

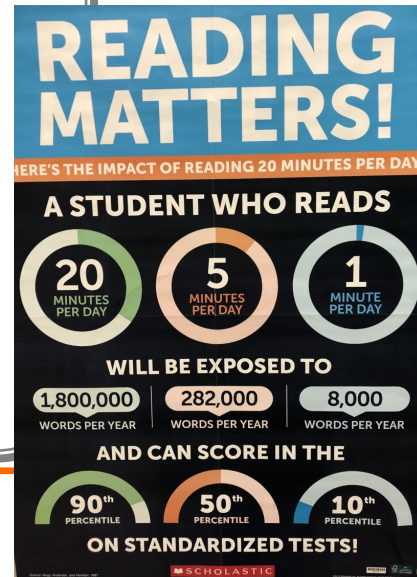
Rooney Report

December 2021



Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ December 1-16: Carol & Coin holiday coin collection
- ⇒ December 5th: 4th & 5th Gr. Instrumental Concert @ TSB Gym 2:00 PM
- ⇒ December 6th: 3rd-5th Grade Choir begins 3:00-4:00 PM (Every Monday)
- ⇒ December 8th: 2nd Yr. Instrumental Skate Party at Scotties 3:30-6:00 PM
- ⇒ December 9th: 3rd Grade Winter Music Program 6:30 PM
- ⇒ December 13th: Kiwani's Christmas for 1st grade classes
- ⇒ **December 13th-17th: Winter Wonder Week at Rooney!**
- ⇒ December 17th: End of Quarter 2
Dr. Abby Fox Rooney Leadership Awards
Winter Classroom Parties / Santa and Mrs. Claus visit Rooney
- ⇒ December 20th-31st: **Winter Break—No School**
- ⇒ January 3rd: School Resumes—Quarter 3 Begins
- ⇒ January 7th: PBIS Spirit Day—Pajama Day!
- ⇒ January 17th: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School**
- ⇒ January 18th: Winter MAP Testing begins
- ⇒ January 20th: Scottie's Skate Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- ⇒ January 28th: Dr. Abby Fox Rooney Leadership Awards



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

It is hard to believe that second quarter ends on Friday, December 17th. Please continue encouraging your child to give his/her best each day. Teachers continue planning meaningful learning activities and your child's best effort makes a real difference in their growth.

Did you know that having your child read 20 minutes per day (or reading with/to them) makes a positive difference now and in their future? Please see a picture of the Scholastic poster above for more information about this. Spending 5-10 minutes per day working with your child on basic math facts is another way to help your child now and in their future.

Please make sure you send your child dressed for the cold temperatures. Warm coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves are appropriate for the cold days at recess and the bus stops.

We have begun collecting loose change for the annual Carol and Coin. This year, money that is donated goes to support Horizons Soup Kitchen and Open Hands' Food Pantry. Carol and Coin continues through December 16th.

We look forward to the in-person 3rd Grade Music Program scheduled for December 9th at 6:30 PM in the Rooney gym. Masks are required for entry. We appreciate the support and cooperation of parents/guardians to allow us to host this annual event in-person.

Looking ahead, please know that your child's classroom party for the Winter Celebration will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021. In the near future, your child's teacher will communicate specific details and/or needs for the classroom party.

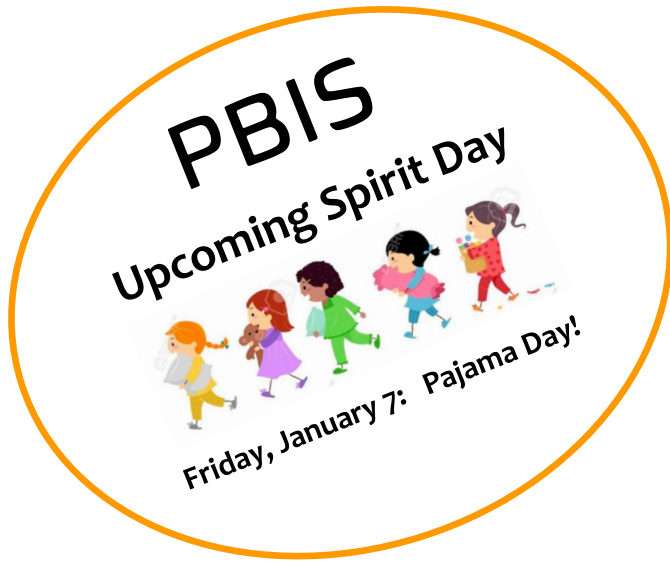
Please be sure to review and prepare for the slight adjustments to our student drop-off and pick-up procedures that go into effect Monday, January 03, 2022, which is our first day back from Winter Break. Those changes can be found on the Rooney Facebook page, on our school website, and in Skyward. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns at 217-228-7117, ext. 4005.

Respectfully,

Melanie R. Schrand, Principal

Rooney Elementary

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Dr. Abby Fox Rooney Leadership Awards

Once a month, each grade level will nominate a student for the Dr. Abby Fox Rooney Leadership Award. This award is presented on the last Friday of each month to those students for being a leader and going above and beyond in all Rooney settings!

Congratulations to November Leadership Award recipients:

Kindergarten: Nora F.

1st Grade: Emery R.

2nd Grade: Peyton G.

3rd Grade: Gabe B.

4th Grade: Lyla W.

5th Grade: Caleb C.

Winter Wonder Week 2021

This is a week of fun dress up days to send us off to Winter Break with comfort and joy! (no donations necessary)

Monday, December 13—Winter White Out

Wear as much white as possible!

Tuesday, December 14—Holiday Socks

Wear fun & festive holiday or winter themed socks!

Wednesday, December 15—Flannel Day

Wear your warmest flannel!

Thursday, December 16—Red & Green Day

Wear red & green to school!

Friday, December 17—Holiday/Festive Headwear & Accessories

Wear your favorite festive holiday or winter themed hats, headbands, and accessories!

Rooney Elementary PTO Updates

PTO EVENTS FOR

DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022

December 17th: Winter Classroom Parties

Santa & Mrs. Claus at Rooney

January 20th: Scottie's Skate Night 6:00-8:00 PM

In Fundraiser news...

Congratulations Rooney!

Fall Fundraiser raised **\$9,781**

Fall Book Fair raised **\$4,547** in "Scholastic dollars" that was used to buy new books for all Rooney classrooms and both libraries!

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