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# ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Monthly Bulletin

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Mr. Kris Gaijer

This month, I would like to highlight the great work our 6th graders are doing! At Roberts, our 6th grade team of teachers work collaboratively to create student centered lessons that push them to develop skills that will be necessary as they move through middle school.

During Quarter 2, our 6th grade class did phenomenal work earning the following GPAs:

- 11 students with a perfect 4.0
- 35 students earning Honor Roll with a 3.50 or higher
- 26 students earning Merit Roll with a 3.00 to 3.49

Interestingly, all students who made a 3.00 or higher GPA have missed a very small percentage of school. They show up to school on time and ready to do the work - critical skills that are necessary to be successful in life. It is fantastic to see this in our kids at this age and we look forward to positively supporting this behavior throughout our school building.

In addition, these are the winners of the Young Writers Twisted Tales Contest where the students were instructed to create a suspense story, using exactly 100 words. These students had the opportunity to have their stories published in the Young Writers Collection:

- Haidyn Bonds
- Natalie Colotto
- Ben Geiss
- Skyler Kuzyk
- Zoe Longwell
- Avery Luke
- Braeden Monroe
- Elysia Watters

Congratulations to all of our students who are working hard to be the very best version of themselves!

I look forward to reporting on the great work our 7th graders are doing in our March bulletin.

Let's get to work!

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## News You Can Use

### **District PD Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, February 17, 2023**

No school for students! Enjoy your day off.

### **Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL - February 20, 2023**

### **Roberts Book Fair - February 21 - 24, 2023**

### **Evening Conferences - 4pm - 7:30 pm February 23, 2023**

Come meet with your child's teachers so we can work together to find a way to finish the year strong!

### **Counselor's Corner**

Students can often feel stress and anxiety. This is a natural process and our counselors are here to help. Please make sure to check out their website for resources or to sign up to meet with them. There are various school counseling groups to join.



**6th, 7th and 8th Grade Lunch Groups**  
**ROX Ruling Our eXperiences 7th and 8th Grade Groups**  
**Boys Student Group**  
**6th, 7th and 8th Grade Student Ambassadors**

Follow us on **Twitter** for the Roberts Middle School Counselors @cfirmsCounseling.

Our monthly theme for **February is Acceptance, Diversity and Tolerance**. The monthly lessons will center around this theme. This fits in great with the 2023 National School Counselor Week Theme of "Helping Students Dream Big".

## **National School Counseling Week**

National School Counseling Week 2023 was Feb. 6-10, 2023 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. February is a great time for your child to meet with their school counselor. School Counselors: "Helping Students to Dream Big."

8th Graders are scheduling their courses for 9th Grade. Students will need to have their paper copies of their course requests turned into their Tiger Time teachers by Monday, February 27. Students will then place their requests into SchooLinks during their Tiger Time.

[8th Grade High School Powerpoint](#)

[9th Grade Scheduling Form](#)

Please check the 8th Counselor Corner Google Classroom for information regarding ACT testing and College Credit Plus Information. All CCP forms must be completed and turned into Mrs. Zaluski prior to spring break.

### **SchooLinks**

If you have not joined your child's SchooLinks, here is the link and YouTube video to do this.

[SchooLinks](#)

[Guardian Join SchooLinks](#)

Calming music, visuals, and other sounds can continue to be accessed in the grade level Counselor Corner google classrooms. Take a break to do some deep breathing and find peace and calmness. Please feel free to join your child's grade level google classroom, if you have not done so already. You will be able to access announcements and important information pertinent to your child's grade level.

Here is some helpful information for parents from Akron Children's Hospital on a growing problem regarding sexting.

[Sexting and Sextortion: What Parents Need to Know](#)

[School Counselor Website](#)

## **Media Center News**



Our book fair is quickly approaching. The Learned Owl is supplying our book fair the week of February 21st - 24th. Students will be stopping down during ELA class throughout the week. We have a family and friends event scheduled for Thursday February 23rd from 4 pm - 7 pm during parent teacher conferences so plan on bringing the family by that evening. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help out. If you would like to volunteer please contact Mrs. Gedeon at [cf\\_gedeonk@cftigers.org](mailto:cf_gedeonk@cftigers.org).

The media center continues to enhance the resources available to students and families. New this year are two eBook collections in [INFOhio](#). The *Gale eBooks: Financial Literacy Collection* contains over 50 books written for middle and high school students to learn about all aspects of finance. Readers can learn everything from budgeting to protecting financial data to paying for college. The *Gale eBooks: STEM & Career Collection* includes more than 70 ebooks for middle and high school students. Topics include technology, career exploration, healthy habits and more. Students can access all of these resources from any device. User names and passwords are required for off campus access. This information can be found on the bookmarks passed out earlier this year or by contacting Mrs. Gedeon.

