



GoRockets

October/November 2024

Student Happenings

We are once again off to a roaring start. First, our girls' cross country team, which sits ranked first in Class "C" with about a month to run as they look to repeat as state champions. The State meet is on Saturday, October 16th, in Missoula. Our boy's team has three participants who continue to improve and hope to make noise at the state meet.

Volleyball is again having a solid fall as the Lady Rockets currently sit in the 3rd District, with tournaments only a few weeks away. District Volleyball this year will be in Bridger from October 31st to November 2nd. Finally, the football co-op in Red Lodge is also off to a 4-1 start, following up from a great fall last year that eventually ended in a loss in the state semifinals.

Our Elementary students have begun their Friday programs. Last week, approximately 40 students went bowling in Billings. On October 25th, we have a group of kids signed up to go to the pumpkin patch in Clark, Wyoming. Then, on November 1st, we will take students ice skating.

Updated Math Curriculum K-8

Our students are utilizing a new math curriculum purchased with grant funds. The updated math curriculum, Eureka Math 2, has been well received by staff and students. This will help our students' match scores improve in the district. More information on the program can be found here <https://greatminds.org/eurekamathquared>.

Next Steps

The district made significant cost-saving steps from last school year to this school. Sadly, almost three complete teacher positions were cut, and we were no longer able to support our preschool programming. This has led to multiple combination classrooms in the elementary school and a significant change to our elementary library offerings. While these decisions were hard, we felt we took feedback from community meetings last fall with the failure of levy and prioritized increasing teacher and support staff salaries while increasing class sizes.

We have not made any decisions at the board level as to run a levy again next spring, but an ask again will be likely. Information on amounts will take longer to get out this year as we are in a new legislative biennium. As you can imagine, many bills are already being discussed for the hopper that addresses school funding in different ways. So, potentially, we may have more direct state support for our school in the upcoming years. If you have any questions or want to communicate with local legislators on some of these bills, please contact the school for more information.

As always it is an honor to serve in this community and always feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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FFA

Kindergarten News

Our kindergarten group loves to learn and it is a pleasure to teach them. We will be practicing the name of the town we live in, date of birth and phone number. We know all the letter names and the sounds they make, so now we will practice blending, reading, and writing words. In math, we will be adding and subtracting numbers to 10 and counting/writing numbers to 100. We will continue to work on classroom rules, routines and expectations. Kindergarten learning rocks!

The FFA chapter is busy all year long. We have activities that we do for fundraising, volunteer work, and competition. Some of the activities that the FFA chapter has been involved with over the summer is the Home of Champions Rodeo, a FFA officer retreat, as well as some of the members went to a leadership camp. The new officers of the 2024-2025 year are Taylor Koch (President), Elizabeth DeVries (Vice President), Taylor Crane (Secretary), Colt Holdbrook (Treasure), Abigail Swansborough (Reporter) Molly Mitchel (Sentinel), and Mr. Grove (Advisor). Some of the upcoming events are the Craft Fair on October 5th, the FFA will be selling a meal combo in the lower gym as a fundraiser opportunity. Other events include the NILE on October 14th and 15th. At this event there will be approximately 23 members going. These members will be competing in Ag Sales, Livestock, Vet Science, Horse, and Meat Evaluation. One of the upcoming fundraisers is the annual fruit baskets sales. This is one of the bigger fundraisers that the FFA chapter does throughout the year. Chapter Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the agriculture classroom.

Abigail Swansborough
FFA Reporter



A vibrant pink poster for a Senior Night event. At the top left, it says "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH" in white. In the center, "SENIOR NIGHT" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters, with "PINK" in white letters on a dark blue rectangular background below it. The main illustration shows two female volleyball players in action, one in a purple jersey and one in a yellow-green jersey, jumping over a net. A starburst graphic on the right says "5:15 PM". At the bottom, there are two lines of text: "COME AND CELEBRATE OUR SENIOR ATHLETES" on the left and "WEAR PINK TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS" on the right. The background is decorated with white starburst symbols.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

SENIOR NIGHT
PINK

5:15 PM

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR SENIOR ATHLETES

WEAR PINK TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



A poster for a Craft Fair. The background is light yellow with autumn-themed illustrations of leaves and flowers in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. At the top, it says "Vendors WANTED" in black. Below that, "Craft Fair" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, "CLASS OF 2026" is written in black. A horizontal line with a small diamond in the center separates this from "OCTOBER 5", which is written in orange. Another horizontal line with a diamond in the center follows. Below that, "RSVP" is written in black. The contact information "Theresa Kosel (406) 437-8463" and "Roberts School (406) 445-2421" is written in orange. At the bottom, it says "Start at 8 am / \$25 Per Table" and "Roberts School Lower Gym" in black.

