-FREE! We have many student peanut allergies and we ask that you support our Roxboro Student Community and pack lunches that do not include peanuts.
4. Please continue to supervise and monitor your child after-school hours. I ask that you watch your children if they are on the playground equipment, playing with their friends or playing a game. Unfortunately the branches of the tree are becoming unsafe for the kids to climb on and a few accidents have occurred already, so I ask that all kids refrain from climbing the tree until the playground is cleared and you come back at a later time.

Roxboro Parents: Congratulations Roxboro on the FLAP Grant!



The Chinese Sub-Committee is very excited to announce that we have received the FLAP Grant, a federal grant that funds over \$200,000 for our new program! Hooray!!!!

We have discussed many ideas and we need your help with TWO things:

1. We are looking for artifacts of various cultures to fill our glass cases throughout the school. We are looking for clothing, photos, posters, artifacts, etc. so we can celebrate the cultural diversity here at Roxboro!
2. We are looking to create enrichment classes for students in the area of Chinese language, the arts, science and/or anything else that is your passion and you may want to teach a 4-6 week course to kids! I am looking for a sub-committee and I would love some parent members!

Please email me@: T_Grove@chuh.org

MORE GRANTS FOR ROXBORO



Congratulations to Lynne Maragliano (K) and Kim Bischof (2nd) for receiving a Reaching Heights Grant! Their grant includes a Chinese Arts Night on Thursday, November 12th! More information to come soon.

Also, Michael Landon and Barri Landon helped write a grant for the Melting Pot, a student, parent and staff club dealing with diversity and global awareness.

Roxboro's Calendar of Events

No School: Yom Kippur	Monday, September 28, 2009
Fall Picture Day	Wednesday, September 30, 2009
OAT-3 rd grade Reading Test	Tuesday, October 6, 2009
PTA meeting	Friday, October 9, 2009
Spirit Day	Friday, October 16, 2009
Rock and Roll for the Arts	Friday, October 16, 2009
Halloween Parade/Pre-School Party	Friday, October 30, 2009

From Joyce Roper, a member of the PTA

I want to thank Tina Haldiman Brock for all of her work in the garden this summer, Mrs. Maragliano and Ms. Bischof for planting, watering, weeding and Bremec's on the Heights for donating many of the beautiful flowers in our garden.

Thank you to the families participating in the weeding: Michael Ford, first-grade dad, Leslie Sugiuchi and Scott Anderson, Diana and Martin Johanneson, Gabriela Aleman, Lucene Wisniewski, Nivo Hanson, Dan Pentecost, Sharon and Brad Sanders, Julie Evans, Trina Brosius, Terri Frey, Susan Pizsel and Lisa Chiu.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with weeding and those who helped our grounds look ready for our back to school kick-off!

- Mrs. Grove



Big Reminder about ATTENDANCE!!!

ADM (Average Daily Membership) week is October 5-9. We report our attendance to the Ohio Dept. of Education that week and receive funding for students who are present or have excused absences (illness, death in family, Dr. appt., court). We are striving for perfect attendance ADM week, but if your child is absent, please contact the office (371-7115) to report the absence and reason. Vacations or family visits are not excused unless approved by the superintendent (letter from parent/guardian needed).

PBS Supports and Added Student Incentives

All students were taught the expectations of our school community in the first week back to school. At Roxboro, we use Positive Behavior Supports (PBS) which allow students to be taught appropriate behaviors throughout all areas of the school and they are taught the Voice Levels used throughout the school day.

This year, we had an all-school assembly on Friday, September 4th from 9:00-9:45 am in the auditorium. The students reviewed the expectations of the school and the school-wide rules. We discussed that all students will sign the discipline contract this year and we will keep this on file so that we can review the contract, as needed. We even played a jeopardy game to review the PBS expectations and Shayla Knighten was the winner! Congratulations Shayla!

*We will continue the **Boro Buck Competition** each week and students exemplifying the 3 R's: Being Responsible, Being Respectful and Being Ready to Learn will receive Boro Bucks. Each Friday, all students receiving them will have their names read on the announcements. One student's name is chosen from each grade-level and they can pick a prize out of the prize box and their photo is taken for the Boro Buck Bulletin Board near the office.*

New Incentives for this year!

***Perfect Attendance Awards** will be given for each trimester. Students having **Perfect Attendance for the Whole Year** will have their name in a drawing for a bike or an IPOD!! Also, students will receive **No Referral Awards by Trimester** and students who have **No Referrals for the Entire Year** will have breakfast with the principal and the superintendent, Mr. Doug Heuer!!*