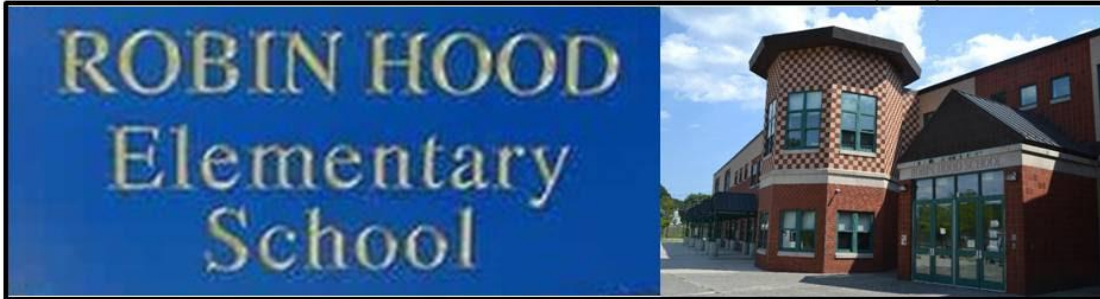


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November 2017

Principal's Message

November marks the time of year when many of us take stock in what is important and appreciate all that we are thankful for. There is so much to be thankful for here at the Robin Hood School, but what I am most thankful for is that I have the honor of watching young children do extraordinary things on a daily basis. In a world where we are bombarded with sound bites and images of civil unrest, unimaginable tragedy and chaotic scenes from near and far, I get to witness tiny humans treating each other with compassion and kindness - with no thought to anyone's age, race, socioeconomic status or physical ability.

That may surprise some of you. I know we have all seen our children (and other people's children) at times when they are not "at their best"... in the grocery store, on the playground, soccer field, hockey rink and everywhere in between. It is a pleasure to say that for every unfortunate occasion you see a youngster not having his or her finest moment, I've witnessed three times as many great ones.

As a school, we honor those extraordinary moments through our **Robin Hood Recognition Tree**. Last month, we celebrated well over 125 students for unsolicited displays of **RESPECT** toward their classmates, teachers and complete strangers. The key word being unsolicited! All of the adults at Robin Hood, from the teachers to the custodians to the cafeteria staff to the secretary, specifically looked for opportunities to celebrate children who didn't realize anyone had noticed what they'd done...they just did it because it was the right thing to do. These acts of respect were recognized with special ornaments on our tree and a school wide gathering where these students were honored. During the month of November we are focusing on "Leadership." Check out our Recognition Tree the next time you are in the lobby. The number of "Recognitions" grows by the day.

In closing, if you start to feel down about the state of the society today, please stop in so we can give you a

glimpse into our world. It will certainly make you smile!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mrs. Donoghue

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

November 4 - PTO Blood Drive to support Boston Children's Hospital

November 6 - Robin Hood Food Drive ends

November 7 - Homework Club starts

November 8 - Grade 4 Field Trip to Lowell Mills (Daly & Gavin)

November 10 - No School, Veteran's Day

November 14 - PTO Meeting, 7:00pm

November 22 - Early Release, 12:15 dismissal

November 23 & 24 - No School, Thanksgiving Weekend

November 28 - Used Book Sale / Swap

November 28 - Grade 4 Field Trip to Lowell Mills (Eberly)

November 29 - Boston Museum of Science, "States of Matter" enrichment, Grade 2

December 6 - Early Release, 12:15 dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm

December 7 - Early Release, 12:15 dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00pm

December 21 - Winter Concerts, K & 1 show 8:45-9:15 and 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade show 9:45-10:15

December 22 - Pajama Day

December 25- January 1 - Winter Break

January 2 - School Resumes

Robin Hood Blood Drive



There is still time to make an appointment for Saturday's PTO Blood Drive to benefit Boston Children's Hospital.

Not sure what time you might be able to stop by? No problems, walk ins are also welcome.

Click on the link below or check out the PTO News further down in this Newsletter.

<https://www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=3690&opidh=D42D5446039DC>

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Save the Date - Winter Concerts

***CLARIFICATION

Please join us for our Winter Concerts on **Thursday**, December 21, 2017

Kindergarten and First Grade Performance: 8:45-9:15am

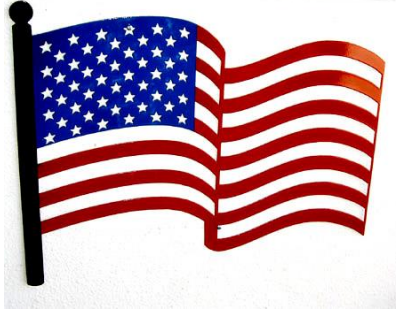
Second, Third, and Fourth Grade Performance: 9:45-10:15am

Indoors vs Outdoors?



