



Rosewood Reporter

August 23, 2024

Upcoming Events:

August 30 & September 2

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

September 3

Parent Club Meeting - 6:30pm - Media Center

September 6

Wildcat Festival - 3:30pm - 7:00pm - JHS

Kids Cat Football Game - 6:40pm - Students Arrive

7:00pm - Kick Off - JHS Stadium

September 16

Family Engagement Night - 5pm

September 18

Picture Day

September 24

Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night - 6:15pm - Gym

September 26

Skating Party - 6:15pm - Tarry Hall Roller Rink

September 27

NO SCHOOL - Staff PD Day

October 1

Parent Club Meeting - 6:30pm - Media Center

October 11

Fun Run

Principal's Message

Rosewood Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Rosewood Elementary! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer, filled with fun and quality family time. As we embark on the 2024-2025 school year, we are thrilled to welcome our students, staff, and families back to our school community. This year promises to be full of new learning experiences, growth, and opportunities.

Our dedicated team of educators has been hard at work over the summer, preparing engaging lessons and activities that will inspire and challenge our students. As principal, I have the privilege of watching children enter school as kindergarteners, learning the basics of math and reading, and developing into 6th graders who can perform music, create and test hypotheses, write beautiful essays, and solve complex problems. Witnessing this growth is truly gratifying, but it only happens through the hard work, positive attitudes, and sustained effort of your children.

As parents, I encourage you to support your children in giving their best effort, helping them persevere when learning becomes difficult, and allowing them to view mistakes as valuable parts of the learning process. While we strive for academic excellence, we also desire our students to be kind and respectful individuals who embody the 'Wildcat Way' every day. Our mission at Rosewood is to ensure a positive, caring environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected. We look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your children!

Luke Verbeek

The Reporter Will Be Emailed

Rosewood Elementary will be sending out our bi-weekly newsletter, the Reporter, via e-mail again this year. In fact, almost all of our communication will come via email. Therefore, it is vital that we have a current email address on file for you. Please let us know immediately by calling the school office at 669-0011 if we need to update your email address.

Breakfast is Served

All Rosewood students are welcome to come to our gym Monday through Friday from 8:20-8:40am for breakfast. Drop-ins are welcome! Please join us! Breakfast is once again FREE this school year. We ask that you still please complete the application for additional Educational & Nutrition Benefits. (See next page.)

Electronics at School

Elementary Students may not use or possess a personal electronic device (phone, watch, personal iPad or computer, etc.) during the school day. Any personal electronic device must be kept in a locker or bag. Further restrictions may be implemented as necessary up to and including devices being held in the office for parent/guardian pickup.

Food Service Reminder

If you do not want your child to have the option of taking hot lunch or milk only, please contact the food service department at 457-2400 or lunchacctinfo@hpseagles.net to have your child's lunch card pulled. This is the only way to ensure that they do not have the ability to take hot lunch. You can do this at any time during the school year. You can also have a card released at anytime during the school year.

Friday Folders

Starting today, a Friday Folder will be coming home every Friday (or Thursday when there is no school on Friday) with our students and will contain all sorts of information. Please empty the folder and return it every Monday to your child's teacher.

Hand 2 Hand

If your family is in need of food for your student(s) on the weekends, please complete the form in your child's Friday folder. Hand 2 hand provides a backpack of food for our students every Friday, if you request one.

"No Friend Riders" on the Buses

Transportation Services has implemented a "no friend riders" rule. Students cannot ride buses to go with friends. Riding a bus to a friend's home is only permitted in emergency situations. Most buses are loaded to capacity with students assigned a specific seat. Additional students could cause an overloaded condition on the bus. In an emergency situation, the parent must call Transportation Services explaining the emergency. Upon approval, the driver will be notified. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Medication

If your child needs to take prescription or over the counter medication at school, a form must be filled out prior to the office administering. Medication forms are available online using this [link](#). **A doctor's signature is required on all over the counter drug forms & prescription meds must have current label.** Expired meds will not be taken or administered. All medications are kept in the office. No student can carry their own medications without proper documentation.

Parking Lot Guidelines

When dropping off or picking up your child from school, please be sure you follow our parking lot guidelines. If you come into the school to get your child, please park your car in one of the parking spaces. **Please do not park in the drop-off and pick-up lanes or in the circle drive.** When exiting the parking lots, please follow the signs regarding which way to turn out of the lot. **If you make a "turn that is prohibited by a sign", the Ottawa County Sheriff Department has informed us that it is a \$120.00 fine and possible points on your license.** It helps keep all of our children safe if we all follow the parking lot rules. Please see the attached traffic flow map. **Also, please be respectful of our Rosewood neighbors by NOT parking on their lawns or blocking their driveways!** Thank you!

Reporting Your Child's Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school by 9:00a.m. Our attendance line is 667-3550. If we do not hear from you, we will try to contact you or someone listed on your emergency list. We urge you not to send a child to school if any illness is present. If a child becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted immediately. A copy of our district's attendance policy can be found on our [website](#).

