

# REDBIRD NEWS

December 2023

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## Important Dates - December

12/5-16	NWEA testing
12/15	Hat Day
12/ 18	Holiday Program@DHS- see attached letter
12/20	End of Quarter 2
12/20	<b>Students' Last Day before Holiday Break</b>
1/4	Students Return to School

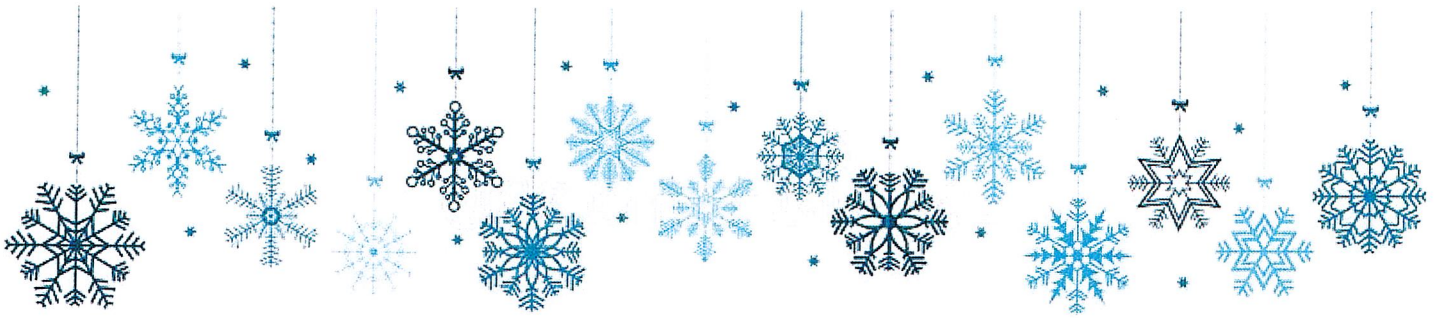
## From Mrs. Lewman's Desk

Christmas Break is just around the corner. We have had a wonderful first semester at Royerton. Students at Royerton have experienced a full semester of learning and growing and have also had the opportunity to experience grade level field trips. Our 2nd - 5th grade students helped cheer on the BSU Women's Basketball team in November at Worthen Arena. I am grateful that we are able to allow our students to learn outside the walls of Royerton and I am also grateful for teachers who are willing to plan the trips for the students.

As a reminder, we will have outdoor recess as long as our weather allows. This week I have noticed students coming to school without winter coats (or in shorts and short sleeves). Please make sure your student wears a coat to school. If you are in need of a coat for your student, please contact Mrs. Shakro, school nurse.

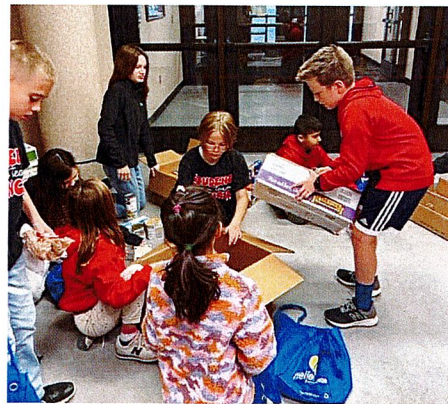
I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season. I look forward to welcoming your students back to school on January 4th.





## Royerton Elementary and Center Chapel Food Pantry

Thank you for the generosity of our students and families who donated 2,122 items to our local food pantry during our annual food drive. That is almost 200 items more than last year. Great job! Also, thank you to our Student Council members, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Schwer for all your hard work organizing this special event. These items help to feed many families in our community.





## Royerton Spell Bowl Team

This year's Spell Bowl team had an outstanding season! The Spell Bowl team placed 17th out of over 100 teams in our state division! We are so proud of Annie Nolan and Kim Servan for spelling perfect rounds, as well as Connor Young for his near perfect round! It was an awesome season for this team!



## Powerschool Information

Please make sure that your phone numbers, addresses and emails are current on PowerSchool. During this time, it is more important than ever that we are able to reach you or communicate important information. (sick children, snow delays, attendance etc.)

If you need to update any of the above items, you can call the office and we will be happy to help.



