Mark your Calendars!

- January 29  Coffee with Clark 9:15 - 10:15
- January 31 – February 8  Spring Book Fair
- February 7  Curriculum Night, 5:30 – 7:30

Coffee with Clark

Come have a cup of coffee on the PTA! The PTA will host Coffee with Clark on **Tuesday, January 29** at 9:15 in the Media Center.

We will have a Q&A with Mr. Clark. He wants to know what is on your minds! Please take a moment to submit questions you have or topics you would like to discuss. Email your questions to Kathleen Fisher at kathleeneller@hotmail.com or put them in the PTA President’s mailbox in the office.

Yearbook time!

Like last year, the Root Yearbook committee is inspired by Raleigh's pay-what-you-can restaurant, A Place at the Table. We believe that all children at Root can have a yearbook to remind them of their friendships and all that they have learned and experienced. We understand it might not be in everyone's budget.

A yearbook cost $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. Last year, 100% of the kids at Root got a yearbook. Let's do it again this year!

Order forms will be sent home in Tuesday folders. You can complete the form and turn it into your teacher OR go online and order. The online link is www.schoolannual.com. Directions for online orders is on the order form.

Don't miss out! Our deadline for orders is **February 13th**.

Contact Beth Baker with questions: rootyearbookorders@gmail.com
Curriculum Night and Book Fair!!

What? Root’s annual Curriculum Night featuring the “Dino-Mite” Scholastic Book Fair! This is an opportunity for your family to explore Literacy, Math and STEM activities together by taking part in a wide range of fun and easy to understand activities. You won’t want to miss this chance to learn together and enjoy making “Dip-n-Dots” with liquid nitrogen, exploring fossils from the Museum of Natural Science exhibit, programming Dash robots, and excavating Dinosaur eggs or mining for chocolate!

Check dinner off your to-do list by pre-ordering Chick-Fil-A and it will be ready for your family in the cafeteria during STEM Curriculum Night.

Online ordering is available through the school store [https://root.memberhub.store/](https://root.memberhub.store/). Click on "STEM Curriculum Night Orders" on the left side. Very few meals will be available for purchase during the event, so be sure to pre-order by February 1.

Where? Root classrooms, STEM Lab, 4C’s Lab, Multi-Purpose Room, Cafeteria and the Root Media Center.

When? Thursday, February 7, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Who? Our Root family: teachers, students, and families

How?

Step 1: Check in at the Welcome Table outside the front office. You’ll receive a grade level passport that lists the activities.
Step 2: Visit your child’s grade level. Allow them to demonstrate for you what they are learning. Make sure your child gets a stamp on your passport for each activity they complete.
Step 3: Stop by the STEM Lab for the fossil exhibit, the music or art room for your grade level’s excavation activity, the 4C’s lab to program Dash robots, the Multi-Purpose room to check out the STEM Showcase projects, and the cafeteria to make Dip-n-Dots with liquid nitrogen.
Step 4: Once you have collected your stamps from all the various stations, be sure to collect your treats from the table outside of 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.

This February, get ready to attend the biggest, loudest book fair ever! It’s the Scholastic DINO-MITE Book Fair and it will be at Root February 1-8! Get ready to Stomp, Chomp, and Read!

In addition to being open before and after school, the fair will be open at the following events:

Donuts with Dudes and Dinos before school from 7:45-9:15
Tuesday 2/5 last names A-L
Wednesday 2/6 last names M-Z

Super-size fun awaits when children become reading raptors, bookceratops, and readasaurus rex bookivores. Get ready to unleash their inner dino and enjoy a stomping, chomping, reading good time!

Look for opportunities to volunteer soon!
2019 Winter TEK Club Registration

TEK Club registration is still open! Please contact Julie Sullivan if you would like to register. Julie@teachingenrichmentkids.com

Clubs will run on **Wednesdays, February 13 - March 20,** from 4:15- 5:30. TEK supervises students prior to the start of clubs and is onsite to manage clubs through dismissal.

**Winter Club Offerings**

Full club descriptions can be found on our registration forms OR on our website [www.teachingenrichmentkids.com/root.html](http://www.teachingenrichmentkids.com/root.html)

- **Crafting the Zoo**
  Grades K-2
  Taught by Dawn Ellis

- **Build & Program with LEGO WeDo**
  Grades K-3
  Taught by Ashley Dozier

- **Kids & Clay**
  Grades 1-5
  Taught by Amanda Daley

- **Chess Club**
  Grades 1-5
  Taught by Julie Cook

- **Edible Structures**
  Grades 2-5
  Taught by Kendall Kelley

- **Hot Off the Press**
  Grades 2-5
Taught by Caitlin Miller

**Improv Games**  
Grades 2-5  
Taught by Amy Koo

**Let's Dance**  
Grades 2-5  
Taught by Amanda Fristoe

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**Root Rocks!**

Save the date, follow us and more…

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Root Rocks, the annual fundraising gala that raises money for additional teaching positions, is set for **Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.** at Hummingbird. Our adults-only event features a silent auction, live music and much more. The event is hosted by the Aldert Root Elementary Educational Foundation. Starting this month, we’ll be raising money to reach our $175,000 goal. We need your help in the following ways:

- **Spread the word!** We need your help to get the word out to new families and our community.
- **Sponsor the event!** Do you know of any businesses who could sponsor our event? We have 7 sponsorship levels, ranging from $5,000 to $250. All donations are tax deductible. Interested? Visit [our website](#), choose your level and pay directly.
- **Donate silent auction items!** Beach or mountain getaway? Tickets for an NCSU, UNC or Duke game? Retail item? We are looking for great auction items that will drive people to bid. Contact Allison Harris with ideas, [aekharris@gmail.com](mailto:aekharris@gmail.com)
- **Follow us! Like us!** Visit and share our social sites on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).
If you have questions, visit our website at rootfoundation.weebly.com, or email event chair Christina McAlpin Taylor, cmcalpin@smithdebnamlaw.com.

**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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