

# THE RISE

## ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY PTA

### Upcoming Events

- 10/4 - Walk to School Day
- 10/4 - Rough Runners Club begins
- 10/11 thru 10/13 - FALL BREAK
- 10/17 - RRR Pledge envelopes due
- 10/19 - PTA meeting at noon
- 10/27 - Class Parties & RRR Prize Ceremony

### PTA Executive Board

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### Letter from Our PTA President

Hello Roughrider Families!

What a fantastic month September was at Roosevelt! We celebrated Spirit Week in style with amazing visitors and the awarding of the spirit stick. What a fun new tradition that will be! The day of the Run and Rally felt like a holiday, with the students' excitement, the flurry of volunteer activities and all the visitors to the school. I'd like to express many thanks to those who helped organize both events, including **Tev Brackin**, **Amy Hutchinson**, and **Jennifer Christian**, as well as **Shasta Blacketer**, our Run sponsorship chair. It takes many volunteers to pull off both events, and it is inspirational to see how everyone pulls together to make the day spectacular. If you helped out, ran, cheered, donated, or all the above—Thank you!

As a reminder, the money we raise helps fund all the activities and projects that PTA does throughout the school year, including art instruction, teacher supplies, tutors, playground improvements, and special events. Make sure you return your pledge envelopes by **October 17th** to be eligible for prizes.

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on **Thursday, October 19th at noon** in the Roosevelt library. As a part of our "Going Green" theme, we will hear from Roosevelt parent and Vice President of Republic Bank, **Philip Wong**, who will present a brief "financial boot camp" with information on family budgeting and planning for college for our children. We will also recap the Run and Rally. Don't miss it!

Sincerely, April Whitman

## PTA Committee Chairs

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**Audit:** Heather Koonce  
**Beautification:** Amy Hutchinson  
**Book Fair:** Carrie Utely  
**Box Tops:** April Maddry  
**Budget:** Susan Barnes  
**Bylaws:** Heather Koonce  
**Change for Autism:** L. Soderberg  
**Community Liaison:** Katie Ihrig  
**Cub Scouts Pack 221:** S. Koranda  
**Directory Data:** Paula Copeland  
**Directory Publish:** April Whitman  
**Donuts with Dudes:** Traci Courange  
**5th Grade Party:** Annie Baghdayan & Mitzi LaBrie  
**Grants:** Annie Baghdayan  
**Health Screening:** Tonya Gollahalli  
**Helping Hands:** Libby Eshelman  
**Holiday Helpers:** Libby Eshelman & Laura Falconer  
**Homeroom Parties:** Lauren Cornwell  
**Hospitality:** Marissa Adler  
**Lost and Found:** Tev Brackin  
**Muffins w/ Moms:** Cub Scouts Pk 221  
**New Parent Liaison:** W. Chandler  
**Newsletter:** Sarah Agee  
**Picture Day:** Martha McMurray  
**Popcorn Fridays:** Michelle Mohr  
**Prairie Rose:** Kim Gaddie  
**Read Y'All:** Ashley Davis  
**Red Ribbon Week:** Heather Evers  
**Reflections:** Lin Li  
**Restaurant Nights:** Shasta Blacketer  
**Robotics:** Lisa Goering  
**RR Run:** T. Brackin & A. Hutchinson  
**RRR Money:** M. Camp & E. Winfrey  
**RR Rally:** Jennifer Christian  
**Scholar Recognition:** Beth Burgess  
**School Supplies:** M. Steffen & A. Barbaro  
**Share Your Shelf:** Saradee Griffin  
**Super Kids Day:** VACANT  
**T-Shirts:** Anne Lundquist  
**Talent Show:** Mitzi LaBrie  
**Teacher Appreciation:** P. & J. Banks  
**Vision Screening:** Laura Lopez  
**Watch DOGS:** D. & N. Brewer  
**Website:** Yumi Davis  
**Wed. Work Room:** Christi Smith

## PTA Website and App

Check out our redesigned website at [normanrooseveltpta.com](http://normanrooseveltpta.com) where you can join PTA, make donations and more! Also, download our new app to stay up-to-date with Roosevelt PTA events and activities. Find it today in the Apple app store. Simply search Roosevelt Elementary PTA!

## Amazon Smile

Consider using Amazon Smile when you purchase items through Amazon to benefit our school. Simply go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and follow the steps to select Roosevelt Elementary as your designated organization. Then anytime you use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make your purchases, you automatically support us!

## Reading Olympics

Reading Olympics is Roosevelt's year long reading incentive program. The goal is to encourage and promote reading outside of school while reading from a variety of genres. It is a fun, school wide program that is hosted by the Read Y'all PTA committee. Forms have come home in Thursday folders. There will be a drop box in the library where students can turn in their forms once finished. Completed forms must be turned in by **April 18th, 2018** to be eligible for medals and prizes.

