

Rooney Report

October 2020



Events:

- ⇒ October 1st: Deadline to update Quarter 2 plans for Remote Learning students
- ⇒ October 2nd: PBIS Spirit Day—*CRAZY HAIR DAY!*
- ⇒ October 5th-8th: Vision and Hearing Screenings at Rooney
- ⇒ October 5th: Papa John's Rooney Restaurant Night
- ⇒ October 12th: Columbus Day—**SCHOOL IN SESSION!**
- ⇒ October 13th: Law Enforcement Drill
4th/5th Instrument Expo at QHS Tents 4:00-6:15pm
Virtual PTO Meeting (General Membership) 6:00-6:30pm
- ⇒ October 14th: Zoup! Rooney Restaurant Night
- ⇒ October 15th: 4th/5th Instrument Expo at QHS Tents 4:00-6:15pm
- ⇒ October 16th: Fire Drill
Quarter 1 Ends
- ⇒ October 19th: Quarter 2 Begins
- ⇒ October 21st: Dr. Abby Fox Rooney's Birthday!
- ⇒ October 26th-27th: Vision and Hearing Re-screenings
- ⇒ October 26th: 3rd-5th Grade Choir Begins!
- ⇒ October 30th: **1/2 Day of School—12:00pm Dismissal—Student-Led Conference**
Fall Celebrations in classrooms
- ⇒ November 2nd: **Student-Led Conferences—No School**
- ⇒ November 3rd: **Election Day—No School**

Reminder!

If one of your students is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms as outlined by the Health Department and our school Nursing Department, all students in your household must stay home until released by a doctor with a note sent to the school office. You can view guidance on the QPS website or call your school nurse with questions!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

It has been a wonderful beginning to the school year! I attribute this to the support of our Rooney families, the cooperation and hard work of students, and to our dedicated staff.

The Rooney Fox Way is more important than ever this school year, so please continue supporting us in our efforts to provide a safe and positive learning environment with the following PBIS expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe

I want you to know that despite the early dismissal time each day, the expectation for your child's learning is still high. We understand the importance of preparing your child for their college and career future. Our teachers are working hard to provide your child with quality learning opportunities aligned to grade level learning standards. We expect all students to give their best, and thus far, we are seeing that happen.

You can support your child's learning by engaging in a conversation with him/her about the school day. For example, "Tell me about what you learned today." "What is something new you learned today? Why is it important?" Additionally, you can support your child by ensuring that he/she gets a good night's sleep to be ready for learning the following day. Joining our wonderful PTO is another way to support your child and the school.

Be on the lookout in the near future for information about the 1st quarter parent/teacher/student conferences. These will be held virtually this school year, so we are excited about growing together using this new process.

Respectfully,

Melanie R. Schrand

Melanie R. Schrand, Principal

Rooney Elementary

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PBIS

The Fox Den is now open!

Students can earn "Fox Tails" for following expectations and going above and beyond at school. They can purchase fun things at the Fox Den with their Fox Tails! These things include:

Small toys
Pencils/pens /markers

Fox Den prizes change often!

Spirit Days 2020—2021

Once a month we will have Spirit Days at Rooney.

Support Rooney's PBIS program by bringing in loose change or \$1 to participate in Spirit Days

This money is used for the Fox Den rewards, and other PBIS days throughout the year.

Remote Learners can still participate!

Please join in on the fun each Spirit Day, and if you'd like to share a picture with Mrs. Finney, send it to her e-mail and you can be featured on the Rooney

Facebook page!

(hardtni@qps.org)



Friday, October 2nd

Don't forget your masks!

We have been providing the district-issued masks if students forget, but we are running very low! Masks are required to enter the building.

- Pack your bag the night before—and do a mask check!
- Pack an extra mask just in case!
- Wash masks regularly to prevent illness



Rooney Elementary PTO Updates

Rooney PTO 2020-2021 Membership Drive

SUPPORTING OUR ROONEY STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF IS MORE IMPORTANT THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE & WE NEED YOUR HELP!



TO JOIN ROONEY PTO RETURN THE INFORMATION AREA BELOW AND MEMBERSHIP FEE (CASH OR CHECK) MADE OUT TO ROONEY PTO IN YOUR STUDENT'S BOOKBAG OR GO ONLINE:
[HTTPS://QPS.REVTRAK.NET/PTA-PT0/RES-PT0](https://qps.revtrak.net/pta-pt0/res-pt0)

Annual
Membership
\$5 Single or \$10 Family



We're looking for **virtual room parents** to help support our classroom teachers as they host seasonal parties throughout the year. If you are interested in helping out your child's classroom, please contact Laura Kelley, Rooney PTO secretary, by sending the Rooney PTO Facebook page a message or by calling or texting 217-440-7930. Please include the following information:

- Your Name
- Your phone number
- Your email if applicable
- Teacher's name and Grade
- If you would like to be the head room parent

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, & STAFF!

NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
STUDENT NAMES: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
ROONEY STAFF/FACULTY? YES NO

PTO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD REMOTELY THIS YEAR.
A LINK WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED.

Head Room Parent: Will virtually help coordinate with the teacher and work with other room parents to help provide crafts, games, and treats for parties. He or She will help the teacher virtually with other duties as needed.

Room Parent: He or She will support the head room parent in compiling supplies for seasonal parties and other needs as noted by head room parent.

Please note your information will be shared with the head room parent as they will need to contact you.

THANK YOU!

PTO EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2020

October 5th: Restaurant Night at *Papa John's

*Papa John's will be the first Monday of each month!

October 13th: PTO General Membership Meeting (virtual)

Meeting links will be sent out via e-mail to the e-mail address provided on the membership forms.

October 14th: Restaurant Night at Zoup!

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