



# Roachdale Elementary News



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

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

"Thank you" to everyone who donated food to keep the Cougar Food Pantry running this winter. Thanks to your generosity, our schools have been able to help many families in need.

### MATH BOWL TEAM

The Roachdale Math Bowl Team recently completed its season with a great performance at the Central Elementary Area Competition. The team finished in 5th place in their division. Great job team!!!



### Upcoming Events

- Mar 1 Awards Recognition 8:20 am
- Mar 1 PTO Family Game Night 6-8:00 pm
- Mar 5 ISTEP+ Applied Skills Begins (gr 3-5)**
- Mar 4 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- Mar 8 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- Mar 15 Report Cards Sent Home
- Mar 18 IREAD3 Begins (gr 3 only)**
- Mar 21 Spring Picture Day
- Mar 21 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ HS
- Mar 22 Principal's Coffee 8:30 am
- Mar 22 Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart  
Event 9:00-11:00 am
- Mar 25-29 SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**
- Apr 4 Spring Blood Drive 3:00-7:00 pm

### FROM THE CAFETERIA

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you that I have come up with a new way to send you a warning letter when your child's lunch account gets low or minus. You will now be getting a notice via email. I hope this will help you and your child keep track of their lunch account. I hope to start this within the next week. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. You may reach me at 522-0624 or email me at [rsmith@nputnam.k12.in.us](mailto:rsmith@nputnam.k12.in.us).

Thank you,  
Robin Smith  
Food Service Director

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## ISTEP+ APPLIED SKILLS TESTING BEGINS TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

If you have a student in grades 3-5 please give them lots of extra encouragement next week. Students should get a good night's sleep and be sure to eat a healthy breakfast each day of testing. Attendance during ISTEP+ is very important, but do not send your child to school if they are sick. Students are able to make-up any missed testing prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>. The multiple choice portion of ISTEP+ will be given beginning April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## IREAD3 TESTING FOR GRADE 3 ONLY WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 18

3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will also take the IREAD3 test on Monday, March 18. The window for make-up testing is much shorter for this test. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student misses the test on 3/18, it must be made up by Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Students who **DO NOT PASS** IREAD3 must complete additional instruction in reading and will be eligible for summer school. These students then have the opportunity to re-take IREAD3 in the summer. Students who still do not pass will be required to repeat instruction in grade 3 reading during the 2013-2014 school year.



### 2013 Polar Plunge

A group of Roachdale staff and parents recently participated in the 2013 Polar Plunge in Lafayette to benefit Indiana Special Olympics. Thirteen members of the Roachdale family raised \$1,125 in sponsorships to jump into an icy pool on a snowy day in February. Roachdale students are involved in Special Olympics annually thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Mary Lee Rippey.

## - - - - - CAREER DAY - - - - -



Third through fifth grade participated in Career Day on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Career Day is held every three years making it a highlight of the elementary experience. This year, students had the chance to hear 3 speakers choosing from 16 different professions. We wish to thank our presenters for taking time to make it a great event!



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