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Root Word Newsletter

Mark your Calendars!

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| February 1 | Reflections Breakfast |
| February 7-16 | Spring Book Fair |
| February 8 | Second Grade Musical Performance @ 6:30 pm |
| February 9 | Spark Day |
| February 9 | Early Release @ 1:15 |
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018 • 7:00 - 11:00 PM • 214 MARTIN STREET
HORS D'OEUVRES | DJ | SILENT AUCTION

Root Rocks is almost here. . . join us for a fun evening as we celebrate the Foundation's annual fundraising campaign. **You may pre-register for the silent auction now by texting rootrocks18 to 24700.** Bidding opens at rootrocks18.auction-bid.org on February 3rd! Be sure you're following the Root Elementary Foundation on social media for previews of some of the amazing items that will be up for grabs.

We are closing in on our \$175,000 fundraising goal! As of Friday, we have raised almost \$146,000 that will go directly towards hiring additional teaching resources beyond what is provided by Wake County. There is still time to give! If you haven't donated yet, would like to give more, or are eligible for employer matching – **donations can be made directly on our website: www.rootfoundation.weebly.com.**

Huge thanks to our sponsors to date:

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Root Guitar Hero

Henriette Williams-Alexander & Thomas Alexander

Heather & Jared Cozart

Allison & Will Eckstein

Kathleen & Grant Fisher

Jillian & Justin Good

Melissa & Joe Graham

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Blair & Joe Hogan

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Heather & Chris Cox

Ashley & Bonner Gaylord

Elizabeth & CP Harris

Plexus

Vermillion

Ashley & Cheshire Webb

Dargan & Blount Williams

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Beth & Jonathan Broyles

Ebba & Roberta Casas

Amanda & Joseph Falsone

Blake & Wesley Fricks

Jenn & Mark Giordano

Chrissy & Corbett Gupton

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Yelverton Contracting

Root Roadie

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Catherine & Mark Bridgers
Caroline & Brad Carr
Albert Eckel
Duval & Craig Fisher
Audrey & Andy Gastmeyer
Shaw Garrison
Neal & Bill Goodwin
Katie & Dan Hartzog
Sarah & Collin Hill
Amy & Dempsey Hodges
Rachel & Hayden Honeycutt
Heather & Scott Horton
Katie & Robert Hoyle
Josey & Todd Kasper
Lisa & Matt Kirkpatrick
Janis & Kevin McLaughlin
Amy & Jared Piland
Blair & John Risinger
Julie & Paul Sullivan

TEK (Teaching Enrichment for Kids)

Brandy & Mark Vannoy
Leigh & Oliver Wheeler
Beezie & George Whitaker
Meghan & Brandon Yancey
Ramsay & Carl Younger

Root Groupie

Everett Anderson
Morgan & Shane Angley
Duren & Brett Banks
Laura & Greg Capps
Christine & Ryan Craig
Lorah & John Henry
Laurie & David Houk
Jenni & Robbie Jones
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Cason & John Maddison
Mathnasium Lake Boone
Nikki & Bryan Powell
Mariette & Lee Roland
The Sonawane Family
Cindy & Steve Thompson
Laura & Landon Watts
Riley & Jonathan Weeks
Kara & Peter Weishaar

Visit our website rootfoundation.weebly.com, or email event co-chairs Melissa Graham (mhgraham75@yahoo.com) or Emily Perry (emily.y.perry@gmail.com) with questions.

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Our final Spotlight before our annual Root Rocks celebration features Ms. Currin, another reading specialist supported through the Foundation. Ms. Currin provides targeted additional assistance to students as identified by their homeroom teachers.

Which grades do you work with at Root?

Currently I work with students in grades K-3 but have previously worked with all grades. I also serve as one of the Intervention Team Facilitators and am the MClass Leader for Root.

What is your favorite thing about Root?

Root is a wonderful place to work. One of my favorite things is working with so many talented teachers and staff that I admire and respect. I know everyone that works at Root truly wants the best for students and it feels good to work in such a positive environment. I am happy to call them friends!

Most rewarding thing about being a reading intervention teacher?

