

Dates to Remember

March 2

Conferences 3:00—8:00 p.m.
Bookfair

March 3

No School—Election Day

March 4

Read and Feed
Lifetouch Spring Pictures

March 5

Conferences 3:00—8:00 p.m.
Bookfair

March 3/9—3/13

No School - Spring Break

March 16

No School—Teacher Workshop
Wendy's Night 5:00—7:00 p.m.

March 19

Portillo's Night 5:00—7:00 p.m.

March 20

I LOVE Royal Oaks Day!

March 23

Band concert at 6:30 p.m. at
Woodbury Elementary

March 24

PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the
Media Center

March 26

Choir Concert 7:00 p.m. at Royal
Oaks

March 30

Culver's Night 5:00—7:00 p.m.

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Royal Oaks Elementary

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A Note from Dr. Risius



Dear Parents,

Another month of learning at Royal Oaks has quickly come to an end! March is here and hopefully spring will soon be coming! I think all are ready!!

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place Monday, March 2nd and Thursday, March 5th. The on-line sign-up link was sent to you in an email (2/12 and 2/19). It can also be accessed on our Royal Oaks website. We look forward to having you come and learn about the progress that your child has made as well as share your thoughts with the teacher(s). Non-classroom staff are also available for you to meet with!

Read and Feed took place February 28th and will also take place on March 4th. You and other family members are invited to come to school to eat lunch with your child(ren) and visit the Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center. This is a great way to purchase quality literature and spend time with your child(ren) at school!! *Please notify your student's teacher or the office and a visitor badge will be pre-printed for you if your information is in the system.*

Tuesday, March 3rd and Monday March 16th, all of our students across the district will not come to school since these are professional development and workshop days for staff. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other staff members from our building to grow professionally.

Spring Break is March 9th—13th. Enjoy this week!

Enjoy the month!

Dr. Susan Risius
Principal

Royal Oaks Elementary School seeks to create a safe and supportive environment where all students are encouraged to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found for items belonging to your family. Items remaining in lost and found will be donated to charity during spring break! (March 9th-13th).

MCA Information



Our third through fifth graders will be participating in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) along with all other Minnesota students in April and May.

The Reading MCA will be given the weeks of April 6-16. The Math MCA will be given the weeks of April 20 -May 1. Fifth graders will be taking the Science MCA May 5 and 6.

We are asking that you do not schedule any doctor / dental appointments or other activities during these weeks so that the children are all here.

If your child is sick however, please keep them home and we will have them take the test at a different time. It is very important that children are well-rested, have a good breakfast, and arrive on time on testing days (and ALL school days!). These assessments give us a picture of how our students and our school are doing in the areas of math, reading, and science (5th grade). We look forward to seeing the progress students have made!

Are you coming to school for Read and Feed?

Read and Feed is an opportunity to have lunch with your student and browse the bookfair together. **If you plan to come to Read and Feed please notify your student's teacher or the school office**, a visitor badge will be pre-printed for you if your information is in the system. Please consult the information below for dates and times!

Read and Feed & Conference Schedule

Monday	March 2	Conferences
Tuesday	March 3	No School
Wednesday	March 4	Read and Feed
Thursday	March 5	Conferences

Recess / Lunch Schedule

Grade	Recess Time	Lunch Time
Kindergarten	10:45	11:05
1	11:10	11:30
2	11:55	12:15
3	11:35	11:55
4	12:35	12:55
5	12:15	12:35



Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for participating in Pennies for Patients!

Pennies for Patients is a fundraising effort put on by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, raising money with a goal of finding a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma, and improving the lives of patients and their families.

Royal Oaks has been participating in Pennies for Patients for over 15 years. Last year we raise \$8,400.38 and ranked 10th out of 450 participating schools in the Midwest. This year our goal was to raise \$7,500.

Royal Oaks ended up crushing this goal, raising \$12,445.92!
This is by far the most that Royal Oaks has ever raised!

The following classrooms will be receiving a pizza party for having the highest classroom totals: Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Luger, and Mrs. Hansen.



Band News!

The Royal Oaks band will combine with the Woodbury Elementary band for an evening concert on Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. **at Woodbury Elementary School!** Students should be at school by 5:45 p.m.

March is Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM)! The ROES band is observing this by presenting a concert, using music symbols to create original art work for our spring concert program, writing a short song based on that student's name, and asking parents to complete a short questionnaire about their own musical experiences!