Vendors WANTED

Craft Fair

CLASS OF 2026

OCTOBER 5

RSVP

Theresa Kosel (406) 437-8463
Roberts School (406) 445-2421

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Roberts School Lower Gym



BPA is a great extracurricular activity. It is a smaller organization with 7 members in it this year. The leadership team for BPA consist of Charlotte Kosel (President), Abigail Swansborough (Vice President), Adrienna Bertolino (Secretary), Gus Kosel (Public Relations), Mr. Frank (Advisor). There are different activities that the BPA does throughout the year. Coming up events include the Leadership Conference on October 6th-7th in Fairmont. We will be putting the Community Birthday calendar soon and will be contacting the businesses that have advertised in the past. If you would like to add a birthdate to the calendar or if you are interested in advertising your business in the calendar, please contact the school.

Thank you to everyone that donated at our blood drive on September 30th and made it a success. Please watch for the next scheduled drive in 2025!



First Grade News:

Welcome to First Grade. I am Misty Pitts, and have been teaching in Roberts Schools since the fall of 2015. I am so excited to be teaching First grade. Even more excited to be teaching former preschool students. We have 14 students in our class.

We made homemade applesauce on Thursday, September 19. We added the apples and cinnamon(too much this time) to a crock pot and enjoyed the wonderful aroma that filled the school.

October brings with it cooler temperatures and many conversations about Halloween.

Speaking of cooler temperatures, cold weather clothes will be necessary to go

OCTOBER MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BREAKFAST	9/30 Cereal	10/1 Mini Waffles	10/2 Poptart	10/3 Egg McMuffin
LUNCH	Biscuits & Gravy	Taco Salad	Spaghetti	KFC Bowls
BREAKFAST	10/7 Cereal	10/8 Biscuits N Gravy	10/9 Breakfast Burrito	10/10 Yogurt Parfait
LUNCH	Sub Sandwich	Burrito Bowls	Stir Fry	PB&J or Tuna Sandwich
BREAKFAST	10/14 Cereal	10/15 Muffins	10/16 Bagels	10/17 NO
LUNCH	Rib Sandwich	Nachos	Tater tot Casserole	SCHOOL
BREAKFAST	10/21 Pancake on a Stick	10/22 Cereal	10/23 Yogurt	10/24 Poptart
LUNCH	Chicken Sandwich	Burritos	Corn Dogs	Chili Frito Pie
BREAKFAST	10/28 Cereal	10/29 Mini Waffles	10/30 Sausage Biscuit	10/31 Cinnamon Swirl Toast
LUNCH	Soup & Sandwich	Walking Taco	Chili & Cinnamon Rolls	Pigs in a Blanket

NOVEMBER MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BREAKFAST	11/4 Cereal	11/5 Muffins	11/6 Egg McMuffin	11/7 Bagels
LUNCH	Hot Ham & Cheese	Chicken Enchiladas	Shepherd's Pie	Hot Dogs
BREAKFAST	11/11 Cereal	11/12 Yogurt Parfait	11/13 Breakfast Burrito	11/14 Pancake on a Stick
LUNCH	Cheeseburgers	Fajitas	Thanks-Giving Dinner	Popcorn chicken & waffles
BREAKFAST	11/18 Cereal	11/19 Breakfast Casserole	11/20 Cinnamon Swirl Toast	11/21 Mini Waffles
LUNCH	Meatball Sub	Tacos	Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup	Chicken Pot Pie
BREAKFAST	11/25 Cereal	11/26 Poptart	11/27 NO	11/28 Thanks -
LUNCH	Chili Dogs	Taco Soup	SCHOOL	Giving

2024-2025 Basketball Schedule

<u>Roberts JH Girls Schedule</u>				
Date	Opponent	Location	Level	Time
Monday, October 7,2024	First Day of Practice Elem/Jr High	Lower Gym	Elem/JH	After School
Monday, October 14,2024	Fromberg	Fromberg	Elem/JH	5:00/6:00
Saturday, October 19,2024	Absarokee & Fromberg	Roberts	JH	10:00 Fromberg-Roberts 11:00 Roberts - Absarokee 12:00 Fromberg - Absarokee
Thursday, October 24,2024	Bridger	Roberts	Elem/JH	3:00/4:00
Tuesday, October 29,2024	RPR	TBA	Elem/JH	4:00/5:00
Tuesday, November 5,2024	Absarokee	Absarokee	Elem/JH	4:00/5:00
Tuesday, November 12,2024	Bridger	Bridger	Elem/JH	5:00/6:00
Monday, November 18,2024	RPR	Roberts	Elem/JH	4:00/5:00
Wednesday, November 20,2024	Plenty Coups	Roberts	Elem/JH	4:00/5:00
Saturday, November 23,2024	Tournament	Bridger	JH	TBA
<u>Roberts HS Schedule</u>				
Date	Opponent	Location	Level	Time
Thursday November 21,2024	First Day of Practice High School		VG/VB	TBA
Saturday December 7,2024	Broadview-Lavina	Broadview	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00
Tuesday December 10,2024	White Sulphur Springs	White Sulphur Springs	JVG/VG	2:30/5:30
Friday, December 13, 2024	Broadview Tip Off	TBA	VB/VG	TBA
Saturday, December 14, 2024	Broadview Tip Off	TBA	VB/VG	TBA
Friday, December 20, 2024	Custer-Hysham	Custer	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30
Saturday December 21,2024	Terry	Terry	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30
Friday January 3,2025	Bridger	Bridger	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Saturday January 4,2025	Broadus	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00
Friday January 10,2025	Broadus	Broadus	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Saturday January 11,2025	Custer-Hysham	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Thursday January 16,2025	Fromberg	Roberts	VB	7:30
Thursday January 16,2025	White Sulphur Springs	Roberts	JVG/VG	4:30/6:00
Friday January 17,2025	Plenty Coups	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Friday January 24,2025	RPR	TBA	VG/VB	6:00/7:30
Saturday January 25,2025	Absarokee	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00
Friday January 31,2025	Bridger	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Friday February 7,2025	Fromberg	Fromberg	VB	6:00
Saturday February 8,2025	Plenty Coups	Plenty Coups	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	12:30/2:00/3:30/5:00
Thursday February 13,2025	Absarokee	Absarokee	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Friday February 14,2025	RPR	Roberts	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30
Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2025	Districts	TBA	VG/VB	TBA
03/5 - 03/8, 2025	Divisionals	Lockwood	VG/VB	TBA
03/12-03/15, 2025	State	Butte	VG/VB	TBA

