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Root Word Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14-18 Root Spirit Week

October 18 Rootin Tootin - 5:30-8:00pm

• October 24 Reflection entries due and fall picture make-up day

• October 30 End of 1st quarter

• October 31 Stem Friday - weather make-up day

November 1 Teacher Workday

November 7 3rd grade Veteran's Day performance @ 6:30PM

November 11 Veterans Day Holiday

Rootin' Tootin' is Friday, OCTOBER 18th!

Rootin' Tootin' is FINALLY HERE! Raffle tickets sales are in full force so keep SELLING, SELLING! There are JUST 5 DAYS until we celebrate with our fun fall festival on October 18 from 5:30-8:00pm!



RAFFLE TICKETS

Please keep SELLING those raffle tickets! Raffle tickets will be accepted until 10am on Friday, October 18. Click **HERE** to print more tickets.

WRISTBANDS

Who needs a wristband? Each child 5 years old and older will need a wristband to enjoy the games, inflatables, and Haunted House on the night of Rootin' Tootin'. This includes Root sibling alums who plan to participate in any of the attractions.

How much do the wristbands cost? Wristbands are \$20 if purchased online in advance (sales end Thursday, Oct. 17 at noon) and \$25 at the door. Root sibling alumni wristbands can be purchased for \$10 at the door on the night of Rootin' Tootin'. Children 4 and under are free and parents do not need a wristband. Children will come home from school Friday, October 18th wearing their wristbands if purchased in advance!

How do I order? Click **HERE** to purchase your wristband(s) today!

Calling all bakers! - Rootin' Tootin' Bake Sale

We have a lot of spots left for the Rootin' Tootin' bake sale Friday night! Please find your child's class by clicking HERE and make sure all the slots are filled. This is a great part of fundraising for Rootin' Tootin' and everyone loves homemade baked goods! You can drop off your items in the afternoon carpool on Thursday, October 17 or the morning carpool on Friday, October 18.

EVENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

We are short on volunteers for the night of Rootin' Tootin'. PLEASE click **HERE** to volunteer! We must have an adult at all stations at all times, especially the ones outside. Adult volunteers make Rootin' Tootin' a safe and super fun event for all our students! This is a GREAT way for all Root Dads to help!

DON'T FORGET THIS WEEK IS SPIRIT WEEK (October 14-18)!

- Monday Hat Day
- Tuesday Favorite Team Day
- Wednesday Wacky Tacky Wednesday
- Thursday Dress like a Cowgirl or Cowboy
- Friday Root Spirit Day, Wear your Root T-shirt!

Check out the **Rootin' Tootin' website** for all this information and more!

Ready, Set, Bid!

Dust off those paddles folks the Rootin' Tootin' silent auction is going live Wednesday, October 16 at 6PM. You won't believe what you can win. . .college football and basketball tickets, US Open tickets, a DPAC staycation featuring a performance of "Aladdin", beach and mountain retreats, jewelry, shopping experiences, a wine tasting, and much more! Stay tuned for an email this Tuesday on how to register with GiveSmart and start your bidding!

Buy your NC State Fair tickets now and help Root Elementary!

Online Advance Sale Only: August 1-October 17: **School code 548! Click HERE to purchase!**



For every Adult FastTrack Gate Admission Ticket purchased using a school code, the State Fair will donate \$2 to the school. For every Child FastTrack Gate Admission Ticket purchased using a school code, the State Fair will donate \$1 to the school.

To support Root, simply enter the **ROOT Elementary school code**, **548** under "Membership" at check-out on the "Tools for Schools" link. This promotion is only available online in advance of the Fair. Tickets must be purchased by **11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17**.



Box Top Collection is changing to **digital**. Click **HERE** for information for downloading the "**Box Tops for Education**" app on your smartphone and simply take a picture of your receipt!

But wait! Our family often shops online; how will that work?

Great news! If you shop for groceries online, you can now submit your email receipts from select retailers to earn Box Tops for Root. To ensure that earnings are properly credited to your account:

- Make sure you have a Box Tops for Education account (you can create one via the Box Tops app or website, see link above!)
- Forward your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com using the same email that's associated with your BTFE account.
- Box Tops will be credited within 10 business days view your earnings detail in the MY EARNINGS section of the app or website.

The following email receipts are currently eligible (as of July 17, 2019): Instacart, Jet.com, SamsClub.com, Shipt, Target.com, Target Pick-Up/Drive-Up, Walmart Grocery, Walmart.com **Yikes, I still have a drawer full of old box tops!** - If you still have old box tops that haven't expired, they can still be turned in for credit. Root will do a collection for those this fall.

Reflections Contest

Does your student enjoy art, music, and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films, and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "Look Within," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts.

Join the **Reflections Hub** and download all the information and forms you will need. Questions? Contact **Anne Graves Vinson** - Root PTA Reflections Chair.

STEM Assembly: Science On Stage

On Thursday, Oct. 31 the Root PTA is happy to host the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center's "Science On Stage" for all Root students. Science on Stage will captivate your student audience with interactive experiments and demonstrations performed by a Morehead educator. Program content is aligned to NC Essential Standards, making Science on Stage a fun and unique way to supplement classroom learning.

K-2nd grade Program | 45 minutes

Learn about forces and motion as we launch rockets and make objects levitate in midair. Experiment with phase changes using balloons and bubbles, perform chemical reactions to create cascades of colorful foam, and so much more. This show will have younger audiences on the edge of their seats as we introduce them to the wonderful world of science.

3rd - 5th grade Program | 1 hour

Explore Newton's laws of motion with "magic" tricks and rocket launches, then conduct hair-raising experiments with electricity using a Van De Graaff generator. Learn about human body systems with a digital microscope, discover phase changes with liquid nitrogen, and more. We'll even perform a chemical reaction to create a giant, colorful foam explosion as our grand finale! This dynamic show will amaze your students while reinforcing key scientific concepts.

Root Family, it's time to clean out your closets!!

Root is organizing its first annual clothing drive for our Root children. Start going through your closets (and your neighbors)!

DONATIONS (COLLECTED OCTOBER 29-31)

- We are looking for <u>gently</u> used shorts, pants, shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, jackets, coats, gloves and shoes.
- Please sort and bag clothing by size and gender. Write the size/gender info on the outside
 of the bag. Don't forget your middle schoolers have clothes that will fit our 4th and 5th
 graders! (youth sizes 8-16 and adult S-L would work!)
- <u>Don't have anything to donate?</u> We are in need of <u>TARGET GIFT CARDS</u> to purchase new socks and underwear. You may also send in NEW socks or underwear. Any amount is appreciated!!
- You or your child can drop off items and/or gift cards in the carpool line or at bus arrival on the mornings of October 29th, 30th and 31st to volunteers who will be there. If those times do not work for you, Ms. Jennings will accept them in the office beforehand.

Thank YOU!! Please contact us with any questions!

Breanna Ellington - Root Guidance Counselor

Kathleen Fisher

Avery Knight

Root Word Submissions

If you would like to submit information to the Root Word, click **HERE**. Submissions are due by **THURSDAY morning** of each week in order to be included in the following Monday's Root Word.

Mr. Clark's Robo Call Process

Email **MR. CLARK** by Sunday night to submit information in a Robo call. Please email him EXACTLY what you want him to say.

QUICK LINKS

- 2019-2020 ROOT CALENDAR
- BUS TRACKER
- MYSCHOOLBUCKS
- PTA MEMBERSHIP
- PTA CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS
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