



Roachdale Elementary News



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

STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

The student council food drive is scheduled for November 5-16. Please help us provide support to our community by donating nonperishable food items, which will be used to fill Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in need. Extra food collected will be donated to the Cougar Food Pantry and the Roachdale Christian Church Pantry. Every year, your kind donations and support provide more than a dozen families with food for the holidays. Together, we can ensure that everyone has a special holiday season! More information about the food drive will be sent home soon. Please contact Mr. Dan McMurtry at 522-1732 by November 14 if you need assistance or if you have any questions regarding this important outreach project.



Upcoming Events

- Nov 1 Blood Drive 2:30-7:30 pm
- Nov 2 Awards Program 8:20 am
- Nov 5 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- Nov 6 Healthy Smiles Visit
- Nov 7 Picture Retakes
- Nov 8 Spell Bowl Invitational @ Fillmore
- Nov 9 Grandparents Day
- Nov 12 American Education Week Begins
- Nov 15 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm RD
- Nov 16 Midterms Sent Home
- Nov 20 State Museum Trip (4th grade)
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Nov 30 Principal's Coffee
- Dec 3 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec 4 Santa's Workshop
- Dec 5 Santa's Workshop
- Dec 19 Christmas Program 7:00 pm
- Dec 21 End of First Semester



Lessons in Fire Safety

Members of the Roachdale Volunteer Fire Department taught valuable lessons in fire safety during a beautiful fall day in October. Students in every grade were reminded of several important lessons and the upper grades experienced the "Smoke House," a specially designed travel trailer that simulates the experience of a smoke-filled home. Above, RVFD Chief Mike Poole explains the conditions students would experience in the Smoke House.

The Roachdale Elementary School Community is committed to the development and academic growth of all students to encourage life-long learning in our ever changing world.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

Holiday time is approaching quickly. As in past years, churches and organizations have asked us for names of families who would like to have some assistance with holiday gifts for their children. If you would like to be put on the list for assistance for your family this Christmas, please contact Mr. McMurtry no later than November 14, 2012. We cannot promise you will receive assistance, but we will pass on your request to the organizations which contact us offering help. We will then contact you to let you know if your family will be receiving assistance. Delivery will be arranged at a later date. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 522-1732.

Season's Greetings,
Mr. McMurtry
School Counselor



Native American Day

Weather moved the annual 4th and 5th grade Native American Day inside, but did not dampen the spirits of the students as they spent the day learning interesting cultural and historical facts about natives who once lived in Indiana and the surrounding region.



Parent-Teacher Conference Totals

Thank you to all the parents for making this year's parent-teacher conference day a success. **Overall, 97% of the students at Roachdale Elementary School were represented by a parent or guardian in a face-to-face conference at school.** Another 2% made contact with teachers by phone or email during conference week due to unavoidable conflicts in scheduling a conference. The near-100% total is an impressive number and shows how important this day is to both parents and teachers. Direct communication with your child's teacher is the best way to stay involved and up-to-date on important school happenings. Thanks again for taking the time to support your child and Roachdale Elementary School.



Everybody ZUMBA!!!

PE classes recently completed a week of Zumba lessons. Pictured above, 4th grade students show off their moves as they learned to Zumba.