Physical Education classes in grades 1 – 5 will be participating in the annual Roller skating unit (March 23 – 31).

Students will be learning how to properly stop and start, corner and learn a few fun games while roller skating. This unit cost is provided to our Phy Ed classes by the Royal Oaks PTA. Your student should have received a roller skating permission slip, please return this as soon as possible.

Please note that helmets are required this year. Helments will be provided, however if your child has their own helmet, please send their helmet to school during this week. Please remember to label the helmet with your child's name.





Save the date!!
Lifetouch Spring Pictures
March 4th

Meet the Royal Oaks Staff

5th Grade
ROCKS

Trever Anderson has been a teacher at Royal Oaks 19 of the 21 years he has taught in District 833! He enjoys outdoor activities including downhill skiing, hiking, fishing, biking. Mr. Anderson is originally from Green Bay and still has family there. He claims to have NO choice but to “root for my Packers”!

Karin Bartness has been a teacher at Royal Oaks for 9 years! She enjoys traveling, golf and gardening. She has three grown children. Her son is an officer in the Air Force, a daughter who is a high school math teacher and a daughter in college.

Brian Dahlager has been a teacher at Royal Oaks for 14 years! He enjoys woodworking, being in nature, fishing and sports. He shares that his nickname is “MacGyver”, because he can fix anything!



RO Spirit Wear Day/I love RO day:
Friday, March 20th

Students are encouraged to wear their Royal Oaks gear or something blue.



At Royal Oaks we accept snack donations all year long, but we are hosting a special collection night during conferences this year. Please consider donating.

Peanut Free Individual wrapped snack Ideas include:

**Cheese Sticks
Yogurt
Fruit cups**

**Pretzels
Crackers
Granola Bars**

**Cereal Bars
Animal Crackers
Breakfast Bars**

**Chex Mix
Applesauce
Cheese and Cracker pack**

1 in 5 students in our community experience hunger; **HERE'S AN EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP:** Bring individually packaged healthy snacks (granola bars, crackers, pretzels, dried fruits, raisins, fruit cups, etc.) to our Royal Oaks' main office and drop them in the designated S.N.A.C.K. Cub Foods tote box. You can send the healthy snack with your child to bring to office if you prefer. The snacks donated will be collected and distributed to students/schools in the district, as needed. (Last year, the snacks given by our Royal Oaks families stayed at Royal Oaks.)

NOTE: Many of our elementary schools would prefer nut-free snacks, but we will take any individually packaged snacks that are donated and distribute to district schools. Why? The hunger problem is district wide, and all the schools need some help, so that's where Girl Scout Troop 55128 is coming in – to help our local schools.

In South Washington County, there are many families who are unable to provide snacks for their children during the school hours. So, we have partnered with SoWashCo CARES (Community Action Reaching Every Student) to create the S.N.A.C.K. program (Students Needing Assistance from Caring Kids and Families). The goal of our project is to create awareness of the need and then collect snacks throughout the school year for our students.

This is an on-going need, so this is not just a one-time collection but a continual collection. Thanks for your help with this! We hope to make a real difference. For more information or if you have questions, please email us at snack833@hotmail.com or check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/view/the-snack-program/home>.

Birthday Treats

This year Royal Oaks will not be supporting edible or non-edible birthday treats being sent to school. Your child's birthday will be recognized in the classroom and each child will receive a birthday bookmark and pencil as they have in the past. If your child's birthday is in the summer, it too will be celebrated!

We have decided that no edible or non-edible treats should be sent to school for a child's birthday due to varying food allergies, the high cost of treats, the high sugar content, and the pressure/competition to bring treats.



We appreciate you respecting these guidelines during the school year.

Winter Weather Information

Information about School Closings

Occasionally, weather conditions are extreme enough to warrant schedule changes or school closures. All closings and schedule changes will be shared by the district Communications Department through:

- ◆ All-district phone calls and emails through Blackboard Connect
- ◆ District website, Facebook and Twitter sites
- ◆ TV stations - WCCO, KARE 11, KSTP and FOX 9 News
- ◆ District cable channel 15

More details are available on sowashco.org/winter/!

Recess during winter months

Please make sure that your children are wearing winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens every day. Students need cold-weather gear to stay warm during outdoor recess, while walking to school, or when on the school bus. Children will go outside for recess every day unless the temperature is zero or below, or when the wind chill is -10 or below. **It's best** to assume your child *will* go outside for recess, so please be sure they dress accordingly.