My favorite thing about being an intervention teacher is helping a child gain confidence in themselves. Watching a child become confident in their abilities as a reader and a learner is priceless and the best part about teaching!

Hometown?

Born and raised Raleigh, NC.

Hobbies?

I enjoy good books and movies, being with my family, taking walks outside with friends and Hurricanes Hockey! And I love a good girl's night out!

Beach or mountains?

Beach!



Mrs. Hemingway, a kindergarten teacher, described the reading specialists as “loving educators who give their ALL to the students of Root. They build a special relationship with their students which is the first step in teaching. After building that relationship the connection to learning to read is natural. . . They are masters at working with the staff with strong communication and a deep understanding of the enormous job we have in front of us.” She went on to share how when one of her students sees her reading specialist at the door each day, “a BIG smile grows across her face and she willingly hops up to go work on her skills.”

The Foundation’s support of additional teaching resources improves the learning experience of all students at Root and makes our school stronger as a whole. If you haven’t already, **please consider supporting the Foundation so we may continue providing our students with educational opportunities beyond what is provided by Wake County.**

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Root Curriculum Night

What?

You are invited to Root's annual Curriculum Night featuring the "PAWS for Books" Scholastic Book Fair! This is an opportunity for your child to demonstrate how Root incorporates STEM in core instruction through fun easy activities. As a part of the night, we will showcase activities sponsored by the North Carolina Science Festival.*

You won't want to miss this chance to learn together and enjoy making catapults, exploring air power, creating parachutes, and much more!

Where?

Root classrooms, STEM Lab, 4C's Lab, Multi-Purpose Room and the Media Center

When?

Thursday, February 15th 5:30pm-7:30pm

Who?

Our Root Family: teachers, students, and families

How?

- Step 1: Check in at the Welcome Table which will be located outside the front office. You will be issued a grade level passport with the classrooms that have activities for you to complete with your child.
- Step 2: Your first stop is your child's grade level. Allow them to demonstrate for you what they are learning. Make sure they get a stamp on their passport for each activity they complete with you.
- Step 3: Once they've collected two stamps on their passport, take a walk to the cafeteria to redeem the stamps for some "Kibbles and Bits" (trail mix) or "Chew Sticks" (Twizzlers).
- Step 4: Earn more stamps by stopping by the STEM Lab, 4C's Lab or Multi-purpose Room (where the STEM Showcase projects will be on display) for the hands-on science activities sponsored by the North Carolina Science Festival!
- Step 5: Tweet out, post, or tag on Social Media with #STEMUnleashed

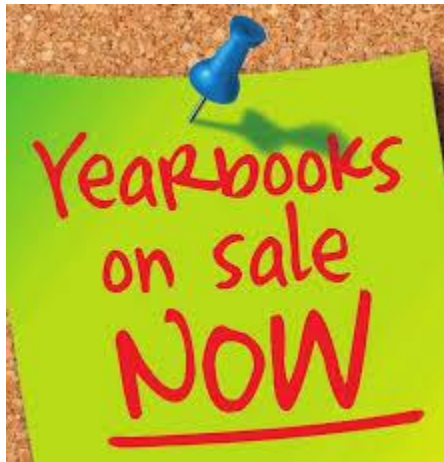
Dinner will be available for purchase in the cafeteria.

Why?

We want to showcase the hard work of our students! Let's spend a night together exploring how we engage our learners in the curriculum here at Root.

* The NC Science Festival is now a month-long celebration of science that occurs every April. For more information about the North Carolina Science Festival and a full calendar of events, visit www.ncsciencefestival.org

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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!

Snow make up days announced

Snow day	Make up day
January 5	February 19
January 17	March 29
January 18	June 11
January 19	No make up day required

Please see <https://www.wcpss.net/makeupdays> for further information.

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Root Word Submissions

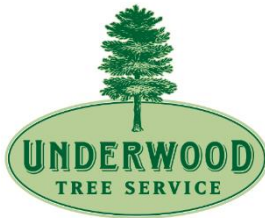
If you would like to submit information to the Root Word, please visit the Root Homepage or click here for an [online submission form](#). Submissions are due by **FRIDAY** of each week in order to be included in the following Monday's Root Word.

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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