



Aldert Root Elementary

Root Word Newsletter

Mark your Calendars!

October 25	Orange Shirt Day – Unity Day
October 26	Read to Achieve Testing
October 30	End of First Quarter
October 31	Teacher Workday – No School

Root's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Coming Soon! Root's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be Wednesday, November 1st through Wednesday, November 8th. We are collecting food to help our very own Root school community in two ways. The food drive helps support our Backpack Buddies program that provides nutritious food to 40 Root students every week. And each year, we also provide Thanksgiving meals to Root families through our Food Drive. So, how can you help? **Please consider picking up any items on this list and sending them in with your child between November 1st and November 8th.**

The grade level that collects the most food will receive a treat on the playground!

- Individually packaged snack items (granola bars, NutriGrain bars, fruit cups, etc)
- Canned beans
- Jars of peanut butter or jelly
- Cans of fruit
- Boxed potatoes or boxed rice
- Chef Boyardee-type meals
- Pumpkin pie mix
- Cornbread mix
- Macaroni & cheese
- Gravy
- Cans of soup
- Cereal
- Stuffing
- Packs of ramen noodles
- Oatmeal / grits
- Cranberry sauce
- Cans of tuna
- Juice boxes / Shelf stable milk boxes
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pasta

We'll find a good home for any unexpired food item!



If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities make your color **ORANGE** on **Unity Day**. That's the day everyone can come together – in schools, communities, and online – and send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

Box Tops are due October 25!



Please collect your Box Tops and help Root earn \$\$\$! Found on many products you already purchase and use every day, just clip the Box Top logo and glue them to the collection sheet you will find in your Tuesday folder. Your student can turn in their collections sheets and any additional loose box tops to the envelope provided in each classroom. The class with the most box tops on October 25 will win a class prize!

Root receives a donation for each Box Top turned in. Look for Box Tops on General Mills, Ziploc, Hefty, Horizon, Land-o-Lakes, Green Giant and more!

We will have another collection date in the Spring so keep saving those Box Tops!

Belk Charity Day Sale

November 4

Purchase a \$5 ticket to the upcoming Belk Charity Day Sale for November 4th! Most discounts range from 20-25% and are on rarely discounted brands! (You can also pre-purchase items so you don't have to shop with the "crowd" from Oct. 23-Nov.3). 100% of the \$5 donations go back to the Root PTA!



There are limited exclusions during the charity sale – you can save BIG!

To purchase your ticket or check out a flyer about specific discounts, please stop by the front office and see Ms. Maureen or Ms. Sheri. Or, you can contact Allison Eckstein at Allison.eckstein@gmail.com or Jen Giordano at jenn@smartfulworks.com and they will get it to you!



The **National PTA Reflections Program** is an arts recognition and achievement program for our students. It offers ALL students an opportunity to express themselves creatively in six different

categories and to receive positive recognition for their original works of art.

Categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

This year's 2017-2018 theme is "WITHIN REACH".

Each student will need a Student Entry Form (required), a copy of the General Rules, and a copy of the Art Specific Rules for each art category in which they plan to participate. **All entries will need to be dropped off on Monday October 30, 2017.** We will have a table set up in the Root lobby for all entries (AND FORMS) both before and after school that day. We will celebrate all our Root Artists at a breakfast and award ceremony in February.

Please download the "[Student Pack](#)" which includes the Rules and Student Entry Form AND..... GOOD LUCK!

*Questions: Please contact Jennifer Brock at jennifertbrock@gmail.com.

Jackets and Winter Coats Available

Our School Social Worker, Trinity Pellas, will be giving away winter coats and light jackets to Root students now that the weather is getting cooler. If your child is in need of a coat, please text 919-355-8741 or send an email to tpellas@wcpss.net with your child's name and teacher. Coats will be given out over the next few weeks as sizing allows.

Please Join the Root PTA!

The Root PTA builds relationships among families, teachers and staff at Root through volunteerism and financial commitments. Your participation helps support many functions throughout our school, like the following events and programs:

- Fundraisers including Rootin' Tootin' and Boosterthon
- Staff Support including Continuing Education and Room Necessities
- Academic Programming including STEM and Cultural Arts
- Technology and Security Enhancements
- Community Sponsored Funding
- Playground and school grounds upkeep and maintenance

Individual memberships are just \$10. If you'd like a Family (\$20) or FamilyPlus (\$50) membership, please indicate that on the memo line and include the additional amount in the space labeled "Donation"

Click [here](#) to join today!

Please contact Sally West at sally.s.west@icloud.com with any membership questions.

Root Word Submissions

If you would like to submit information to the Root Word, please visit the Root Homepage or click here for an [online submission form](#). Submissions are due by **FRIDAY** of each week in order to be included in the following Monday's Root Word.

Mr. Clark's Robo Call Process

If you have something you want Mr. Clark to add to his weekly Robo call, please email him at bclark2@wcpss.net by Sunday night. You need to email him EXACTLY what you want him to say. He will include it in his Monday robo call.



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