



RAMS Reporter

Upcoming Events

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NOVEMBER

22-26 Thanksgiving Break

No School!!

30 After School Remediation
3:30 pm– 5:15 pm

DECEMBER

- 1 Chat & Chew
- 3 Magnet Allstate Auditions
- 5 Magnet Showcase-
Dance / Theater/ Chorus
PAC 7 pm
- 8 6th grd Magnet Theater Performance at **MDR 6 pm**
- 10 Science Fair **9am– 12pm**
- 12 6th grd Magnet Band/ Jazz Band & Orchestra Concert **Gym 7 pm**
- 13 Thespian Induction Ceremony
Auditorium 6 PM
- 13 Non-Magnet Band/ Chorus/
Orchestra Performance
PAC 7 pm
- 14 BETA Induction Ceremony
Commons 5 pm
- 15 A Honor Roll students go to
Clayton State 8:30 am– 1 pm
- 15 School Dance sponsored by
BETA Club **Gym 3:30 pm– 5pm**
- 19– Jan 2 Winter/ Holiday Break
No School!

JANUARY

- 3 Students return to school
- 13 Report cards go home
- 16 MLK Holiday– **No School!!**
- 30 6th grd Magnet Chorus
Spivey Hall

A Special Note from the Principal

Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have almost completed the first half of the school year! We have already made some noteworthy accomplishments this semester.

We had approximately 375 students to make the A or A/B Honor Roll, we honored these students by having a popcorn social. Also, we had 170 students who committed to coming to school every day and achieved perfect attendance during the first 9 weeks of school and our magnet students provided us with a magnificent performance in the *James and the Giant Peach* Musical. Our students collected over 250 canned good for the Social Worker's Canned Food drive, our volleyball team had a tremendous season and competed in the Semi-finals and our Robotics and our Science Olympiad Teams are working hard to prepare for their respective competitions. As you can see, we have a lot to be proud of and even more to be

grateful for. Our teachers are continuing to provide our students with standards-based instructional lessons using the Explicit Framework as a model for their instruction. We have implemented support systems throughout our school-building to ensure that our students master the standards. We offer Flash Back Friday, Catch-up Café, & will begin offering Afterschool Remediation/tutorials at the end of the month.

The holidays are quickly approaching and we have so much to be thankful for. We have our health, a safe learning environment, & wonderful teachers, students and parents! As always, thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to achieve amazing results here at M.D. Roberts!

Charmine Johnson, Principal

Go RAMS



Upcoming Events

*Chat
N'
Chew*



**Thursday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m.
Auditorium**

The topic of discussion will focus on the Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS) and how to interpret the GMAS student score report. I will also provide parents with information regarding CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index) and how we have performed as a school over the past 3 years.

BETA Club Induction Ceremony



**Wednesday, December 14th
5:00 PM– 6:30 PM**

Commons

Upcoming Deadlines

After School Remediation Begins November 30th

3:30 pm- 5:15 pm



Please return your signed permission slip by Monday, **November 28th**



Parent Occupational Surveys

are due back by
December 2nd

Every student must turn one in.

School- Parent Compacts



Please review it with your child. Make sure you and your child sign the signature page.

Students must return it to their homeroom teacher.

Magnet Applications



Friday
December 16th

It's Basketball Season



November

30- Riverdale (Home)

December

- 2- Lovejoy (Away)
- 7- Pointe South (Home)
- 9- Morrow (Away)
- 13- White (Home)
- 15- Adamson (Away)



Girls games start at 5:00 pm

Boys games start immediately after

January 2017

- 4- Jonesboro (Home)
- 6- Mundy's Mill (Away)
- 11- North Clayton (Home)
- 13- Sequoyah (Away)
- 18- Forest Park (Home)
- 20- Elite Scholars (Home)
- 23- Rex Mill (Away)



In the Classroom- The next 6 Weeks in Review



Math: Equations, Equalities & Functions

World History: Geography of Latin America

Science: Plate tectonics, Natural resources & Weather

ELA: Dealing with Disaster- sighting textual evidence, word meanings, analyzing texts, expository writing, literary analysis & speeches.



Math: Expressions & Equations

Accelerated Math: Transformations

ELA: Nature at Work- sighting textual evidence, word meanings, analyzing texts, expository writing, literary analysis & speeches.

World History: Geographic understanding of Southern & Eastern Asia, DBQ week

Science: Cells, Genetics & Evolution



Math: Solving equations, Scientific notation
Exponent rules, Real number system.

Honors: Quadratic equations

ELA: The Move Toward Freedom- sighting textual evidence, word meanings, analyzing texts, expository writing, literary analysis & speeches.

GA History: Antebellum period, Civil War, Reconstruction

Science: Waves, Electricity & Magnetism

Honors: Electricity, Magnetism, Property of Matter, Atoms & Periodic table

Homework Hints



Homework is an opportunity for children to learn and for families to be involved in their children's education. Below are some tips on how to support your children with homework.

- Become aware of what your child's teacher expects.
- Set aside a specific time and place to do homework on a daily basis.
- Turn off the television, video games and eliminate other potential distractions.
- Take time to sit and watch your children work, then look over the finished product.



