



The Roadrunner Express



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Mission Statement

Our mission at Aggie Roberts Elementary School is to develop independent, secure individuals, capable of adapting to an ever-changing world. We will teach essential skills and promote a personal lifelong love of learning.

Principal's Highlights

Many exciting events have been occurring at Aggie Roberts!

Our staff and students have been busy promoting a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment. Last month was Bullying Prevention Month. One of the many ways we focused on anti-bullying was during our Spirit Week. We encouraged our students to be an Upstander by inviting students to dress up as famous Upstanders. Some of our students dressed up as Frida Kahlo, George W. Bush and Rosa Parks. Our staff have been busy teaching students how to Stop, Walk and Talk when they encounter a "small problem." For more information on the difference between a small and big problem, please see the Counselor's Corner portion of this newsletter.

We were excited to receive additional support last month when the District informed us we would be receiving a Safe School Professional. Ms. Teyshonnia Bealer-West has joined our campus and is already working hard to support our school. Much like a Social Worker, Ms. Bealer-West provides resources at school and connects students and families to resources outside of school. We are thrilled to have her and the additional supports for our students and families! Please feel free to call the office if you would like to speak with Ms. West.

The District also selected our school to receive new carpet this year! As noted in the Dates to Remember section, the project started this past Friday and the entire school will receive new carpet by November 13! This is a fast and time consuming project as every classroom must be packed up and unpacked within a matter of days but we believe Aggie Roberts is long overdue for this upgrade!

The Roadrunners are on the road to success! Thanks for your support thus far and all that you do for our students and our school!

Dates to Remember

November

New Carpet Project	11/01-13
Progress Reports Home	11/01
PTA Meeting Library, 3:30 p.m.	11/07
Veterans Day No School	11/11
Parent Conference Week Begins	11/12
SOT Meeting 4:00 p.m., Library	11/12
Spirit Day	11/14
Night Conferences (As Needed)	11/14
No School (Parent Conf. All Day)	11/15
Salad Bar Day (School Lunch)	11/19
No School	11/25-27
Family Day/Thanksgiving Break	11/28-29

December

School Resumes	12/02
PTA Meeting 3:30, Library	12/05
PTA Holiday Craft Night 5:00-7:00, Multi-Purpose Room	12/06
SOT Meeting 4:00 p.m., Library	12/10
Progress Reports Home	12/13
School Spirit Day	12/20
Pre-K Family Engagement Day	12/20
End of First Semester	12/20
Winter Break Begins 12/23/19-01/03/20	12/20
Classes Resume	01/06/20
Reports Cards Home	01/09/20

PBIS

We are helping students advocate for themselves again this year!

Stop, Walk, Talk is the strategy we are teaching students to use when they encounter someone who is not being respectful to them. For example, when another student is being disrespectful, such as calling them names, we are teaching those students to say Stop and put their hand up to show the aggressor that they want them to stop. We know it is frustrating to be disrespected but we also know that if a student reacts such as, by calling names back to the aggressor, a small problem often becomes bigger.

The next step is to Walk away. Not only does this move the student away from the aggressor but it also takes the power away from the aggressor, ignoring the behavior instead of giving attention to the behavior.

If the aggressor does not stop and/or follows the student, the student will then Talk to an adult. Staff have also received training in supporting students in using the Stop, Walk, Talk strategy.

We know this will help prevent small problems from becoming big problems by giving students the power to get out of situations where they are not being respected. We appreciate your support in helping our students know how and when to Stop, Walk, Talk.

*Stop, Walk, Talk is the Key
To Self-Advocacy!*

Aggie Roberts PTA

Some of the amazing events our PTA has already sponsored are: The Roadrunner Rumble, Trunk or Treat and Watch D.o.g.s. Kickoff. If you'd like to get involved, please come to the next meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 3:30 pm in the Library! Meetings are always the 1st Thursday of the month!

Parent-Student-Teacher Academic Planning Time

Teachers will be holding conferences with parents and students beginning November 12th. In an attempt to better accommodate parents' varying schedules, teachers will offer evening conferences on Thursday, 11/14 and there is no school on Friday 11/15 so that teachers can schedule conferences throughout the day. Some of the topics parents can expect to discuss are:

- Student progress (academic and behavior)
- Current assessment data such as MAP scores
- A plan for your child(ren)'s continued academic success.

We look forward to partnering with you to help your child(ren) succeed!

Aggie Roberts is a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) School.

Friendly Reminders:

- **Arrival:** There should be no students on campus prior to 8:30 a.m. and any students on campus from 8:30-8:45 should be in breakfast.
- **Students in the Cafeteria:** Any students who are in the Cafeteria during breakfast or dinner, who are not in Safekey, must be seated and eating. There is only supervision for students who are eating.
- **Late Pickup:** CCSD now requires our office to record student(s) who are not picked up on time as "Leftover Student" in the behavior section of Infinite Campus. Please make arrangements to pick up your students at 3:16 or 3:45 if they are having dinner.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Counselor's Corner

When children cannot read or swim, we teach them. At our school, we believe that all children should be explicitly taught how to behave, just as we teach academics.

Your student(s) have been learning how to advocate for themselves and how to differentiate between small problems and big problems. Big problems are scary, dangerous, or cause someone to feel powerless, intimidated, and or afraid. Big problems require the help of "Big People". We teach self-advocacy and foster a safe and respectful learning environment that encourages all students to attempt to solve "small problems" or be like Elsa from Frozen and "let it go". It is a team effort and we need your help. Please continue to reinforce the problem solving strategies: Kelso's Choice and Stop Walk Talk. When your child shares a problem they had at school, if it is a "small problem" ask what strategy they used to solve it. If it is a "big problem" ask if they told an adult and/or encourage them to find one of our staff members.

Also, please remember that ATTENDANCE MATTERS! With the weather getting colder, we often find that many students become ill during this time of year. Wearing warm clothing can help keep students in school. There is a correlation between good school attendance and academic achievement. Students who have good attendance and 1 or zero tardies will be rewarded each month!

Finally, if you haven't set up Infinite Campus to check your student(s) grades, please stop by the front office and our school clerk will help you set up a password. You must do this in person and provide an ID in order to set up a password for your student(s).

It is an absolute pleasure to teach your children! Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Kindly,
Mrs. Thornton

Parents as Partners in Learning:

Looking for ways to support your child/rens' learning at home? See below:

- We have two exciting computer-based programs we would love for your child/ren to be using at home: **Imagine Learning Math** for all students K-5 and **MAP Accelerator/Kahn Academy** for 3-5th grade students. These programs offer students instruction and practice in skills at their level. It also ensures that students have access to content at their grade-level. One of the best features of these programs are the "help" features. In Imagine Math, your child/ren can "chat" with an actual teacher who can help them using a virtual "whiteboard." Your child/ren's teacher(s) will be sharing login information once all students are rostered in the system. We hope you will take advantage of this **extra support** and encourage your child/ren to use these programs at home.