## Teacher Appreciation

Our committee has been hard at work treating our teachers like the extra-special people they are! In August, we decorated the teacher's lounge with flowers in cute pots and hung a pineapple door hanger from local boutique, Tulip Tree. In September, we treated the teachers to pineapple dream dessert and punch during their first teacher's meeting. Their theme and motto this year is to "Be a pineapple. Stand tall. Wear a crown & be sweet on the inside." Thank you teachers for doing just that!

## 5th Grade Party

Attention 5th grade parents! The 5th grade party committee is underway in planning for the end of year activities. We hope you will consider any amount of donation towards this event. We want to make this memorable for the Roosevelt class of 2018! Please click on the link provided to make your donation: <https://normanrooseveltpta.com/product/5th-grade/> You can also donate using the new Roosevelt PTA app, simply click on SHOP, then select 5th Grade Celebration and Recognition.

We will also be sending out a letter for, anyone or business, that would like to be a T-shirt sponsor in the next month or so. Thank you!

## Got News?

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Please email all newsletter content to **Sarah Agee** at [sarah.agee@me.com](mailto:sarah.agee@me.com) by the last Friday of each month.

## Reflections

2017-18 PTA Reflections theme: **Within Reach**

It's that time again! Reflections is the National PTA's Arts in Education competition. Let your creativity and imagination fly! You may choose one or more categories from Dance Choreograph, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts to submit original work that interprets the theme: **Within Reach**. The entry form and information flyers were in Thursday folders last week! If you need more entry forms, you may find them in the office.

Please complete an entry form and submit along with artwork to the school office by **December 1st, 2017**. If you have other questions, please contact [lidelin68@gmail.com](mailto:lidelin68@gmail.com).

## Roughrider Run

We would like to sincerely thank you for all your help! We could not have done it without you. Students and faculty have expressed what a great time they had. We have some great pictures as well as great memories during this year's Spirit Week! We had so much fun that we have decided to co-chair the run again next year! We hope that you will volunteer to help us again. We welcome any feedback on ways you think the run could be improved. Pledge envelopes were returned to most of the kids on Friday and Monday. Please encourage your kids to continue to collect pledges! **PLEDGE ENVELOPES are due back October 17th**. Our goal is to raise \$50 per student. Please help us finish strong!

A prize ceremony will be held **October 27th** during Rendezvous. We have a ton of really great prizes, trophies and medals to be awarded! Lastly, we are so proud of all the students! The lap counts were very high and it showed how much they love to run and how very hard they worked!

All our best,  
Tev Brackin and Amy Hutchinson

## Roughrider Rally

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or donated baked goods and equipment for the Rough Rider Rally! A very special thanks to **Amanda Prince**, who stepped up to help organize the Rally and contributed a great deal of time and effort to make the Rally a success. Also, many thanks to all the parents, family members, and teachers who volunteered their time at the event, including but not limited to: Isaac Christian, Torrey Prince, Jason & Lauren Pratt, Alicia Salcido-Posada, Luis Posada, Shannon Hensel

### *Roughrider Rally Continued*

& Family, Stephenie Hobbs, Izzy Sullivan, Audrey Shuffler, Jennifer Clements, Amy Sixkiller, Kristi Hartman, Sudar Seshadri, Shak Palani, Jennifer Davis, Xiaokun Zheng, Jennifer Gholap, Toby & Jaime Hammer, Meika Hines, Brice Hayes, and Lisa Goering. Also, thank you to Ann Osburn, whose special donation ensured all Roosevelt students were able to enjoy the Rally.

### *Share Your Shelf*

This year Roosevelt will be collecting nonperishable food items from **October 30th - November 3rd** for Share Your Shelf!

Share Your Shelf is a community project that benefits The Christmas Store of Cleveland County. Be on the lookout for more information. Please contact **Saradee Griffin** at [saradeegriff@yahoo.com](mailto:saradeegriff@yahoo.com) with questions.

### *Storybook Pumpkin Contest*

Roosevelt is having a pumpkin decorating contest! Students in all grades are welcome to decorate a pumpkin to look like a favorite storybook character, and bring it to the library for our Storybook Pumpkin Patch.

Here are the guidelines and rules:

- Think of your favorite book and design your pumpkin based on your favorite character from that book.
- Gather your decorating supplies. Acrylic paints and markers work best. Watercolors tend to run and spray paint will dissolve the pumpkin. Other material suggestions include yarn, buttons, wiggly eyes, etc.
- Decorate your pumpkin without carving, cutting or poking holes in it!
- Bring your pumpkin to the library no later than **Wednesday, October 25th**.
- Pumpkins need to be taken home at the end of the day on **Friday, October 27th by 3:30pm**.
- Participation is voluntary.
- Winning pumpkins will be recognized at Rendezvous on **Friday, October 27th!**
- NO CARVED PUMPKINS**

### *Committee Chair Vacancy*

We are in need of volunteers to chair our **Super Kids Day** committee! Contact April Whitman for more info at [aprilwhitman@gmail.com](mailto:aprilwhitman@gmail.com).