



“Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new.”

Og Mandino

# Roberts Rockets

## December- January 2019-2020

### Student Happenings

This fall was one of the more successful fall sports seasons in recent memory at Roberts. First of all, our football co-operative with Red Lodge and Belfry made it all the way to the state semi-finals in football. The last time football played this deep in the season was Fall 2006 when the Rockets lost the state title to Highwood. This was at the end of a four year run of playing in the semi-finals or better in six-man football. This year's team was led by coach John Fitzgerald and a core of seniors. Roberts senior Presten Ehrlich was a very strong offensive and defensive lineman for the Rams and received all-state honors.

Our volleyball program also went to new heights this fall as the high school team went to divisionals for only the third time in program history. For the first time at the southern "C" division, our girls took third place and ended one win away from their first trip to the state tournament. This group of girls led by coach Melissa Bertolino had no seniors, so the entire group will be back to compete next fall. The group had two all-state players in Emma DeVries and Kimberly Bear.

Our cross country program was younger this year with only one freshman and one sophomore competing at the varsity level. But this group, led by Tina Albers, competed very well against older competition and looks to get back into the top tier of competition next fall with everyone being a year older, stronger and faster next fall.

Our academic programs have also been off and running this fall. Business Professionals of America is busy fundraising and preparing for regional competition on December 10th in Livingston and FFA has already started competition with MSU Ag-Days in Bozeman, but starts their run of District competitions after the first of the year.

From an academic standpoint, I also want to note, of our 15 athletes participating in the fall, 11 received academic-all-state honors.

### Friday Programs

Our Friday programs continue to be a huge hit as over 80% of our elementary took advantage of our September, October, and November days. In January we start our run of ski days with field trips to the Red Lodge Mountain planned on January 10th, 14th and February 28th.

### Updates to Curriculum

With grant funds, the district was able to purchase and implement new text series in English Language Arts for grades K-12. The research-based curriculum invested in were *Core Knowledge Language Arts* in K-5 and *Study Sync* in grades 6-12. Both curriculums are filled with social studies and science content and have been incredibly engaging to both staff and students. I am excited to see what this implementation does to our overall student learning in the coming years. If you want to know more about either curriculum, go to the following webpages to watch some videos on the content. <https://www.studysync.com/products/ela> or <https://www.coreknowledge.org/curriculum/language-arts/articles-presentations/>

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and Happy Holidays!

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# Literacy Grant News.....

The month of November in the first school semester is like every Wednesday in the middle of a work week: they are both hills that can feel like quite an effort to climb. After we conquer them, however, the rest of the time feels like smooth sailing.

This November is certainly living up to that description. At this point in the year, we have checked off the major fall milestones: MAP testing, parent/teacher conferences, report cards, and - just this week - progress monitoring with DIBELS and SBAC Interims.

It has not all been assessment, data and reporting, though. Most elementary classes are well into their 3rd or 4th units in all subjects. The content in Core Knowledge Language Arts is so engaging that I find myself lingering in classrooms just so I can learn, too. Ask a second grader about Greek Mythology or seek out a 4th or 5th grader to learn about the Middle Ages. Kindergarten is exploring classic stories and fiction from other cultures. 1st grade is exploring similar stories from different lands, and the 3rd grade body system posters are a must-see!

The excitement of a new school year hasn't faded in the least. Along with engaging content, staff are also embracing Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

UDL is an approach to teaching aimed at meeting the needs of every student in a classroom. It can be helpful for all kids, including kids with learning and attention issues. But UDL takes careful planning by teachers. Here are just a few examples of how UDL can work in a classroom:

- **Posted lesson goals**
- **Assignment options**
- **Flexible work spaces**
- **Regular feedback**
- **Digital and audio text**

Along with UDL, staff are also following the principles of Structured Literacy Instruction, which prepares students to decode words in an explicit and systematic manner. There is substantial

evidence that this approach is effective for *all* readers, not just those with dyslexia or other reading difficulties. These are the six elements of Structured Literacy:

- **Phonology**
- **Sound-Symbol Association**
- **Syllable Instruction**
- **Morphology**
- **Syntax**
  