Reading is Fundamental invites all families to support literacy by signing up for their free Family Literacy Texts. Simply use this form to add your phone number and select our school from the list and you will automatically receive monthly literacy tips texts to further reading engagement at home! You can sign up [here](#). All families that sign up for RIF's texts during the month through the end of March are entered into a drawing

to win a \$100 Amazon gift card! Three winners will be notified in April. Complete rules available [here](#). Please note: this opportunity is sponsored by Reading is Fundamental, not the Cuyahoga Falls City School District.

Are you looking for your next great read? The American Library Association awarded it's annual Youth Media Awards on Monday January 30th. These books are considered the best of the best from picture books (Caldecott Award) to adult books which appeal to teens (Alex Awards). You can check out the more than 15 award winners and honor books at: <https://ilovelibraries.org/article/2023-ala-youth-media-award-winners/>

## From the Clinic

In Cuyahoga Falls Schools we work diligently to keep staff and students safe. The LPN is on duty during school hours and we continue to follow county-issued protocols regarding individuals who are ill.

In the meanwhile, you can help keep our school healthy by

- Keeping students home when they are sick
- Wash your hands frequently
- Covering your nose/mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects
- Avoiding close contact with anyone that has cold or flu-like symptoms

If at any time you suspect that your student has acquired the COVID-19 virus, please keep your student at home. You are welcome to contact the nurse in the school clinic to arrange to pick up a free COVID home test, while supplies last.

\*\*Reminder for current and rising 7th graders, please submit their TDaP booster and Meningitis vaccinations if you have not already done so. If you do not wish to vaccinate for TDaP and Meningitis, please ask for an exemption form and one will be provided to sign for the school year. These need to be re-signed for each school year.

\*\*Blank medical action plans were also sent out for those with medical alerts on file. Please sign and return the 'no action required' portion if you do not want/need medical treatment at school.

If you have not yet done so, please fill out the Emergency Medical Authorization in Final Forms for your student.

## All City Percussion & Musical Horizons!

**The All-City Percussion** concert will be held Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM. This concert is held in the Auditorium at CFHS and includes ALL percussion students from Roberts, Bolich, and CFHS.

**Musical Horizons 2023** (aka All-City Jazz!) will be on Friday March 11th at 7:00 PM. Held in the CFHS Auditorium, this concert features the Roberts and Bolich Jazz Bands, the CFHS Jazz Ensemble, and the Gold Tones Jazz Orchestra.



## Technology Club News

The Technology Club meets every Tuesday morning before school from 7:30-8:00 in the media center. 18 meetings have been attended 408 times by 63 students, and 21 of them have attended at least half of those meetings. Students continue working in groups to focus on Coding, Robotics, Circuitry, and/or 3D Design challenges. Over the next few weeks, club members will have the opportunity to try out for the Cuyahoga Falls Middle School Robotics team that will compete at the 2023 NEOtech Robotics Competition in March. Interested students should see an announcement in their Tiger Time Google Classroom or contact Mr. Oris for more information.

## Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) News

Roberts Middle School is proud to host this group to learn about our LGBTQ community. The purpose of this club is to:

- help students be able to express their true selves without fear;
- learn more readily in a safe environment;
- feel supported by the educational institution;
- develop healthy psychological well-being;
- have higher educational aspirations and academic achievement.

Research has shown that schools that have a GSA have lower rates of bullying and higher rates of student achievement overall. Roberts GSA is open to all students as we all seek to learn together.

GSA meetings are held every other Thursday in Mr. Hartong's room after school until 3:45.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Hartong or Mr. Lang.

## National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the following 8th grade students who have been selected for the National Junior Honor Society:

Lily Bagnato  
Mia Caponi  
Alya Kaynarca  
Kayce Lee

Corey Lippert  
Zoey Luscre  
Shayla McMahan  
Macey Miller  
Madi Morris  
Lola Mullen  
Madison Richards  
Zach Schimpf  
Mayya Sharma

## **Builder's Club News**

Builder's Club will be meeting on Thursdays after school from 3:00 to 3:45 in the Miss Flohr's room (227). All students are welcome!!!

The students at Roberts were able to donate \$415.00 to Ronald McDonald House from our school wide Grinch Sale fundraiser in December. Thank you to everyone that made this fundraiser successful for the families in need!

So far, in the month of February we made Valentine's for Veterans and are getting ready to mail them to the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland. We also made Valentines cards for every staff member at Roberts.

Miss Flohr and Mrs. Hostutler, Advisors

## **The Voice News**

The Voice is an important student group that focuses on changing Roberts Middle School for the better. Working with teacher advisor Mr. Hartong, this leadership group is given an annual budget to propose and advocate for positive changes that will enhance the student experience at Roberts! The Voice is made up of a selected group of 8th graders who are chosen at the end of their 7th grade year. The Voice will meet every other Thursday during TigerTime.

The Voice is collecting gloves, hats, and socks to benefit students here at Roberts Middle School. All donations go directly to our clothing closet here at school. Our goal is to collect 60 donations in the month of February...how is that for a new year resolution? Please consider sending your student(s) to school with one or more of the needed items.

