

Roscoe Elementary School Newsletter

Make a Difference

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The Principal's Piece

Happy 2019 and Welcome back!! It's exciting to see everyone's faces again. Everyone seems to be back into the swing of school.

Students have been taking pretests this week. As you know, our first-fifth grade students take a pretest at the start of each semester and post-test at the end. We use those tests to measure the growth of each student throughout the semester. This week, our students took their spring pretests which, for third-fifth grade, is the released STAAR assessment for tested areas. We have proctored these assessments just as we will do when we proctor the actual STAAR assessments later in April and May. If you have any questions about pretests, posttests, or STAAR, please do not hesitate to contact one of your child's teachers or call the office.

AR Point Club Celebrations is next Friday. There is always excitement in the air on AR Point Club Celebration days! Students who have worked so hard and have entered the 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, or 300 Point Club get to march (dance) through the halls to loud music and the cheering of their peers and teachers. After the parade, they go to the library for a popcorn snack and more music and dancing. It is always a blast! Ask your students what AR Point Club they are in.


It is time to get excited about GEAR Robotics!! GEAR stands for Get Excited About Robotics. It is the elementary robotics competition that we participate in each year. Our GT students will participate as well as a limited number of 3rd-5th grade students through 4-H. Be watching for more information on dates and registration.

Happy Birthday

Jan 10: Dante Meares - K Jan 15: Robert Talamantez - 5th
Jan 12: Jacqueline Villa - K. Jan 15: Valeria Villa - 5th
Jan 12: Julian Herrera-Martinez - 4th
Jan 13: Jo Anna McAnally - 4th
Jan 14: Aiden Sellers - 4th

Reminders

- **BOX TOPS – Due January 31st.**
- **School Dismisses at 3:10 on Fridays!**
- **Montessori – NO Extended Day on Fridays.**
- **Circle Drive: Thank you for not parking in the No Parking areas. Let's keep the left side clear so traffic can keep flowing.**

 **Montessori Memo** This week we are studying the letter C in Saxon. This month, we are studying Africa, dinosaurs, telling time, and roots of plants. The kids were very excited to see the growth of the plants in the Tower Garden. They went from small seedlings to large plants over the break! Everyone's grew! Also, remember that there is no aftercare on Fridays!

1st-5th Grade

In math, 1st grade will be working on place value to 100's. Science classes will be learning about natural resources. In reading, they will be working on reading with expression, conclusions and prediction. Social studies classes will be learning about laws, rules and who makes the rules they have to follow. Second grade math students are using strategies to add or subtract 3-digit numbers. They are studying states, countries and cities, and settlement patterns in social studies. In reading, students are learning about dialogue in a play and how it differs from dialogue in a story. In 3rd grade, students are starting the financial Literacy Unit. In ELAR, students are beginning expository writing. In Science, students will continue to learn about simple machines. In 4th grade Social Studies, students will analyze the causes and major events that led to the Texas Revolution (Battle of the Alamo including heroes of the Alamo). Students will identify and explain the importance of Texas Independence Day and the Texas Declaration of Independence. In Science, they will measure record, and predict change in the weather. In ELAR, the fourth grade is studying poetry. We are reading (and singing) the poem/song "Let It Go" and identifying the author's use of poetic elements and figurative language. In math, students are learning about area and perimeter. In 5th Grade reading, students will be reading *Out of the Dust* as they learn about the dust bowl and the depression. In Science students are studying weather patterns and climate. In Social Studies, they will be learning about the Civil War. In Math students are adding and subtracting fractions.

WORD OF THE WEEK → **decrease (verb)** – to make or become smaller or fewer in size, amount, intensity, or degree; lessen, reduce, lower. *If you want to save for a trip, you will have to decrease the amount of money you spend. The numbers to the left on the number line were decreasing.* **(noun)** – an instance or example of becoming smaller or fewer. *There was a decrease in the number of students who were coming to ATW because they were getting their work done.*

4-H News

4-H Something For Everyone

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

Counselor's Corner

Please visit my website and find links to helpful websites as well as counseling referral forms and current events. www.rcecounseling.weebly.com

Upcoming Events

- **Jan 2:** Teachers return to school
- **Jan 3:** Students return to school
- **Jan 7-10:** Spring Pretests
- **Jan 8:** Report Cards went home
- **Jan 10:** 5th Grade Balloon Explorium
- **Jan 10:** 1st & 2nd Grade Celebrate Success Assembly @ 3:25
- **Jan 11:** 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Celebrate Success Assembly @ 2:25
- **Jan 18:** AR Celebration @ 2:25
- **Jan 24:** Progress Reports go home
- **Jan 26:** GEAR Robotic signups
- **Jan 30:** Elementary Donuts w/Dads 7:45-8:15
- **Jan 31:** ECC Donuts w/Dads 7:45-8:15
- **Jan 31:** Box tops due

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