

# ROBERT KERR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Second through Fifth Grade

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Robert Kerr Elementary School  
Board Report – November 10, 2025  
Submitted by: Lee Worsham, Principal

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### Student Activities

- Veteran's Day Celebration (November 7): Students and staff honored local veterans through music, writing, and guest recognition. It was absolutely heartwarming. Breakfast was provided by Mr. Joe Johnson! Our students were very respectful and enjoyed the presentation. Many thanks to Mr. Gardner for organizing this event.
  - 12 Days of Giving (November 17–December 5): Schoolwide initiative encouraging students and families to donate food and household items for local families in need.
  - 4th Grade "Nature Awaits" Field Trip (Flint State Park, Mott Park): Hands-on environmental learning for 4th graders.
  - Student Council and Safety Patrol continue to meet regularly, building student leadership and school spirit.
  - Tone-Up Tuesday! Teachers are incorporating movement and exercise into their learning day!
  - Reading with a Railroader took place at the end of October and was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all who attended. Robert Kerr students read with the DHS Varsity/JV football team, Marching Railroaders, and Varsity Cheer. The PTAC provided refreshments! Thank you to Mrs. Jones for organizing this special event for Durand!
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### Students of the Month

Recognized for exemplifying our school expectations of being **safe, respectful, and responsible**:

- **5th Grade:** Cheryl Craven
  - **4th Grade:** Josie Zdunic
  - **3rd Grade:** Rosalie Aldrich
  - **2nd Grade:** Avery DeLorge
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## **Building Updates**

- The front door was covered by the window decals for increased safety and security. This project was made possible by the 100 Women of Durand funds received. Nurse Kay has been an integral part of this project.
  - Ongoing repairs to drinking fountains to address leaks and improve maintenance efficiency.
  - Missing and damaged blinds are being replaced over windows and doors for safety and security.
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## **Staff Updates**

- Learning Lab: November 6 – focused on effective instructional practices.
  - Starfish Award (November): Congratulations to Mr. Papanik, Behavior Interventionist, for his exceptional support of student success!
  - MTSS Meeting: November 11
  - Staff Meeting: November 12
  - Continued collaboration through PLC and team meetings across grade levels.
  - Teresa McKay and Merrie Jones presented a special collection of books to one of our enthusiastic readers!
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## **Parent & Community Involvement**

- **PTAC Meeting:** November 12 at 5:30 p.m.
  - **Popcorn Day:** November 12 – a student favorite.
  - **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** November 18 & 20, 4–7 p.m.
  - **Perception Survey:** Open November 10–24 for families and staff.
  - **World Kindness Day:** November 13 – schoolwide celebration of compassion and community.
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## **Assessments & Student Growth**

- Five students graduated from the Title intervention program last month, reflecting measurable academic progress and independence. Weekly meetings are held to monitor student progress and adjust as needed prescriptive instruction in both math and reading.
- Mrs. Page, Mrs. Highfield, Ms. Fornari and Mrs. Delaney participated in Learning Labs to increase effective early literacy practices. These rounds of learning labs were facilitated by Ashley Windnagle, Literacy Coach with RESD.

- Monthly grade level PLC Data Checks were held to review student/classroom data to inform instruction and communicate progress and needs regarding small groups.
  - Report cards were sent home on October 24th.
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## **November Calendar of Events**

**Mon 11/3** – Peer to Peer (9 a.m.)

**Tue 11/4** – 4th Grade Field Trip (White/White); PLC Meetings (4th & 5th)

**Wed 11/5** – Safety Committee Meeting; School Improvement (3:15–4:15 p.m.)

**Thu 11/6** – Soup & Salad Day; TLT Learning Lab; PLC Meetings (2nd & 3rd)

**Fri 11/7** – Veteran’s Day Celebration @ PAC (10 a.m.); Secret Staff “Favorite Holiday”; Student Council Meeting (12:30 p.m. – Mr. Howard’s Room); Title Team Meeting; SPED Team Meeting

**Mon 11/10–11/24** – Perception Data Survey Open

**Tue 11/11** – MTSS Team Meeting (7:40 a.m.)

**Wed 11/12** – Staff Meeting (7:40 a.m.); Popcorn Day; PTAC Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

**Thu 11/13** – World Kindness Day

**Fri 11/14** – ParaPro Meeting (10 a.m.)

**Mon 11/17** – 12 Days of Giving Begins; iCare Meeting

**Tue 11/18** – 4th Grade Field Trip (Newman/Page); Parent/Teacher Conference (4–7 p.m.)

**Wed 11/19** – Secret Staff “Stash Bash”

**Thu 11/20** – Parent/Teacher Conference (4–7 p.m.); Title Fidelity Check

**Wed 11/26–Fri 11/28** – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

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This month has centered around respect, kindness, and growth. From our Veteran’s Day celebration to our upcoming 12 Days of Giving campaign, students continue to demonstrate compassion and engagement. Staff collaboration remains strong, and family participation continues to enrich our school culture. I am proud of the teamwork and dedication that make Robert Kerr a supportive and thriving learning environment.



