

# Roscoe Elementary School Newsletter

## Make a Difference

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### The Principal's Piece

**What a fantastic Veteran's Day assembly!** Last Friday, our secondary students planned and executed a wonderful Veteran's Day assembly. They wrote and read letters and poems to the visiting veterans. A boy scout troop presented the flag in great pomp and ceremony. The band did a beautiful job performing the national anthem. However, I was most proud of our fourth and fifth grade students for singing *America the Beautiful* with such confidence and enthusiasm. It was truly beautiful! A big thank you goes out to the students involved in the program as well as Ms. Kelly Jo Sexton, Mr. Tommy Ray, and Mrs. Sonda McGowen for their work and planning.

**GRIT:** What does it mean for a person to have grit? It is a person's ability to work hard, endure struggle, fail, and try again. It means a person has passion and perseverance. When things get tough, one must push through. You can take a break, ask questions, take a deep breath – but don't quit! This is something we are working to teach our students. They will be faced with challenges and helping them to understand how to work through those challenges will go a long way in helping them be successful!


**Thanksgiving Break is coming!** We will be out of school next Wednesday-Friday for Thanksgiving Break. School dismissals will be at the regular times on Tuesday.


### Happy Birthday

Nov 15: Arianna Abrigo - K	Nov 18: Samantha Solis – 5th
Nov 15: Katie Lopez - K	Nov 21: Jordan Burrell – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nov 15: Yuvi Hernandez – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 21: Kayla Solia – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nov 16: Korde Tilley – 3rd	Nov 21: Orlando Solis – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nov 16: Ariana Villa – 1 <sup>st</sup>	

### Reminders

- **BOX TOPS – Due November 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **School Dismisses at 3:10 on Fridays!**
  - **Montessori dismisses at regular time.**

 **Montessori Memo** The Thanksgiving Feast was today at the Montessori. Next week is Thanksgiving. Remember that we only have school on Monday and Tuesday! This week the kindergarteners are studying the letter K. We are continuing to study South America. Our lobby is beginning to grow; be sure to check it out! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade ** In music, all grades are working on Thanksgiving songs. They are learning many folk songs, Native American songs and fun Turkey songs. First grade has also started working on their Christmas musical and are very excited to learn the music! This week in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, students will be working on greater than and less than in math. Science classes will be learning about magnets. Reading will be learning final stable syllables and sequence of events. Social studies will be learning about maps. In second grade math, students are finishing up the unit on 2-digit subtraction and will then begin learning about two-dimensional and three-dimensional figures. In social studies, students are reviewing American Symbols and the roles of the president, governor, and mayor. Reading students continue to compare different versions of Stone Soup in regards to setting, plot, and characters. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math, students are finishing data analysis and will have a test on Friday. In Reading, students beginning the live wax museum project and researching American heroes using biographies and autobiographies. Students are learning about different forms of energy in Science. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade math, students are starting their fraction unit. They are learning about equivalent fractions and fractions in simplest form. They will also learn about comparing, adding, subtracting fractions and about mixed numbers and improper fractions. In reading, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade is reading *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman. They are studying vocabulary from the text and comparing and contrasting characters within the text. They are writing personal narratives about a favorite holiday memory. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading, students continue to read *Touching Spirit Bear* and are discussing the difference between Traditional Justice and Circle Justice. Ask the students to summarize the book for you so it enhances their comprehension. In Science students are getting an introduction to Earth Science. In Social Studies, students are looking west with the expansion of the colonies and the study of the War of 1812.

**WORD OF THE WEEK** → **wave (verb)** – move one's hand to and fro in greeting or as a signal. *He waved at me from the train.* Move to and fro in a swaying motion while remaining fixed to one point. *The flag waved in the wind.* (**noun**) a long body of water curling into an arched form and breaking on the shore; *We walked along the beach as the waves crashed against our feet and legs.* A sudden occurrence of or increase in feeling or emotion; *I had a sudden wave of panic when I realized I had left my homework at home.* A gesture or signal made by moving one's hand to and fro; *He gave a little wave and walked off.*

### 4-H News 4-H Something For Everyone

- Nolan County 4-H Web Site: <http://nolan.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/>

**Counselor's Corner** With Thanksgiving just around the corner, some of us may be reflecting on what we are truly thankful for. We are thankful for our school children and parents. *THANK YOU* for the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that you model for your children each and every day.

### Upcoming Events

- **Nov 16:** AR Celebration 2:25
- **Nov 21-23:** Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Nov 27:** Progress Reports go home
- **Nov 28:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wax Museum
- **Nov 30:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation
- **Dec 3-7:** Christmas Store
- **Dec 13:** UIL Academic Meet in Hawley
- **Dec 16:** 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Program 2:30 pm in the Special Events Center
- **Dec 17-19:** Early Dismissal Days for All Campuses
- **Dec 19:** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Christmas play 9:00 am

**CHOOSE KINDNESS**

