



Roachdale Elementary School

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Principal's Message

We have certainly had a lot going on here at Roachdale Elementary beginning this semester! As required by law, we have begun the Dyslexia Screening Process in grades 2 and 1. Kindergarten screening will occur around mid-March. If your child's scores indicate the need for additional assessments or interventions, you will be notified. As a team, several of us will sit down and discuss potential next steps and which interventions could be put in place both at school and at home. We have also been administering the High Ability Cognitive Assessment (CogAT) to students in grades K, 2, and 5. In April, our corporation High Ability Team will meet to review all of the data that is used in the identification process and again, parents will be notified if your child meets the criteria. Students may be identified in just math, just language arts, or in both areas as general intellect. Along with all of those assessment pieces, I have observed a great balance of hands-on learning activities including problem solving, building bridges, learning musical note names along with creative ways to remember the names. We have a number of supports in place whether to help a student with additional study time (Study Buddy Program), adult mentors that come in to eat breakfast or lunch with a student and Lunch Bunch working on social skills, study skills, and building self esteem. We see what the future can hold for our students, we want our students to be confident in their future as well.

Recent News: Save the date!!! Free family event!!!

Feb. 26 , 5-8 pm, Roachdale Elementary School (Mar. 4 Alternate date)

Stop in with your family to participate in games, food, and prizes.

We will offer hot dogs, coney dogs, and walking tacos.

Bouncing, Stem challenges, and Family Feud on the Chromebooks are just a part of the family fun that will take place. Parents/guardians must accompany children and stay with them.

Students will have a checklist to mark and will turn it in for prize drawings.

This event is entirely FREE but won't be successful without the assistance of a great team of volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer the evening of the event, help with set up or clean up, or perhaps you would like to donate lettuce, cheese, hotdogs, etc., please contact the school and we will get you signed up. Grandparents are invited to volunteer as well.

Please consider volunteering during this event!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 7- 8:20 a.m. Monthly Awards
Feb. 7 – Midterm reports
Feb. 8 – Robotics Team Competition
Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day (class parties)
Feb. 14 – Talent Show Permission deadline
Feb. 17 – President’s Day – No School
Feb. 20 – School Board Meeting 7 pm
Feb. 26 – Family Fun Night

News from Across North Putnam

Congratulations to the NPMS Science Bowl Team as they finished as State Runner-up in their division. Congratulations to Mr. Couch and all of the Science Bowl Team members.

Employee of the Month: Laura McVay

Laura is our STEM Specials teacher. She has been in the position for two years. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her husband and three girls. They are involved in a number of activities as well as updating an older home. When she has time to relax, Laura loves watching Disney, Star Wars, and Superhero Movies.

Her favorite memory was when the students were creating inventions. “The students loved doing the inventions and some came up with a special invention to help a fellow classmate that has daily struggles. Their compassion brought tears to my eyes.”



Check out this fun, STEM Sledding Ramp Challenge. In this challenge, students work in groups to design, draw a blueprint, build a model, test, and improve their design.



****** IMPORTANT REMINDERS******

In order to participate in volunteer opportunities/field trips/class parties, you must have a completed background check each school year.

If you don't already tune in every Tuesday evening at 8 pm, on our Roachdale Facebook page, please join us as a staff member reads a book in our segment called, "Good Night Roachdale."