As we prepare for the cold weather ahead, it may be helpful to know how we decide if recess and morning line-ups will occur indoors or outdoors. In accordance with the "Child Care and Weather Watch" guidelines from the US Department of Health and Human Services, students are kept indoors if the temperature drops below 30*, we also take wind chill and level of precipitation into consideration. Every effort is made to make the best possible decisions throughout the day. We consult the **Weather Channel** and the **Weather Bug App** regularly for the most up to date weather information.

Our goal is to get students outside as often as possible, even if it is just for a few minutes. A change of scenery and fresh air makes an incredible difference in our school day. Please be sure that your child comes prepared to go outside on a daily basis.



Veteran's Day

To all of the military veterans in the Robin Hood School community, thank you for your service and your sacrifice! Across every grade level, we are working to ensure our students have a developmentally appropriate understanding of the meaning of Veteran's Day. We truly want November 11th to have meaning and importance in our students' lives beyond a "day off from school".

A safety reminder from the Stoneham Police Department



The police officers working near the MWRA site have asked that parents picking up and/or dropping off on Magnolia and Oak Streets, please have the children load and unload on the SIDEWALK side of the vehicle - NOT the STREET side. The construction area is very congested causing a safety hazard for children stepping directly into the street while exiting their vehicles.

Make Up Picture Day November 16



Thursday, November 16th is Make-up Picture Day! If you missed the October Picture Day or would like "retakes" stop by the office for a brochure. O'Connor Studios assures us that they will be sending home all October photos for your review, next week.

News from the Nurse's Office



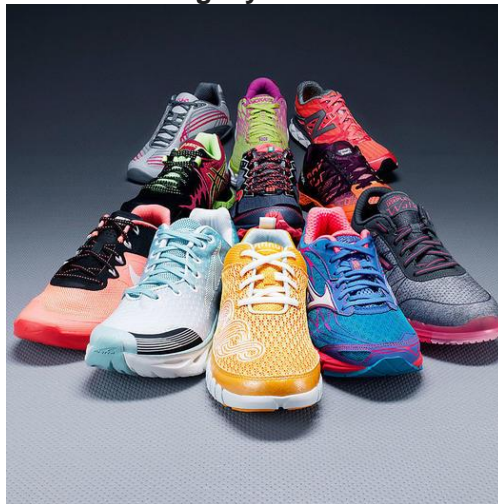
Hearing and Vision screening will continue into November. All students wearing glasses or hearing devices should be wearing these items as prescribed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Thistle.

Robin Hood Food Drive



Thank you Robin Hood School community! The response to our annual Robin Hood Food Drive has been outstanding! There is just one day left, so remember to send in those last minute donations! Items will be picked up Monday morning (11/6). All of your donations directly support families in our community through the Food Pantry at the Stoneham Adventist Community Service Center. A special thank you to the Robin Hood PTO, Michelle LeVesque and Mrs. Chirichiello for coordinating this important project.

Reminder ... Don't forget your sneakers on PE days.





Afterschool Supervision

When students are dismissed to a parent or guardian at the end of each school day, the school staff also passes all care and supervision responsibilities to that designee. Student behaviors on the playground and in the field afterschool are an ongoing concern. We often receive complaints about the varying levels of parental oversight and the tolerance for questionable behaviors in the late afternoon. If you choose to allow your child to play on the property after school, please watch them carefully and hold them accountable for their actions. It takes everyone's effort to keep the children safe.

Used Book Sale / Swap Dates



The Robin Hood PTO sponsors several Used Book Sales/Swaps throughout the school year. On **Book Sale/Swap** days, students can bring in a gently used book from home to swap for a "new to you" book of their choice. Even if they don't have a book they want to swap, students can buy a "new to you" book for \$0.25. It is a great way to encourage a love of books and keep your bookshelf replenished. This year's Used Book Sale / Swap dates are:

November 28

January 30

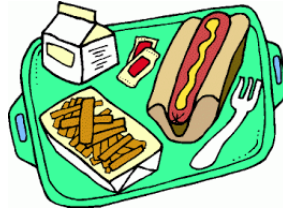
February 27

May 29



Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the school fields or near the school during arrival and dismissal. If you need to bring your dog, you will need to wait for your child on the far sidewalk near the parking lot.