2024 Volleyball Schedule

Friday, October 4, 2024	Absarokee	Absarokee	Elem/JH/JV/V	3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	Roberts Tourney	Roberts	V	8:00 AM	
Thursday, October 10, 2024	Forsyth	Roberts	JV/V	4:00/5:30	
Saturday, October 12, 2024	Bridger	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30	
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Custer-Hysham	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30	
Thursday, October 17, 2024	Roy-Winifred	Roberts	JV/V	4:15/5:30	
Saturday, October 19, 2024	Plenty Coups	Roberts	V	5:15	Senior Night
Saturday, October 26, 2024	Absarokee	Roberts	JV/V	5:15/6:30.	
10/31-11/2	District Volleyball	Bridger	V	TBA	
11/7-11/9	Divisional Volleyball	Winifred	V	TBA	
11/14-11/16	State Volleyball	Bozeman	V	TBA	

2024 Cross Country Schedule

Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Lockwood MS Invite	Billings	TBA	JH Only	
Saturday, October 5, 2024	Crazy Mountain Run	Big Timber	10:00 AM	JH/HS	HS 7:15 AM
Friday, October 11, 2024	Huntley Project	Pompey's Pillar	9:00 AM	JH/HS	6:15 AM
Thursday, October 17, 2024	Joliet	Joliet	1:00 PM	HS Only	11:15 AM
10/26/2024	All Class State XC Meet	Missoula	TBA	HS Only	

Rocket Science

As we blast into a new school year, the **NASA student challenge** will be mirroring the Artemis Roads III Mission: working and living on the moon!! The teams will work together to complete missions that could help astronauts work and live on the moon. With the success of previous teams, we will continue to have the NASA student challenge program open to all students from 3rd-12th grade. An informational meeting will be held in the beginning of November to discuss the changes that will occur this year. For more information, please contact either Miss Rausch, Mrs. Clark or Mr. Chadde.



“They said if man were meant to fly, they’d have wings. But he did fly. He discovered he had to. Man made their own wings, and those wings took humanity into the skies and then straight to the stars.” -- Captain James T. Kirk

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. And fostering a love of independent reading leads to a wide variety of benefits—including academic success and improved mental health.

Here's everything you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: **November 18th-21st**

Location: **Roberts School Library**

Family Event schedule and location: **Monday through Wednesday, November 18th-20th from | 4:00-5:00 pm and Thursday, November 21st from 4:00-8:00 pm during Parent Teacher Conferences.**

You'll have the opportunity to contribute to a giving initiative called Share the Fair™. Your contributions directly support our students who need help buying books from the Fair.

Many of us still remember the rush of finding the perfect book at a Scholastic Book Fair. I hope you'll join your child at our school's Fair and share a reading experience they'll remember forever.

Happy reading,

Misty Pitts
Librarian

PS: Need one more reason to visit the Book Fair? Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school!

1st Friday Field Trip was a BLAST! Bowling at Sunset Lanes in Billings





ROBERTS SCHOOL

Class of 2027 Pie Sale

The Sophomore Class will be selling pies and rolls again this year. Please turn in your orders no later than Wednesday, November 16. They will have the pies and rolls available to pick up between 4 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23.

Make checks out to Roberts School. Thank you.

Quantity		Amount
_____	Apple Pie \$15 ea	_____
_____	Pumpkin Pie \$10 ea	_____
_____	Pecan Pie \$17 ea	_____
_____	Rolls \$5 Doz	_____
Total Amount Owed:		\$ _____
Name _____		
Phone: _____		

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- Picture Re-Takes October 8
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, November 21
- Book Fair – November 18-21
- 1st Day HS Basketball Practice – November 21
- Thanksgiving Break – November 27
- Fall Awards Banquet – Nov 19
- Christmas Break – December 23 – January 2

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