

# Robert Kerr Elementary School

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## **Safety Day Success & Count Day**

Robert Kerr held its annual Safety Day on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. Students engaged with first responders and local community professionals, exploring emergency vehicles and safety procedures. Special thanks to Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Whitehead, Ms. Krupp, and Mr. White for organizing the event, and to our Specials teachers for providing a staff luncheon for volunteers. Count Day went very well for attendance!

## **Starfish of the Month**

Congratulations to Mrs. White, our October Starfish Award winner! As a fourth-grade teacher at Robert Kerr, Mrs. White makes a difference through her dedication to her students and the care she brings to her classroom each day. She helps students grow as learners, build confidence, and feel valued as members of our school community. Thank you, Mrs. White, for your hard work and commitment to our Railroaders!

## **MTSS/Benchmark/PLCs**

Grade-level PLC meetings are underway, with teams focused on strengthening instruction and supporting student academic success. Teachers are using the new Grade-Level Problem-Solving Guide to reflect on Tier I instruction and identify next steps to meet students' needs. Reading and math interventions, along with small-group instruction, are also underway to provide targeted support and help students build essential skills.

## **Homecoming Spirit Week**

Robert Kerr students and staff showed outstanding school spirit during Homecoming Week. Grade-level winners included Mrs. Jones (2nd), Mrs. Szczepanski (3rd), Mrs. Newman (4th), and Mrs. Schaefer (5th). Students also enjoyed a special morning visit from the DHS band, cheerleaders, and football players.

## **Student Leadership Opportunities**

Mr. Howard continues to lead the 5th Grade Safety Patrol and Student Council. Both groups provide opportunities for students to demonstrate leadership and responsibility within the school community. The Student Council profited over \$400 from our Homecoming Howdies!

## **PBIS Focus of the Month: Responsibility**

This month's PBIS focus is Responsibility. Students are encouraged to contribute to a positive school environment by keeping it neat, participating in activities, following expectations, and cooperating with others.

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## **Title I**

Our Title I intervention groups are up and running for the 2026–2027 school year. Students were identified using Acadience and NWEA data. Small groups are focusing on targeted reading and math skills to support foundational growth. Instruction is being delivered through pull-out support, based on student need. Staff are using data-driven instructional strategies and progress monitoring to ensure effective, research-based interventions. Collaboration between classroom teachers and Title I staff continues to strengthen Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports, aligning with our building-wide MTSS framework.

## **MTSS Data Day**

Members of our MTSS Data Team attended a professional learning day at the RESD to review beginning-of-year data on academics, attendance, and behavior. The team's goals include improving attendance and academic achievement through curriculum alignment, fidelity, and engagement. Notably, there have been improvements in school-wide discipline data compared to previous years. Professional Development will support curriculum vertical alignment in the area of math.



**Mrs. Pavey wins Spirit Award for 5th Grade!**

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**Mrs. Newman wins Spirit Award for 4th Grade!**



**Mrs. Szczepanski wins Spirit Award for 3rd Grade!**



**Mrs. Jones wins 2nd Grade Spirit Day Award!**

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**Mrs. White wins Starfish Award!**



**Safety Day!**

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**Positive Office Referrals**



**Birthdays!**

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Perfect Attendance Winner! Mrs. Schaefer's Class!