



Roachdale Elementary News



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

Roachdale is an "A" School

In November, the Indiana Department of Education released accountability grades to all schools in the state. After earning a "C" for the 2011-2012 school year, Roachdale Elementary rebounded in 2012-2013 to receive an "A". School grades in both years were calculated using a formula based on student performance and growth. This formula has been scrutinized over the last year, but remained in place due to federal "No Child Left Behind" guidelines. A new formula has been developed and once adopted by the state; it will be used to determine the school's grade for this school year (2013-2014).

The "A" for 2012-2013 was earned due to high passing rates on ISTEP+ and an improvement in student growth. More than 90% of students passed the English and Math portions of ISTEP+ in the spring of 2013. In addition, Roachdale received a bonus point in English because half of the Bottom 25% demonstrated high growth on the test. Another bonus point was awarded because the school reached the goal for high growth in the Top 75% category. Since the school achieved greater than 90% pass rate, the bonus points had no effect on the school grade, but demonstrate the hard work and effort last year by teachers and students to improve in English. Penalty points for low growth in 2011-2012 lowered the school's grade from a "B" to the "C" mentioned above.

School Calendar of Events

Jan 16 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 11 Midterm for the 3rd Nine Weeks
Mar 14 End of the 3rd Nine Weeks

HVAC Renovation Project

Crews began a major renovation project of the HVAC system at Roachdale Elementary School over Christmas break. Though the project is just getting started, students and parents will see the effects upon returning to school. Currently, hallway ceilings have been removed to make way for electrical and HVAC unit conduits. Crews have worked throughout Christmas break during the day time, but will begin working after school hours on January 13th. After-school activities will continue as planned, but parents and students should be aware of the additional work being done in the building.

Though the physical appearance of the hallways and some classroom ceilings will be affected, teachers and students will not see much disruption to the regular school day. Please check our Facebook page for project updates and photos or call us at 765-522-1732 for more information.

You can see from the picture on the left that the hallway ceiling has been removed. New hallway ceilings will replace the old once all the units and duct work has been installed. It is likely that the halls will have this appearance for much of the second semester.



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.