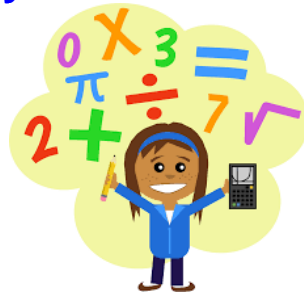
November Lunch Menu



Please click on the link below for the November Lunch Menu:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/debc4c1b10e529782339c6563/files/6e273ac8-87e6-44ad-a7e0-967156313a8f/November_Menu.pdf

Understanding my Child's Elementary Math Class



Please click on the link to learn more about this event sponsored by Lesley University.

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Bay State Textile Box



Have you seen the textile box near the Robin Hood Parking lot? We earn money for your unwanted textiles. Click on the link below to learn more about Bay State Textiles work throughout Massachusetts.

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Share the Magic - Share the Moment



Please click on the link to learn more about this event sponsored by Stonehambank.

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Underage Drinking Survey

The Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition has asked for your participation in a survey regarding underage drinking. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSACshort>

News from the Robin Hood PTO



Blood Drive

The Robin Hood PTO will be sponsoring a blood drive to support Children's Hospital Boston this Saturday, November 4th. <http://blooddrive link> The total process takes about 30 minutes. Please contact Jaime Wallace with any questions: robinhoodpto@gmail.com. To schedule an appointment, please go to: <https://www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=3690&opidh=D42D5446039DC5B1157B4D54CCD98F95&idt=43005.4312963>

Clothing Sale

Stoneham Spartan and Robin Hood School apparel is available to order through the PTO. All orders are due to the school by November 16th. Order forms are attached via the link below and will also be distributed early next week.

<http://Clothing link>

Halloween Candy Donations

If you have extra Halloween candy you want to get rid of, the PTO will have a box for donations in the lobby. All donations will be sent to US military troops. Please contact Michelle LeVesque with any questions: Levesquefamily2005@gmail.com

Coat Drive

The annual coat drive is now underway through January 7, 2018. A box is in the lobby for coat donations. Please contact Michelle LeVesque with any questions: Levesquefamily2005@gmail.com

Picture Re-Take Day

O'Connor Studios will be returning on November 16th for students who need picture re-takes or students who were absent on the original picture day. More information will follow.

Yankee Candle

Thought the catalogue sale has ended, on line ordering is still available for Yankee Candle. <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/>; Group # 990005630; Group Name: Robin Hood PTO.

Stop & Shop A+ Rewards

If you haven't done so, please take a minute and designate Robin Hood as your school for Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards program. Robin Hood School ID#: 05791 has the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Stop & Shop! Visit www.stopandshop.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select REGISTER YOUR CARD from the red box on the right marked FOR CUSTOMERS. Use your registered Stop & Shop Card each time you shop at Stop & Shop and you will earn CASH for our school. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt. The program runs October- March.

Shutterfly/ Tiny Prints

If you use Shutterfly or Tiny Prints, you can be earning money for Robin Hood, just by using this link below. 13% of your sale is donated back to Robin Hood.

Shutterfly has a deal for new customers- a free 8X8 photo book. Promo Code: AFFPHOTOBK Run dates: Now

– 12/31/17

<http://robinhoodpto.shutterflystorefront.com/>

Box Tops

Keep clipping those Box Tops! Each box top is \$0.10 for Robin Hood. A new collection “monster” for all Box Tops can be found in the lobby.

Amazon

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your AmazonSmile purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice. Visit the link below to make Robin Hood School the charity of your choice!

<http://smile.amazon.com/>

Clothing Bins

The Baystate Textile Bins have only been in place for a couple weeks and the town of Stoneham has already collected over 3,000 pounds of items! The boxes are in place indefinitely and all proceeds from the six town wide boxes will be split amongst all five Stoneham Public Schools. Please see the attached flyer for a list of acceptable items.

<http://Textile Box Link>

Used Book Sale/ Swap

Our next Used Book Sale will take place on November 28th. Students may purchase one book for \$0.25 or may bring in one gently used, age appropriate book to swap. This is a great way to encourage our students to read!



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