



Aldert Root Elementary

Root Word Newsletter

Mark your Calendars!

January 18	Coffee with Mr. Clark, 8:45 – 9:45 am
January 18	Open House for Prospective Parents at 10:15 am and 5:00 pm
January 19	PTA Presents Bluegrass Stomp at 9:30 and 10:30
January 22	Snow make up day (for January 4)
January 26	3 rd Grade Field Trip to Morehead Planetarium
February 19	Snow make up day (for January 5)

Snow make up days announced

Snow make up days will be January 22 (to make up for January 4) and February 19 (to make up for January 5). Please see <https://www.wcpss.net/makeupdays> for further information.

Root Holiday Gift Program THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who donated to our Root Holiday Gift Program. 56 Root students benefited from your generosity this December. In fact, your generosity this year allowed us to include an extra toy and extra items of clothing for each student, as well as plenty of stocking stuffers and wrapping materials. The parents of our students were very grateful. Your help made this a holiday to remember!

Pictures here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Vi4U56qhsE7vr15I3>

--Trinity Pellas, Root Holiday Gift Program Coordinator

PTA Presents Bluegrass Stomp

The Root PTA is proud to welcome Charles Pettee, (pronounced "Petty") and his Bluegrass Stomp show on **Friday January 19th**. Mr. Pettee began playing the guitar as a youngster in Asheville, NC. He became interested in southern folk music when he was in middle school, at which time he took up mandolin and banjo. After college, he became a full time musician and toured all over the US and Europe for 30 years with Chapel Hill's bluegrass music group called The Shady Grove Band. Mr. Pettee's music has been heard on radio, TV and the internet for many years. He has performed over 5,500 shows in his career, and recently completed his 13th CD/album.

Parents are welcome to attend--shows are at 9:30 and 10:30! Come see your PTA dollars at work!



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018 • 7:00 - 11:00 PM • 214 MARTIN STREET
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Root Rocks is just a few weeks away. . . we need your help to reach our \$175,000 goal to fund additional teaching positions like STEM, art, Spanish, reading intervention, AIG and more!

- Follow and share to win! Follow Aldert Root Elementary Educational Foundation on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). **Like our posts and tag 3 people or repost/share to be entered in a drawing for free 50/50 Root Rocks raffle tickets:** 50 percent of raffle sales to the Foundation and 50 percent to the winner. Raffle will be held at the event but you don't need to be present to win.
- Sponsor event! We have 7 sponsorship levels ranging from \$5,000 to \$250. All donations are tax deductible. Visit <http://rootfoundation.weebly.com>, **choose your level and pay directly**. Donate by Jan. 26 to be included in printed materials for the event.
- Donate silent auction items! Beach or mountain getaway? Tickets for an NCSU, UNC or Duke game? Retail item? We want items that inspire money for the cause! Contact Allison Harris aekharris@gmail.com with ideas for auction items.

If you have questions, visit our website at rootfoundation.weebly.com, or email event co-chairs Melissa Graham, mhgraham75@yahoo.com, and Emily Perry, emily.y.perry@gmail.com.

We continue our spotlight on some of Root's outstanding teachers supported by the Foundation. This week, the spotlight is one of our literacy teachers **Mrs. Blair Miller**.

Mrs. Miller has been with Wake County Public Schools for 14 years and has taught Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and K-5 Reading Intervention. This year at Root, she is primarily working with 4th and 5th grade students. She also teaches preschool enrichment classes with Teaching Enrichment Kids.

What is something you love about Root?

I love our School Family Days. It is fun to pop in to another classroom, collaborate with other teachers, and connect with kids across grade levels.

Favorite part of your day?

Pushing in to the 4th and 5th grade classrooms to work with kids.

Hometown?

I've been in Raleigh since I was 10, so I am almost a native! Prior to that I lived in Richmond, VA.

Hobbies?

I have two young boys, Warren (5), a kindergartener at Root, and Drew (almost 3), so my hobbies now are building with Legos, playing in the dirt, and doing science experiments with them. I used to enjoy yoga, reading, and attempting to be crafty when I had the time.

Beach or Mountains?

I equally love both. I have been vacationing in the Outer Banks every summer since I was 3 months old. It doesn't feel like summer without a trip to Avon, NC. My husband and I both love going to the mountains year round. We got married in Blowing Rock, NC in 2010!



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Winter TEK Club Registration

TEK Club registration forms went home last week in the Tuesday folders. Clubs will run on Wednesdays, February 7-March 14 (6 sessions) from 4:15-5:30. TEK supervises students prior to the start of club.



Registration will take place this **Thursday, January 18th**, outside of the front office from 8:45-9:30. You or your child may turn the form in.

Adventures with Dr. Seuss

Grades K-3

Taught by Kendall Kelley

Are You Ready to Breakout?

Grades 1-5

Taught by Brad Peterson

Fabulous Foodies

Grades K-3

Taught by Trish Culley

Ultimate Team Sports

Grades 2-5

Taught by David Yenor

Edible Structures

Grades 1-5

Taught by Jane Hemingway & Dawn Ellis

Chess Mates

Grades 2-5

Taught by Julie Cook

Kids and Clay

Grades 1-5

Taught by Amanda Daly

Full club descriptions can also be found on our website: www.teachingenrichmentkids.com

Please contact Julie Sullivan with any questions: julie@teachingenrichmentkids.com



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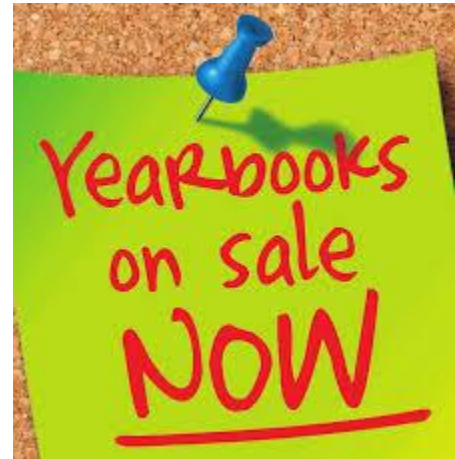
2017 – 2018

Root Elementary School Yearbook Sale

Cost per book: \$15

Dates of sale: January 9 – February 28, 2018

This year, the Root Yearbook committee has been inspired by Raleigh's pay-what-you-can restaurant, A Place At The Table. We believe that every child at Root deserves a yearbook to remind them of their friendships and all that they have learned and experienced, but we understand that it might not be in everyone's budget.



A yearbook costs \$15, though if you cannot afford one, you can pay whatever is comfortable for your family. If you feel inclined, you can donate any amount towards yearbooks for other school friends in addition to your child's yearbook.

There are 2 ways to **order and donate by Wednesday, February 28:**

1. Online

- Go to www.schoolannual.com and click "Buy Yearbook" at the top of the page.
- Enter "Root Elementary School" in the search box to find our school's page. (Be careful not to accidentally choose the Arkansas Root.)
- Click on "2018 Yearbook" and add yearbooks and donation amounts to your cart. Remember to enter your child's full name, grade and teacher name in the "Homeroom" box. For donations, enter "donation" in the first/last name boxes and "other" in the grade box. Major credit cards and Paypal accepted.

2. On paper

- Complete the form below and turn it in to your child's teacher.
- If you are purchasing 2+ yearbooks for more than one child, clearly print each child's name, grade, and teacher.
- When you make a donation, please make a note on the order form below and on your check, payable to Root PTA.

Contact Beth Baker with questions: rootyearbookorders@gmail.com

Thank you for purchasing a yearbook and supporting our school family!



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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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