# Mrs. Wingler's Music Note



Dear Royerton Families,

All Royerton Elementary students have begun learning their parts for our upcoming Winter program in music class. The program will be held at Delta High School in the gym on **Monday, December 18, 2023**. We will be splitting our program into two smaller performances this year.

Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students will have their program starting at 5:30 p.m. Students should arrive at 5:15 p.m. and report to their area without their coats. After this part of the program the gym will need to be cleared as we set up for the other performance.

Third grade, fourth grade, fifth grade, and choir students will have their program starting at 7:00 p.m. Students should arrive at 6:45 p.m. and report to their area without their coats.

Music is a performance based class and all students have a part in our winter performance. Students should plan to wear a nice shirt on top with jeans or black pants with no holes. Students are welcome to wear dress clothes if desired. Choir students DO NOT need to wear their choir shirts.

To help with our winter theme, students can also wear winter gloves and a scarf. Please no hats or ear muffs so students don't get too hot during our performance.

Please email me with any questions. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas program!

Musically,

Mrs. Wingler  
[awingler@delcomschools.org](mailto:awingler@delcomschools.org)



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# REDBIRD READING CONNECTIONS

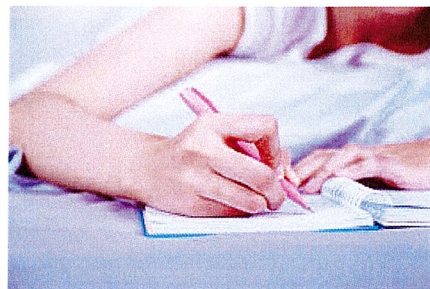
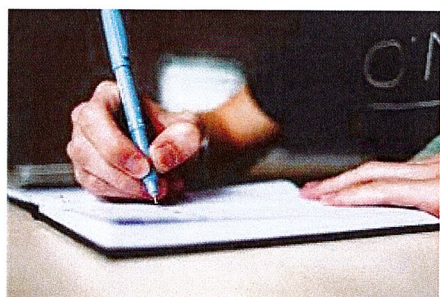
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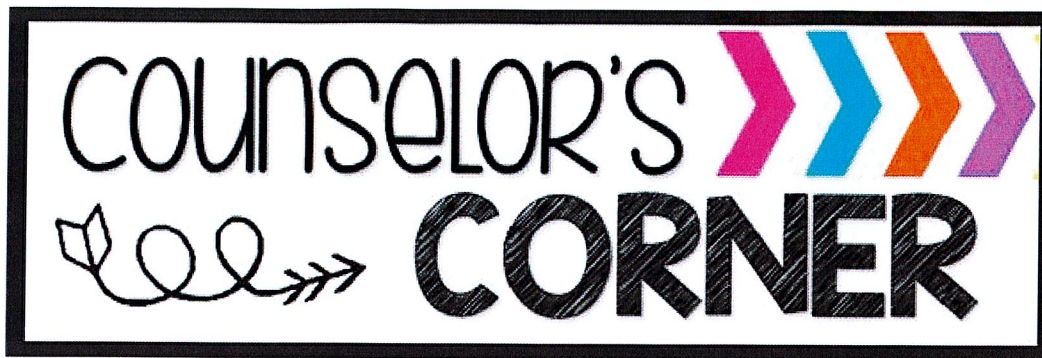
## How does writing help my child be a better reader? (adapted from RRCNA by Mrs. Jessica Blakely & Mrs. Kendra Hiron)

Writing is the reading process slowed down and a tremendous help to your child's reading success. When you take time to write at home and even on-the-go, your child sees the significance and importance of writing.

Here are some ways to share a writing experience with your child.

- Let your child see you making a 'To do' list. Listing the places you need to go or items to pick up at the store. Let them share in checking items off your list as you get them done. They may even want to make a list of their own to keep track of chores, books to read or that they have read, or ideas of things to do on the weekend.
- Start a family journal. Keep a notepad or journal in a place where each member of your family can contribute by recording what happened in their day. This is especially nice to do around the holidays to keep a record of favorite memories. It's also fun to look back on each year as you continue to add to it.
- Have family members send letters or emails to your child. Your child can read them and respond back with a note of their own.
- Play a list-making game. Give each player 45 seconds to write as many words as possible within a given category – things that are red, for example. Then players, in turn, read off the words on their list. If someone else has the same word on their list, all players must cross that word off. The player with the highest number of words left at the end is the winner.

