



# Roachdale Elementary News



Roachdale Elementary  
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"Every Child, Every Day, Whatever It Takes!"



## IREAD3 and the 90 Minute Reading Block

Last spring, Roachdale students in grade 3 were introduced to the IREAD3 reading assessment. This new test from the Indiana Department of Education is designed to measure a student's reading proficiency at the conclusion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Roachdale piloted the test in the spring of 2011 along with many other schools across the state. This year, IREAD3 will be a mandatory assessment in all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms in Indiana. The goal is to have every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade child reading at or above grade level by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year.

To achieve this goal, Roachdale teachers have been examining current reading instructional practices. In order to maximize reading performance, teachers in grades K-3 are working to schedule a 90 minute uninterrupted block of time each day for reading instruction and practice. During the 90 minute block, lessons include instruction on reading vocabulary, phonics, comprehension, fluency, and phonemic awareness. To learn more about the IREAD3 assessment and the Indiana Reading Framework, visit the Indiana Department of Education's website at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/> and <http://www.doe.in.gov/opd/languagearts/reading-framework.html>.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2 PTO Trash Bag Fundraiser Begins
- September 5 LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL
- September 7 Superintendent's Coffee 6:30 pm  
At the Middle School
- September 11 Patriot Day
- September 15 FALL PICTURE DAY
- September 16 Principal's Coffee 8:30 am
- September 16 Midterm – 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Week
- September 20 Article 7 Parent Workshop at  
Bainbridge Elementary School 6:00 pm
- September 26 Book Fair – All week at school
- October 6 Blood Drive 2:00-6:00 pm

### Roachdale Welcomes the Class of 2024



## Roachdale Elementary Rates a Grade "A" from the Department of Education

On the heels of being named a Four Star School in 2009-2010, Roachdale Elementary School achieved a ranking of "Exemplary Progress" during the 2010-2011 school year. This ranking is equivalent to an A according to the IDOE's new P.L.221 rating scale. Great job, Roachdale!!!

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## NPCSC Parent Workshops Announced for 2011-2012 School Year

Want to learn more about your child's education and what is going on in North Putnam Schools? Join us this year at any of the following parent workshops:

Understanding Article 7: Presented by Ms. Jill Summerlot – September 20, 6:00 pm at Bainbridge Elementary

Olweus Bullying Program: October 25, 6:00 pm at Roachdale Elementary

Parents and Teachers Do Make a Difference: Presented by Dr. Al Long – November 15, 6:00 pm at NPHS

Family Science Night: February 21, 6:00 pm at NPMS

Disability Awareness Workshop: March 20, 6:00 pm at Bainbridge Elementary

The BIG FIVE – Literacy: April 24, 6:00 pm at Roachdale Elementary

Be on the lookout each month for more information about these upcoming events!

### SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

An easy way to help support Roachdale Elementary is to collect and bring in the following items:

- Box Tops
- Empty Ink Cartridges
- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Chip Bags
- Tyson Chicken Labels
- Paper for the Recycling Bin
- Elmer's Glue Sticks and Bottles



Money received from these programs directly supports our student activities and teacher supply funds.



Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade science classes are experimenting with the forces of magnetism and balance in their first unit of the school year.

### HARMONY

Do we have your current email and contact information? Please help us keep in close communication with you by providing us with current contact information. Please be certain to update your child's Harmony account whenever you have a change in contact information. Thanks!



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