



Aldert Root Elementary

Root Word Newsletter

Mark your Calendars!

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| December 14 | Grades 4/5 Concert at 6:30 pm |
| December 19 | School Spelling Bee at 9:30 am |
| December 21 | Early release at 1:15 pm |
| December 22 – January 1 | Holiday |

New tool for gifting teachers and staff!

The PTA is partnering with GiftCrowd, an online tool that allows parents to make donations to numerous teachers and staff for the holidays and end of year gifts. You can give any amount you'd like. This has eliminated the need for a parent from each class having to collect funds or gifts. Also, GiftCrowd does not charge any fees! **Please make your contributions by Tuesday, Dec. 19!**

On Dec. 20 the teachers will receive their "gift" and be able cash in the money they were given for gift cards of their choice. The site includes many choices including, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, JC Penny, Athleta, Dicks Sporting Goods, Hyatt, etc. The site includes all teachers, assistants and staff, so you can easily gift any and all in just a few easy clicks. Let's give generously to our fantastic Root staff for all they do!

Just a tip - the site seems to work best on a laptop or desktop, although you can access the tool on your phone.

To give your gifts:

Go to <https://giftcrowd.com/#/root>

- To join a gift, click the Join button next to the gift you would like to join
- Type in the name as you want it to appear and the email where you want to get notified
- Optionally, you can design your greeting
- Enter your credit card information. You can choose to keep them for future purchases which will save you time if you plan to join more than one gift
- Once you are done you will receive a confirmation email. You will also be notified when the gift is sent and when the gift recipient opens it
- With any questions regarding the use of GiftCrowd please contact contact@giftcrowd.com.



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Stuff your stockings with [Rooty Retail](#)

As we all work to check off those Christmas lists, remember that Rooty Retail makes great gifts! We have lots of hoodies and sweat shirts in stock, so keep your kids warm this winter in Root style. Of course, we also have shorts, t-shirts, water bottles and magnets too. Visit the store [here](#), and **place your order by Dec. 16** to ensure delivery in time for the break. If your purchase is a gift, please note that in the comments box so your item will not be delivered to your child's classroom.

Catch-up w/ Mr. Clark

The Catch-up w/ Clark originally scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 5th at 6:30 has been rescheduled for January. The date will be announced later this month. As we prepare for that meeting, we'd love to know what you'd like to hear about from Mr. Clark. Please email hmorisey@nc.rr.com with questions you have or topics you'd like to discuss and we'll use those to shape the meeting agenda. Your name will not be associated with the question or topic at the meeting.

Root Holiday Gift Program Donations Are Due This Week!

If you signed up to donate items to our Holiday Gift Program, THANK YOU! Just a reminder to please bring your unwrapped items this week to either the front office or Mrs. Pellas' office on the Student Services hallway. Our list is here if you need to refresh your memory!: www.tinyurl.com/Root2017. We are very grateful for your support!

STEM Showcase

Calling all researchers, scientists, and engineers! It's time for Root's STEM Showcase!

Root's STEM Showcase will occur on February 15, 2018 during the day and will be on display at Root's Curriculum Night that same evening. All K-5 students are invited to participate. Students may enter a project alone or with other students. A student wishing to complete a project will need to complete the project proposal form **by Friday, December 15**.

More details can be found in the

- [STEM Showcase Guide](#)
- [STEM Project Proposal Form](#)
- [STEM Showcase Parent Letter](#)



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Girls On The Run Dog Donation Drive

Girls on the Run will be holding a Dog Donation Drive **through Friday, December 15th**, benefiting Cause for Paws and the local shelters. Mrs. Raschella has been kind enough to volunteer her room to collect donations! All items can be dropped off outside Mrs. Raschella's classroom located on the 2nd/3rd grade hallway.

More information can be found on flyers posted throughout the school. Please email GOTR Coach Hixson (juliahixson1@gmail.com) with any questions.



The Girls on the Run team appreciates everyone's help with this project. Many dogs will benefit from your generosity!!

Items Needed: ♦ Dog Food ♦ Treats ♦ Toys ♦ Bedding

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Holiday shopping is upon us! Did you know that Amazon donates 0.05% of your eligible Amazon purchases to Root when you shop on their AmazonSmile webpage?



Support Root when shopping Amazon by using the web address: www.smile.amazon.com

When logging into AmazonSmile for the first time you will need to search for and select Aldert Root as your charity of choice.

In order for Root to receive the donation, you must use the www.smile.amazon.com address **EACH TIME** when making a purchase!

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.

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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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