- **Semantics**

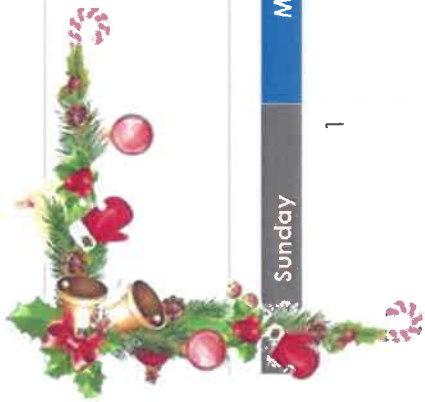
## Rocket Leadership

This year Student Council has been rebranded "ROCKET Leadership". All students who are interested in being a part of planning activities are invited to be a part of the Leadership Team. We have had a great turnout and so far ROCKET Leaders have:




- \* Offered babysitting for parent teacher conferences
- \* Held a door decorating contest (with the Booster Club) for spirit week
- \* Put on a Pep Rally for fall sports
- \* Rally Lines for Volleyball, Cross Country and Football

### Upcoming ROCKET Leadership events are:

- \* Decorate the Christmas Tree in the foyer.
- \* Fundraiser- Christmas Concert
- Bake Sale- December 18 @ 7:00
- \* Service Project- Santa Gifts (We hear he may stop by the concert...)
- \* Fundraiser- Winter Chocolate Sale (coming after Christmas)
- \* Prom



# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	JHGBB @ Belfry 4:45	JHGBB @ Belfry 4:45	JHGBB Plenty Coups @ home 4:00/5:00	JH-HSBB Bridger @ home 3:30/4:30/6:00/7:30	JH-HSBB Bridger @ home 3:30/4:30/6:00/7:30	HSBB Tip of Tourn @ Lone Peak
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<b>BPA Regional Leadership Conference</b>	<b>BPA Regional Leadership Conference</b>				HSBB Tip off Tourn @ Absarokee
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				HSBB Absarokee @ home 6:00/7:30		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			<b>Christmas Break</b>			
29	30	31	<b>Christmas Break 12/23-1/5</b>			
						

## EVENTS

### Tip Off Tournaments

We will play our first high school basketball games against Bridger on the 6<sup>th</sup> and then travel to Lone Peak and Absarokee for opening tournaments.

### Christmas Concert - Dec 18 – 7:00 PM

We will have performances from the elementary as well as the Choir and Band. There is also a rumor that Santa will be showing up!

### SKI DAYS

**Friday – January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday – January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday – February 28<sup>th</sup>**

# December

# 2019

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12 LUNCH DAYS</b>							
<b>HS/JH</b>	<b>\$31.20</b>						
<b>ELEM</b>	<b>\$28.20</b>						
<b>REDUCED</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>						
	Sloppy Jo Waffle Fries Veggies Fruit, Milk	Spaghetti Caesar Salad French Bread Desert, Milk	Meatballs, gravy "Works" mashed Tatoes 2 hot veggies, Rolls, Milk	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Veggies, Milk	NO LUNCH	NO LUNCH	
8	Finger Steaks Tater Tots Salad, Fruit, Milk	Carbonara Sauce Noodles Veggies, Milk	Tater Tot Casserole Rolls, Salad Desert, Milk	Baked Ham Scalloped Tatoes 2 Hot Veggies Fruit, Milk	NO LUNCH		
15	Fish Sticks Buttered Noodles Veggies, Fruit, Milk	Chili Haystacks Salad, Veggies Fruit, Milk	Chef's Choice	Chicken Strips French Fries Veggies Milk	NO LUNCH		
22	Vacation	Vacation	Merry Christmas!!!	Vacation	Vacation		
29	Vacation	Vacation					

# January

## 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>16 LUNCH DAYS</b> <b>HS/JH \$41.60</b> <b>ELEM \$37.60</b> <b>REDUCED \$6.40</b>	Vacation	Vacation	HAPPY NEW YEAR	Vacation	Vacation	
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hoagies Chips Salad, Fruit Milk	Raviolis 2 Sauces 2 Hot Veggies Fruit, Milk	Chicken Drumsticks Jo Jo's Fruit, Milk	Pizza Salad, Milk Desert	NO LUNCH		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Hamburgers Tater tots	Waffles, Sausage, Scrambled eggs Fruit, Milk	Italian Dunkers Salad, Milk	Tacos	NO LUNCH		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Hot Dogs Red Roasted Tatoes	2 Soups, Rolls Salad Milk Desert	Burritos Rice, Refried Beans	Turkey, Mashed tatoes Gravy 2 Hot veggies Fruit Milk			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Mini Corn Dogs Curley Fries Salad, milk	Fajitas Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk, Desert	Chili, Cinnamon Rolls	Mac-n- cheese Barber Poles			



# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						4 HSBB Plenty Coups @ Home 3:30-5:30
	<b>Christmas Break</b>					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					<b>SKI DAY</b> HSBB RPR @ Rapelje 4:30/6:00	HSBB Harlowton/Ryegate @ Home 3:30/5:00
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		School Board Meeting @ 6:00		HSBB @ Broadview/Lavina 6:00/7:30	HSBB @ Absarokee 6:00/7:30	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Martin Luther King Jr Day	<b>SEMESTER TESTS</b>		HSBB Bridger @ home 6:00/7:30	<b>SKI DAY</b>	HSBB Park City @ home 6:00/7:30
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					HSBB Fromberg @ Home 6:00/7:30	

## EVENTS

### BLOOD DRIVE

One donation can save up to 3 lives.  
We have an awesome community of  
donors! Call Ms. Nancy and let her  
know if you would like to donate

### SKI DAYS

Friday – January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Friday – January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday – February 28<sup>th</sup>

# 2019-2020 Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	TIME
Tuesday, December 3, 2019	Belfry	Belfry	JH	4:45
<b>Thursday, December 5, 2019</b>	<b>Plenty Coups</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Elem/JH</b>	<b>4:00/5:00</b>
<b>Friday, December 6, 2019</b>	<b>Bridger</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Elem/JH</b>	<b>3:30/4:30</b>
<b>Friday, December 6, 2019</b>	<b>Bridger</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>6:00/7:30</b>
Saturday, December 7, 2019	Harrison/Willow Creek	@Lone Peak	VG/JVB	2:00/3:30
Saturday, December 14, 2019	West Yellowstone	@Absarokee	JVB/VG	2:00/3:30
<b>Thursday, December 19, 2019</b>	<b>Absarokee</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>6:00/7:30</b>
<b>Friday January 3,2020</b>	<b>Shields Valley</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>5:30/7:00</b>
<b>Saturday January 4,2020</b>	<b>Plenty Coups</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>3:30/5:00</b>
Friday January 10,2020	Reed Point-Rapelje	Rapelje	JVB/VG	4:30/6:00
<b>Saturday January 11,2020</b>	<b>Harlowton-Ryegate</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>3:30/5:00</b>
Thursday January 16,2020	Broadview-Lavina	Lavina	JVB/VG	6:00/7:30
Friday January 17,2020	Absarokee	Absarokee	JVB/VG	6:00/7:30
Thursday January 23,2020	Bridger	Roberts	JVB/VG	6:00/7:30
<b>Saturday January 25,2020</b>	<b>Park City</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>6:00/7:30</b>
<b>Friday January 31,2020</b>	<b>Fromberg</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>6:00/7:30</b>
Saturday February 1,2020	Shields Valley	Clyde Park	JVB/VG	5:30/7:00
<b>Friday February 7,2020</b>	<b>Reed Point-Rapelje</b>	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>JVB/VG</b>	<b>4:30/6:00</b>
Saturday February 8,2020	Plenty Coups	Plenty Coups	JVB/VG	3:30/5:00
Friday February 14,2020	Park City	Park City	JVB/VG	6:00/7:30
Saturday February 15,2020	Fromberg	Fromberg	JVB/VG	6:00/7:30
2/19-2/22	Districts	Huntley Project	VG/VB	TBA
3/4-3/7	Divisional	Miles City	VG/VB	TBA
3/12-3/14	State	Missoula	VG/VB	TBA



## Tip Off Dinner

**Friday, December 6  
4:00-7:00 PM**



**Taco Bar - Tacos, Nachos, Salad, Dessert, Drink**

**\$6.00 per person**

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*Rocket Leadership Bake Sale at the Christmas Concert*

**Rock Creek  
Ranchers 4-H Club  
Annual Christmas  
Food Drive**



Please bring non-perishable food items to the Christmas Concert to be donated to the Carbon County Food Bank. You will receive a ticket for each item donated and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a giant stocking filled with Christmas Gifts.




*Christmas Concert*  
*Wednesday*  
*December 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*@ 7:00 P M*