

Robinson Littleton Elementary
is a Title One School

A Little Ton of News

January 4, 2016

Tips for Getting Back into the School Routine **Parents, here are five tips for helping to get your child back into their school routine:**

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1. Create smooth beginnings and endings to the school days. In the mornings, hug your children and tell them how great they are and send them into the classroom feeling confident. Likewise, set aside some time after school without cellphones and other distractions to let them talk about their day.
2. Help your child stay organized by designating space at home for backpacks and shoes and for papers that need to be signed or other important notes from school. Also, create a calendar to avoid unexpected events.
3. Keep lots of books around and familiarize your children with them. Expose them to fiction and nonfiction, as well as resource books, such as dictionaries.
4. Your children have homework, so let them do it. Make a quiet, clutter-free space for them, and encourage them to check their work, but don't do it for them. It's OK to let them make mistakes.
5. Partner with your children's teachers, and if an issue arises, speak with them in private, not in front of your children.



English

If you would like a verbal translation of this newsletter, please call 995-3800.

Spanish

Si usted desea escuchar una traducción de esta noticia, llame 995-3800.

Student Dismissal

For the safety of all students, each student will be sent home in his or her usual way unless a **written note** is received from the parent/guardian to the teacher. Please help avoid confusion at dismissal time by following this policy. Be sure to inform your child about transportation changes before he or she departs from home. Telephone requests need to be made by 12:30 pm if the child is going home a different way. Students will not be dismissed at the classroom door. If you sign your child out of school early, you will have to wait in the front office.

Scheduled Events January 2016

Science Fair Projects Start	4th
School Closed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	18th
Early Dismissal Days	19th-21st
School Closed for Students	22nd & 25th
Family Reading Parent Involvement Night 5:30pm	27th

Address Changes

Please inform the school if your address or telephone numbers have changed. Address changes will need to be verified by a copy of your electric bill, mortgage or lease agreement. If you wish for your child to have a bus to the new address, the address must be changed before this will take place.



Parents, please be reminded that there are *Reading Focus of the Week* strategies in your child's planner. As you read at home with your child, we encourage you to review and use the suggestions listed. The strategies can be used in all genres of reading materials and with all grade levels.

Getting to School on Time

It is very important that your child be on time to class every day. The children may enter the classroom at 7:30 to start working on morning activities and the morning announcements begin at 7:45 am.

Be sure to visit our school's website at <http://lit.leeschools.net> to find additional resources you can use at home with your child to enhance their learning.

The instructional day starts at 7:55 a.m.

Daily Schedule

7:25 - 7:50	Breakfast served
7:45 - 7:55	Morning Announcements
7:55 - 2:10	Instructional Time
All students need to be in class by 7:55 am.	

Goal of School Counselor

School counselors work with students, school staff, families, and the community to provide a comprehensive student development and counseling program of student advocacy, preventive/intervention services, and curriculum. School counselors impart specific skills and learning opportunities in the areas of academic achievement, career, and personal/social development.

Cooler Weather Uniform Policy

During cool weather, dark navy blue sweats may be worn and dark navy blue, white or hunter green sweater and jackets are suggested. Please remember regular school uniforms are to be worn during the school day, even in cold weather.

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Commitment is the Character Education word for the month of January.

“People with goals succeed because they know where they are going” ...Earl Nightingale

Success is the progressive accomplishment of worth goals. Success doesn't happen by accident. It happens by design. Living without goals is like going on a trip with no destination. If you don't know where you are going , you will probably never get there. The following are some of the benefits of setting goals:

Motivation. Goals give us a reason to start moving towards something.

Independence. Goals help us take charge of our lives and choose our paths, instead of following the crowd.

Destination. We are far more likely to get someplace when we know where we are going.

Meaning. Goals give us a sense of purpose and add meaning to our lives.

Enjoyment. How can you be bored when you have exciting things to do? Our lives become more fun.

Fulfillment. Goals help us reach our potential. Each successful step towards our goal builds confidence.

As parents one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is to teach them how to turn dreams into goals by breaking them into reasonable steps that include time limits. For example my *dream* is to be rich. My *goal* is to get 3.5 average so that I can get into college. The second is easier to plan for and accomplish. Jack Canfield suggest putting a drawing of a football field on your refrigerator. Have the whole family put his/her names and his/her goals on paper footballs. When someone in the family accomplishes their goal move their football over the goal post. Celebrate as a family with time together. Everyone celebrating together encourages each family member to help each other reach their goals.

Student Assignment

2016-17

January 11 - April 1, 2016

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2016/17, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 8, 2016. This is a very exciting time of year for students and parents as they plan for 2016-2017!

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a ten-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have ten weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2016 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2016/2017 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 11 - April 1) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply online - they must be registered in person.

There are **no automatic assignments** - parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

There is also virtual instruction available within the Lee County School District. Lee Virtual Instruction Program (LVIP) is the only K-12 school in the District. It follows the school district calendar and offers the same diploma opportunity as any other school in the District. There are two application periods for LVIP. The first application period coincides with the Student Assignment's first application period. The second one starts the Monday after Thanksgiving for second semester enrollments. Applying to LVIP does not affect your current School Choice assignment until the student is accepted into the LVIP program. Visit Lee Virtual Instruction Program at <http://lvip.leeschools.net/>.