

Board Meeting November 11, 2024

Robert Kerr Elementary School

Principal: Mrs. Lee Worsham lworsham@durand.k12.mi.us

Secretary: Mrs. Dawn White white@durand.k12.mi.us

(989)-288-2805

Staff/Building Updates

- Our 2nd Grade teachers will be working closely with Ashley Windnagle from the RESD on Literacy Coaching. She will be modeling new techniques in the classroom with a focus on whole group writing, whole group reading, and small groups. We will begin on December 4 and continue through January.
- To celebrate American Education Week, we had daily drawings for prizes among our staff and faculty. Our winners were, Mr. Howard (Minnie Mouse inflatable), Mrs. Szczepanski (Happiness in a bag!), Ms. Fryer (Blanket and good book), Mrs. Inman (Blanket and good book) and Mrs. Odette (Holly, Jolly Dolly bag.) We appreciate our RKE school family and their dedication to our students!
- On November 20th, we examined our behavior and assessment data as part of our School Improvement Work Day. We addressed the positives and the challenges our data revealed and what interventions and positive behavior supports needed to be put in place to increase student success. Updates to come.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were successful this fall. Most of our teachers reported a 90% or greater attendance. Teachers also made themselves available for phone calls at a later date to accommodate, as needed.
- Mrs. Michelle Koons worked diligently in our Kerr Care Closet during Parent/Teacher Conferences. She sized, fitted and assembled each child who stopped in with new, warm winter clothing and boots. We are very thankful for her dedication to this cause.

Happenings

- We ended the week with 13 Positive Office Referrals! Each week students are called down and recognized for good behavior, acts of kindness, and/or following expectations. They get a prize and have their picture taken for our newsletter home.
- RKE is excited and looking forward to Holiday Spirit Week!
Monday 12/16- Holiday Headwear: Wear your favorite holiday hat or headband.
Tuesday 12/17- Winter Wonderland: Deck yourself out in blue, white, snowmen, or snowflakes!!
Wednesday 12/18- Grinch Day: Deck yourself out in all green.
Thursday 12/19- Pajama Day- Wear your holiday pj's.
Friday 12/20- Christmas Cheer: Wear your favorite Christmas sweater (it can be ugly if you choose), vest, shirt, and/or accessories.
- Mr. Howard met with our School Safety Officers to review expectations and enjoy a working lunch.
- We had a highly productive day during our School Improvement Work Day. Kelly Johnson and Gretchen Highfield worked on calendars for PBIS and Reading Rewards. Field trips were planned for the school to tour the trees on display at Durand Depot on December 12th and 13th.
- STEM 2nd Graders were very busy researching famous buildings and building marshmallow replicas. Check out their pictures below!
- In STEM, 3rd grade students were given a random bag of secret supplies and each team had to compete to build the best turkey trap. Each team could earn advantages such as extra time or extra supplies for great teamwork. Lots of silly fun and great thinking! Pictures below!

- Mrs. Highfield's class moved desks to create a boat to replicate the Mayflower and had 5 minutes to get anything from the room they thought they would need on the boat. If they all left the boat they had to act like they were swimming, if they left the boat themselves they had to use a buoy to stay a float (life jacket). They sped through time by taking quick 1 minute rests every 20 minutes to simulate nighttime. It was an adventure!! They finally reached land and built a colony followed by a Thanksgiving feast. They also learned how to make butter which they used on the rolls.
- The School Store was busy last week with blue card rewards! The Kerr Conductors did an amazing job facilitating this PBIS initiative.

Ongoing Events:

- From *Sydnee Whitehead* in the art room: Her students just completed a very special and very exciting project, self-portrait paintings. With this project, they are also collaborating with a fundraising company, Square 1 Art, which will allow families to purchase items with their student's self-portrait printed on them. With each purchase, a portion of the money will come back to the art room to purchase needed supplies. Our art fundraiser ordering will begin November 20 and will end December 4.

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 6 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Crossroads Village

Dec. 11 - Staff Meeting

Dec. 11 - Popcorn Day

Dec. 11 - Grade Level Data Meetings

Dec. 12/13 - Field Trip to Durand Depot for the Trees

Dec. 13 - Monthly Grade Level Meetings

Dec.13 - PTAC Meeting @ 5:30

Dec.16 - DHS Madrigals will Perform @ 8:45a

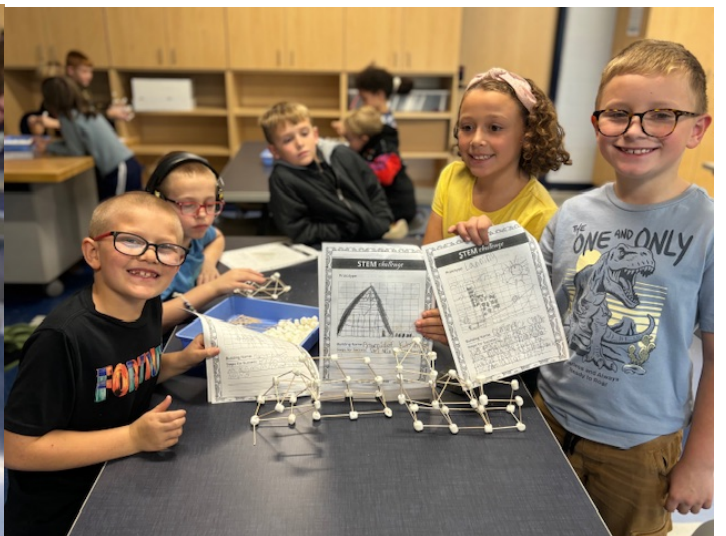
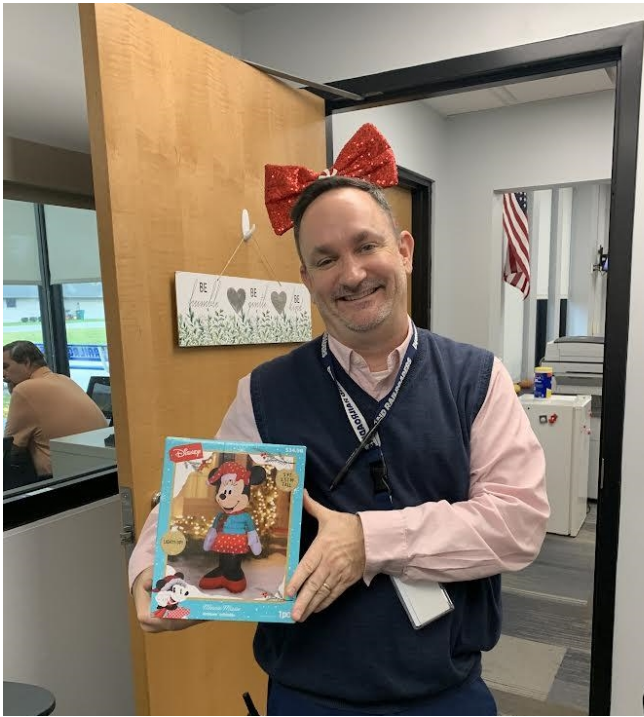
Dec.16-20 - Holiday Spirit Week

Dec. 18 - Reading Reward

Dec. 19 - Staff Gift Exchange

Dec. 19/20- Half Days

Dec. 23/Jan.6 - Holiday Break





The Mission of the Robert Kerr Elementary School Family is to educate the whole child by working to meet their physical, emotional, social and academic needs, in an atmosphere of mutual respect.