

# Rooney Report

## November 2020



### Events:

- ⇒ November 2nd: **Student-Led Conferences—No School**  
Rooney Restaurant Night at Papa John's!
- ⇒ November 3rd: **Election Day—No School, District offices closed**
- ⇒ November 4th-6th: Blue Devil's Dare to Care Week
- ⇒ November 6th: PBIS Spirit Day: Hat Day!
- ⇒ November 9th: Vision & Hearing Rescreens (rescheduled from 10/26)
- ⇒ November 9th-22nd: Virtual/Online Book Fair!
- ⇒ November 10th: 5th Grade Girl's Talk
- ⇒ November 11th: Veterans Day
- ⇒ November 12th: Fall Picture Retakes 12:00pm-2:15pm  
Remote Learner Picture Day 4:30pm-7:30pm
- ⇒ November 17th: Virtual Family Read Night 6:30pm-7:30pm
- ⇒ November 18th: Quarter 2 Midterm
- ⇒ November 19th: Rooney Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse!
- ⇒ November 25th-27th: **Thanksgiving Break—No School, District offices closed**
- ⇒ November 30th: Rooney Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse!

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for continuing to contact the office with absences, providing doctors excuses and keeping family members home when someone is ill or experiencing symptoms. Your help with all of these changes keeps us going!

You can view guidance on the QPS website or call your school nurse with questions!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

It is hard to believe we are already two weeks into the second quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. We are experiencing many new practices this school year, including the virtual parent/teacher conferences. I continue hearing from staff how thankful they are to have supportive families who are serving as educational partners alongside them. Your supportive involvement is genuinely noticed and appreciated.

From November 4th to November 6th, Rooney will participate in the Blue Devils Dare to Care Week. Our daily focus will be on acceptance and kindness. On November 4th, students will focus on acts of kindness. November 5th is designated as Project Day. (We think your child will be extra excited about what we have planned for that day!) Friday, November 6th is Blue Devil Blue Day; we encourage students and staff to wear Blue Devil attire or Blue Devil Blue to school.

In last month's Rooney Report, I shared ways you can support your child's learning. In addition to those ways (e.g., engaging in a conversation with your child about his/her day, ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep, and joining the PTO), here are some additional ways to provide support: Read to your child, talk about what was read, listen to your child read, and help your child practice his/her basic math facts.

Be on the lookout the first week in November about the PTO Fall Fundraiser: Friends of the Foxes Program! Finally, be on the lookout in the near future for more information about our upcoming Virtual Family Read Night, which will be held on Tuesday, November 17th!

Respectfully,

Melanie R. Schrand, Principal



Great job Rooney! Keep turning in those library books on time so other Foxes can have a turn to check them out!

**Rooney Elementary**

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# PBIS

## Positive Behavior Intervention Support

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and staff.

This team-based process for problem solving, planning and evaluation is our approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment.

We follow 3 key expectations everywhere at Rooney:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

**Don't forget your masks!**

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

## 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.



*Friday, November 6th*

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)



**BLUE DEVILS**  
**DARE TO**  
**CORE**  
**#BDDARETOCARE**

Each day we are going to focus on acceptance and kindness!

### November 4th: Acts of Kindness

Students will receive a check list of 5 acts of kindness to perform during the day.

Remote students will have one too!

### November 5th: Project Day

Classes will draw a picture, write a letter, or create a craft and send it to residents staying in our local nursing homes.

### November 6th: Blue Devil Blue Day

Wear your Blue Devil Blue! Classes will watch a presentation of pictures and videos that highlight all of the kind acts each class participated in this week

# Rooney Elementary PTO Updates

## PTO EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

**November 2nd:** Restaurant Night at \*Papa John's

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

**November 9th-22nd:** VIRTUAL Book Fair

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/rooneyelementary1>

**November 19th:** Restaurant Night at Texas Roadhouse

## 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-PTO/RES-PTO](https://QPS.REVTRAK.NET/PTA-PTO/RES-PTO)

Annual  
Membership  
\$5 Single or \$10 Family



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.

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