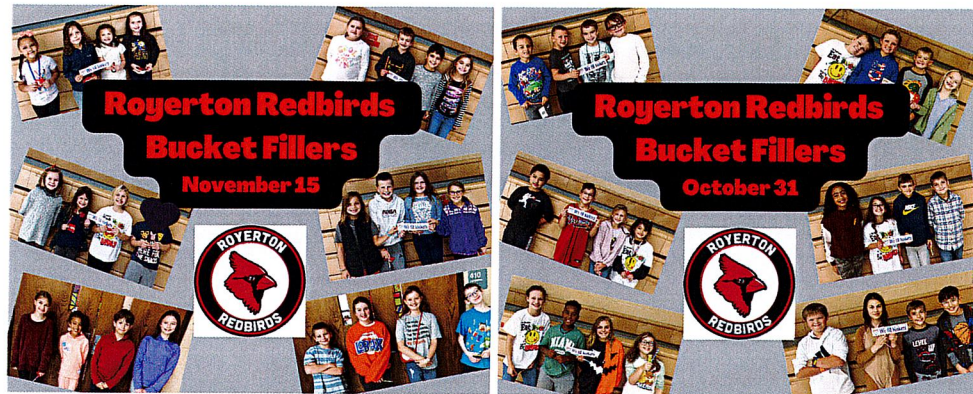




Ms. Conti continues to facilitate classroom guidance lessons, based on the Indiana School Counseling Competencies for Students. The topics have centered around understanding the role of the school counselor, post-secondary options/careers, and being a bucket filler.

Additionally, a state law was passed in 2018 for schools to provide child abuse and child sexual abuse education for grades Kindergarten through 12th. To meet the law requirements, we discuss the Second Steps Curriculum, which is evidence-based. This curriculum is centered around keeping students safe by recognizing different types of touches. Ms. Conti discussed safe/unsafe touches and safe ways to show someone you care (hugs, high 5's). She encouraged students to use three steps when asking themselves if a touch is safe. **Recognize** - is it a safe or unsafe touch, **Refuse/Shout**- tell the person to stop (in an assertive manner), and get away from that person and **Report**- tell a trusted adult. This important message is also reviewed on the announcements monthly.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Ms. Conti at 282-2044.



Congratulations to our Bucket Fillers from the past month! We are so proud of you and all you do here at Royerton!

Kindergarten: Jasper Corn, Maddix Locke, Brian Hunt, Haxton Smoot, Xamiah Wills, Truman Hughes, Leila Shrack, Elise Pittsford

First Grade: Owen Dawson, Emory Conner, Peter Gordon, Milo Irvin, Genevieve Williams, Everett Long, Sienna Moore, William Warrner

Second Grade: Ayla Kidd, Joey Pepito, Xavier Wills, Piper Thomas, Ella Neckers, Delaney Runkle, Evelyn McCormack, Ethan Tarpley

Third Grade: Isabella Jackson-Fernandez, Leighton Imler, Carter Hickey, Ella Smalley, Adler Suding, Nora Cole, Olivia Durkovich, Alleigh Smith

Fourth Grade: Steven Brown, Riley Woolsey, Elaina Hoffman, Sofia McCord, Annie Nolan, McKenzie Schmiesing, Connor Young, Clara Ewing

Fifth Grade: Kendall French, Ethan Louk, Lincoln Jones, Sophia Neckers, Brady Campbell, James Wilkinson, Kaydence Wright, Harper Parks

We also want to extend a congratulations to our Redbirds who were nominated by their teachers for showing the character trait of compassion. Way to go, friends!





## RES Instructional Assistants needed!

Do you love working with children? Are you flexible, a multi-tasker and dependable? We currently have (2) open positions at Royerton Elementary. Please apply on the Delcom website at [delcomschools.org](http://delcomschools.org).

Delcom is also in need of substitute teachers. Please see the attached flyer for information and where to apply.

Punctuality



Being on time is very important to your student's success! Our doors open at 7:30 a.m. and then doors are locked at 7:50 a.m. Student's should be in their classroom by 7:50 a.m. to get instructions and get settled for the day. If a student is being dropped off after 7:50 a.m., then parents will need to park and come to the door to sign them in. **Please try and set your ALARM 5-10 minutes earlier.** Thank you!

# LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

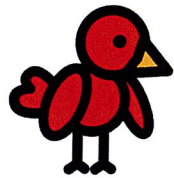
Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.



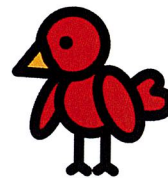
*Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.*

Why is school attendance **SO** important?

# ATTENDANCE



# MATTERS



Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up **FAST**!

When a student misses  
**2** days a month...

\*They will miss 20 DAYS a year!

\*They will miss 30 HOURS of math  
over the school year!

\*They will miss 60 HOURS of reading  
& writing over the school year!

\*They will miss over 1 YEAR of school  
by graduation!

When a student misses  
**4** days a month...

\*They will miss 40 DAYS a year!

\*They will miss 60 HOURS of math  
over the school year!

\*They will miss 120 HOURS of reading  
& writing over the school year!

\*They will miss over 2 YEARS of  
school by graduation!

**Sickness and Illness-** We understand that students will be sick from time to time. When your student is sick, please call the office at 282-2044 to let us know that your student will be absent and supply a doctor's note if possible. In order to keep sickness from spreading, please be fever and vomit free 24 hours before returning to school.



# NOW HIRING

## SCHOOL SUBSTITUTES

### TEACHERS & PARAPROFESSIONALS



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Questions? Reach out to us at 877.855.7264 or [HRNorth@ESS.com](mailto:HRNorth@ESS.com)

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# WE'RE HIRING

**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

**HELP SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

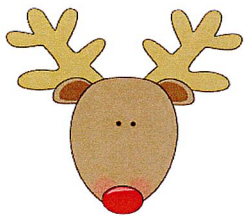
**Full Time & Part Time Openings  
No Weekends or Holidays  
Work with Amazing Kids  
\$13.00 - \$15.00/hour**

**Contact Haley Cross to set up an interview**

**[hcross@delcomschools.org](mailto:hcross@delcomschools.org)**

**765-287-8567**





# Elementary DECEMBER 2023 Lunch

Breakfast is served  
daily 7:30-8:00AM  
\$1.50/day \$0.30 reduced

Lunch Prices  
\$2.60/day \$0.40 reduced  
Extra Entrée \$1.50  
All Sides \$0.75  
Milk \$0.50

Menu is subject to change  
without notice.





Online Payments:

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>We are hiring!</b> Join our food service staff. No weekends or holidays \$13-\$15/hour Call 287-8567 to set up an interview				1 Orange Chix w/ Fried Rice Chicken Patty Sandwich Tator Tots Peas Mandarin Oranges
4 Chix Tenders w/ Garlic Toast Pizza Crunchers Baked Beans Potato Wedges Peaches	5 Nachos Pizza Crunchers Corn Carrots Pears Cookie	6 Salisbury Steak w/ Roll Pizza Crunchers Steamed Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Fruit Cocktail	7 Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Mar Pizza Crunchers Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Green Beans Grapes	8 Mini Corn Dogs Pizza Crunchers Fresh Veggie Tray Cali Blend Veggies Peaches
11 Mozz Sticks w/ Mar. Cheeseburger Corn Mixed Veggies Applesauce	12 Cheese Quesadilla Cheeseburger Chips w/ Black Bean Salsa Green Beans Pineapple Rice Krispie Treat	13 Tetrazzini w/ Roll Cheeseburger Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Strawberries	14 Chili & Cornbread Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Fresh Fruit Apple Crisp	15 Pizza Cheeseburger Carrots Tator Tots Mandarin Oranges
18 Popcorn Chix w/ Brdstick Toasted Cheese Sand Tomato Bisque Soup Potato Wedges Peaches	19 Nachos Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Mar. Mixed Veggies Corn Pears Dirt Pudding	20 Chicken Alfredo w/ Brdstick Pizza Steamed Broccoli Green Beans Applesauce Cookie	21 No School	22 
25 	26	27	28 Classes Resume on Thursday January 4, 2024	



## Transportation Plans

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

What to do:

- ☐ Ride bus # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Car pick up \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Latchkey \_\_\_\_\_
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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Tuesday, January 16th from 5-8 PM



Join us for food and fun. Come support your local school and 20% of tonight's sales will be donated to support the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C!



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