- Show an interest and use the assignments as an opportunity to talk about what is going on in school.
- Give your child a five minute break when they are feeling frustrated.
- Give your child praise and encouragement when they are doing well.
- Set routines. Consistency is important.



We encourage our students to read every night for at least 30-45 minutes. Parents, please monitor your child's nightly reading by asking them questions about what they read. After having a discus-

sion about their nightly reading, **please sign your child's reading log.** Our ELA teachers are monitoring the number of books read and their individual Lexiles. **Students are also earning a grade in ELA for submitting a signed reading log to their teacher at the end of each week.** Our students set weekly MyOn and Accelerated Reader Goals, which serves as a tool to motivate them to read on a consistent basis. It is our belief at M.D. Roberts that **reading** opens up a world of endless possibilities and opportunities and we want to ensure that our students are equipped to compete in a global society and are college and career ready!

Georgia Milestones

We are pleased to announce that a refreshed *Experience Online Testing Georgia* website is now available with a demonstration test for grades 6-8, with sample items from each content area.

The primary purpose of this website is to provide exposure to the online platform that students will utilize when taking the Georgia Milestones tests.

The highlight of this year's refresh of the site are examples of multiple-part, multiple-select, and evidence-based selected-response items.

It is important to understand that the items that comprise the demonstration tests are general in nature and reflect multiple grade levels. Given the purpose of this site is to acquaint students with the navigation of the online testing process, the items are generic and are not necessarily reflective of the range of content or challenge that students will experience when taking the actual Georgia Milestones tests.

For this public-facing site, please be aware that **Google Chrome** is the only supported browser. Using Google Chrome, these public demonstration tests can be taken on any supported device, including Windows, Mac, and Linux desktops and laptops, Chromebooks, iPads and Android devices.

Using a Chrome browser only, enter the following link to access the site: <http://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>

Cheryl Hobby
Instructional Facilitator

You must stay focused on the end result to achieve your goals.
~Catherine Pulsifer

Parental Involvement

Greetings!

My name is Rosa Chambers and I am the new Parent Liaison here at Roberts Middle. My husband, Mark Chambers, and I moved to Georgia over 9 yrs. ago. We are a blended family which consist of 7 children (Eclamene, Angelo, Anthony, Demario, Anyssia, Abigail and Anton), 1 son in law (James) and 1 dog (Lylah). Needless to say, there's never a dull moment at the Chambers' house!

I began this journey of working with children and families in 2008, where I

started in Henry County schools working as an office clerk. It was there that I developed a passion for families and decided to enroll in college. While working on my Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Human Service, I began working as a Parent Involvement Paraprofessional. Upon graduation, I was given an amazing opportunity to work for Henry County DFCS as a CPS Investigator. Despite the dangers and hustle and bustle of the job, I truly enjoyed assisting and bringing hope to families.

I count it a great privilege to be working with the students and families of M. D. Roberts Middle and I am here to serve you. I encourage you to stop by the Parent Resource Room 203, Monday-Friday 8:30 am- 3:00 pm. We have materials and various resources available for check out. I look forward to meeting you!



Working Together = SUCCESS

Healthy Hints

Today, about 24 million Americans have diabetes, and one-quarter of them do not know they have it. Type 1 diabetes, which used to be called juvenile diabetes, is usually first diagnosed in children, teens, or young adults. In type 1 diabetes, the body's immune system attacks and destroys beta cells in the pancreas, so that they no longer make insulin. People with type 1 diabetes must take insulin every day. Approximately one of every 400 to 500 children and adolescents has type 1 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes, a disease usually diagnosed in adults aged 40 years or older, is now becoming more common among children and adolescents, particularly in American Indians, African Americans, and Hispanic/Latinos. Among youth, obesity, physical inactivity, and prenatal exposure to diabetes in the mother have become widespread, and may contribute to the increased development of type 2 diabetes during childhood and adolescence.

We encourage kids to be active. Children and adolescents



should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Make sure your kids are doing aerobic, muscle strengthening, and bone-strengthening activities. Start adding physical activity to your own daily routine, and encourage your kids to join you. Regular physical activity helps build and maintain healthy bones, muscles, and joints. It can also lower the risk for:

- Overweight and obesity
- Heart disease and stroke
- Type 2 diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Colon cancer

November is **National Diabetes Awareness Month** and the following resources will help you stay informed of the latest developments in diabetes and treatment.

Web site: www.cdc.org/diabetes

- Or -

1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30333
Phone: 1-800-232-4636

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/LivingWithDiabetes>



Education is Empowerment!!

Ms. Scott
Healthcare Tech

School Reminders

Please help us to ensure that our morning and afternoon car drop-off areas are safe by adhering to the established procedures. Please pull all the way to the end of the side-walk in the morning and afternoon to help facilitate the flow of traffic. Also, if you drop your child off in the morning, please make sure that you do not drop them off before 7:30 a.m. When students are dropped off before the doors open, this poses a safety hazard and it is also too cold for students to stand outside until the doors are opened at 7:30 a.m.



Items in the **lost and found** will be sent to Goodwill on **Dec 12th**, which is the **Monday before the break**. Students may come at any time to claim their items prior to that date.

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Get Involved!

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