## **Art Club News**

Join Roberts Middle School on Instagram and check out what we are creating @ Roberts\_Middle\_School\_Art

Any current student at Roberts is welcome to join art club! Currently, due to the amount of participants, there is a grade level rotation during TT. Students must be in good standing with all of their teachers, have no D's or F's and no missing work, to be allowed to participate in these activities.

Art Club has been having fun creating 3D snowflakes that are being hung from the ceiling throughout the art/cafeteria hallway. These decorations definitely add a bit of joy during the colder months.

Soon, we will be transitioning our focus to creating art for the All City Art Walk coming up on Wednesday, April 19. You can visit <http://cfallsartwalk.weebly.com/> for more information regarding our city wide event. If you are an artist, or know of a local artist that would like to be part of our event please share [this form](#) with them for consideration.



## Intramurals (Tiger Time Games/Activities)

### **Intramurals are in full bloom!**

Intramurals are organized games and activities that will be held during Tiger Time in the gymnasium. Students must be in good standing with all of their teachers, have no D's or F's and no missing work, to be allowed to participate in these activities.

Students are allowed to create their own teams. All grades, boys and girls mixed or separate are allowed. Students will send a list of names to Mrs. Hosford through email, a Google Doc, or give a list in person to her. Teams will be announced daily to come to the gym. This week we will finish basketball games. Next week will start SPIKEBALL teams of 2 and a sub! **Let's Go!**

## STAND Club News

Our next meeting is **Thursday February 10th after school in room 103**. We will be discussing our next project regarding Random Acts of Kindness Week! New members are always welcomed! If you have questions, please see Mrs. Swango or Miss Braun. **Google Classroom code is zs5ni77.**

## Yearbook News

**2022-2023 yearbooks are now on sale through March 13th! Yearbooks are \$22 and can be purchased at [ripchostudio.com](http://ripchostudio.com) with the code roberts 23.** If you have any questions, email Ms. Sivado at [cf\\_Sivadon@cftigers.org](mailto:cf_Sivadon@cftigers.org).

## Homework Hotline

Need to know what your child's homework is? All parents and students have access to the [Roberts Homework Hotline](#). Please visit [www.cfalls.org](http://www.cfalls.org) and go to the Roberts website. You can find the link on the left hand side.



# Cafeteria Information

**\*\*Due to manufacturer shortages, menus are subject to change. Please be patient as we navigate this process and keep menus up to date to the best of our knowledge.**

Please find more information regarding the school meal programs at: [Black Tiger Food and Nutrition Website](#).

Students' lunch IDs are the same as the student number. Parents are encouraged to use the online account to deposit lunch money, track purchases and notify you via email when your account balance is low.

[PaySchool](#) Please use this link to find important information for school meals.

If you are paying by cash or check, students place an envelope in the lockbox in the cafeteria or outside the main office. Cash is not accepted in lines. The price for a full lunch is \$3.00, Breakfast is \$1.75, and milk is sold for .50 cents.

Our cafeteria routines of seating, cleaning tables and sweeping the floor will be returning this school year. Students will be allowed to choose a seat daily, unless a student demonstrates inappropriate lunch behavior earning them an assigned seat. Students will need to leave their space cleaned, garbage managed and chairs pushed in.

# Daily Absences

**If your student will be absent from school, arriving late, or leaving during the day, please call 330-926-3809.** Leaving a message is perfectly fine. Please leave the student's name, the reason for the absence, and your relationship to the student.

# PTO

We have been busy planning activities and events for the upcoming school year, but we need you and your talents! Please join us by [clicking here](#). Feel free to contact our new President Mrs. Joanne Green at [jmgreen@neo.rr.com](mailto:jmgreen@neo.rr.com) with any membership questions. You can also visit our [Facebook page](#) to get the most up to date information. With your support, we can make this year the best year ever!

# Communication

We are always working to increase communication effectiveness so you get all of the information you need. As a reminder, all school information will first be posted on the [www.cfalls.org](http://www.cfalls.org) website and also covered in the weekly ALL CALL from Mr. Gaijer. If you are a Facebook user, the [Roberts PTO Facebook page](#) is a great place for information as well. This group will allow for communication of coming events and sharing of information.

## Upcoming Events

Here are some potential coming events for the school year 2021-2022. (Subject to change)

### February

10	Early Release Day for K-12
17	District PD Day- No School for Students
20	President's Day - No School
21-24	Book Fair
23	Evening Conferences

### March

6	Kalahari Trip
17	End of Quarter 3
17-19	8th grade Trip to Washington DC
27	Spring Break Begins

### April

3	School Resumes
7	No School for staff or students
10	No School for staff or students
21	Early Release for K-12

### May

2	Election Day- No school for students
12	Early Release for K-12
25	Last day of school for students

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