Top: A few of our Positive Office Referrals

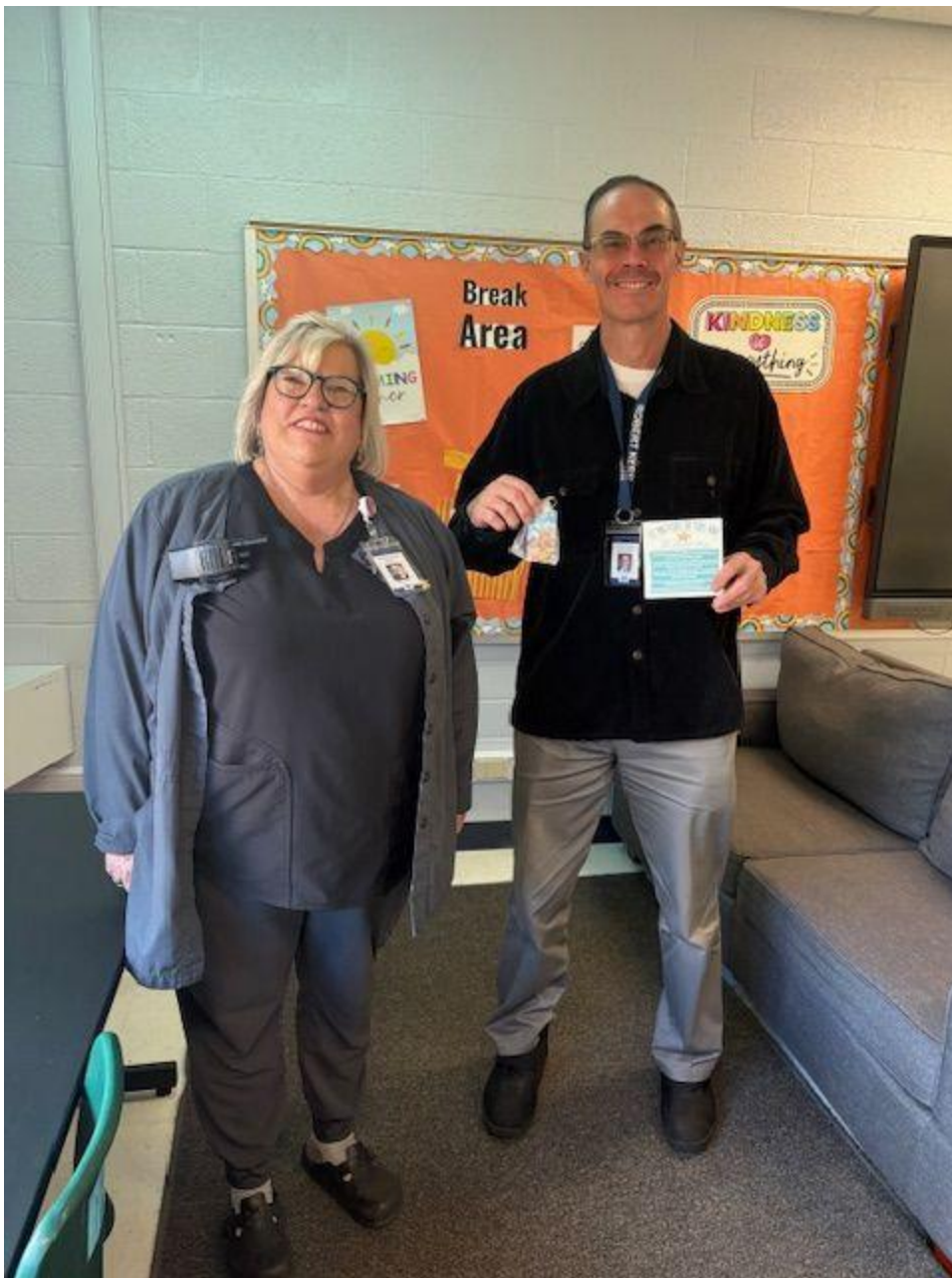
Bottom Left: Ms. Jones & Ms. McKay gifting books!

Bottom Right: Our Railroaders leaving for the day!





Railroaders teaming up with a good book!



Nurse Kay passing the Starfish Award to Mr. Papanik







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