Update Your Students Emergency Information

You should have received an email giving you instructions on how to update your student's emergency information. Please be sure to update this as soon as possible so we have current contact information for your child. Also, during the school year, please keep us informed of any changes in your child's medical information, or changes in your contact information. Thank you for your help with this!

Change of Address

If you have a change of address during the school year, please complete the [Change of Address Request Form](#) found on our website. You will need to fill out the form, and **also provide proof of residency to verify your new address (a copy of a utility bill, rental agreement, or buy/sell agreement).** If you have moved out of the JPS district, you must also complete a [Non-Resident Enrollment Form](#) for each student. Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent Club Meetings

Rosewood Parent Club Meetings will be held in our media center. Please join us on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30pm for our first meeting.

Food Service News: Back to School Edition

We are so excited to welcome our students back to school!
We have lots of information available on our [Food Service website](#).

FREE MEALS: The State of Michigan included free school meals for all Prek-12th Grade Public School Students in Michigan for the 2024-25 School Year. The **Michigan School Meals** program makes breakfast and lunch FREE for all students, regardless of their family's ability to pay. However, we still need families to apply for additional Educational and Nutrition Benefits. An approved application means extra funding for our school district Title I Math and Reading supports AND additional discounts for services at school and at home - Athletics, testing fees, technology fees, and even your home internet service! An approved application can also make you eligible for Summer EBT in 2025!

Don't Scrap the App: Please apply! Help your family and Jenison Public Schools! Apply online at <https://jenison.familyportal.cloud>.

Milk at School: Regardless of benefits status, **Milk-only purchases will be \$0.60 per carton**. Milk is included as part of the whole MEAL benefit. If a student only purchases a carton of milk, their account will be charged 60 cents.

No Fees to Deposit Money! We have ELIMINATED the fees to deposits funds via our online system! Head to <https://jenison.familyportal.cloud> to monitor your child's account and make deposits. Even though meals are free, we still sell individual meal items, snacks, and beverages. You can also deposit money at school using cash or a check (made payable to Jen Hud Food).

What if I left money on my child's account? The money is still there. Until it is spent or refunded, all money from last year rolls forward into this year.

PowerSchool: Please update your contact information in PowerSchool! Check those addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses!

Menus are available! Our menus and all nutritional information are available online at <https://jenhudfood.nutrislice.com/> and printed copies of our menu can be found [HERE](#) on our website.

Our most asked questions: What comes with lunch? Each school lunch is made up of 5 parts - protein, whole grains, fruit, vegetable, and milk. To have the lunch "qualify" as a full meal and be FREE, students need to take at least 3 of the 5 items offered (they can take all 5 items), but one of those 3 items must be a serving of fruit or vegetable. If a student will not choose a fruit or a vegetable, that meal WILL NOT BE FREE; we have to charge them the a la carte price for the meal, which at Elementary level is \$2.50, and Secondary is \$3.00. **What comes with breakfast?** Each school breakfast is made up of 3 components that make up 4 items - 2 servings of whole grains, one serving of fruit/vegetable, and milk. To have the breakfast "qualify" as a full meal and be FREE, students need to take at least 3 of the 4 items offered (they can take all 4 items), but one of those 3 items must be a serving of fruit or vegetable. If a student will not choose a fruit or a vegetable, that meal WILL NOT BE FREE; we have to charge them the a la carte price for the meal, which at Elementary level is \$1.25, and Secondary is \$1.50.

Bottom Line: Please select a fruit or vegetable!! We offer multiple choices every day.

Contact Us: foodservice@hpseagles.net or call (616) 457-2400

It's going to be a great year! Ready, Set, Jenison!

Mary Darnton, Food Service Director



Facebook

Did you know that Rosewood's Parent Club has a Facebook page? All Rosewood parents are invited to check it out and join. The link is: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/109942545761933/> Check it out and "friend" us soon!

Fifth Grade Orchestra sign-ups are coming soon!

If your student is interested in participating in orchestra classes this year, you and your student should plan to stop by the JCA lobby on either Tue Aug 27 or Wed Aug 28, between 4-7pm. At these Orchestra "Open Houses," families can meet the teachers, register for orchestra, try out the instruments, get sized for an instrument, and rent your very own instrument to take home! More information can be found [HERE](#) on the orchestra website.

Appropriate Dress

Students are expected to dress appropriately for an elementary school setting. Attire that causes a disruption to the learning environment and attire with inappropriate messages, midriff-bearing shirts, and halter tops are considered to be unacceptable for school. A general guideline for length of dresses, shorts, and skirts for most students would be fingertip-length with arms fully extended at the student's side. No hats or head coverings may be worn indoors except for special events, for religious exemptions, or under extenuating circumstances. For health reasons, footwear must be worn at all times. Should a student come to school inappropriately dressed, or in a way that is causing disruption, a school representative will discuss the matter with the student and contact the parent, if necessary. Details of the district's dress code policy can be found on our [website](#). Thank you for your cooperation!



SAVE THE DATE!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

4:00PM - 8:30 PM

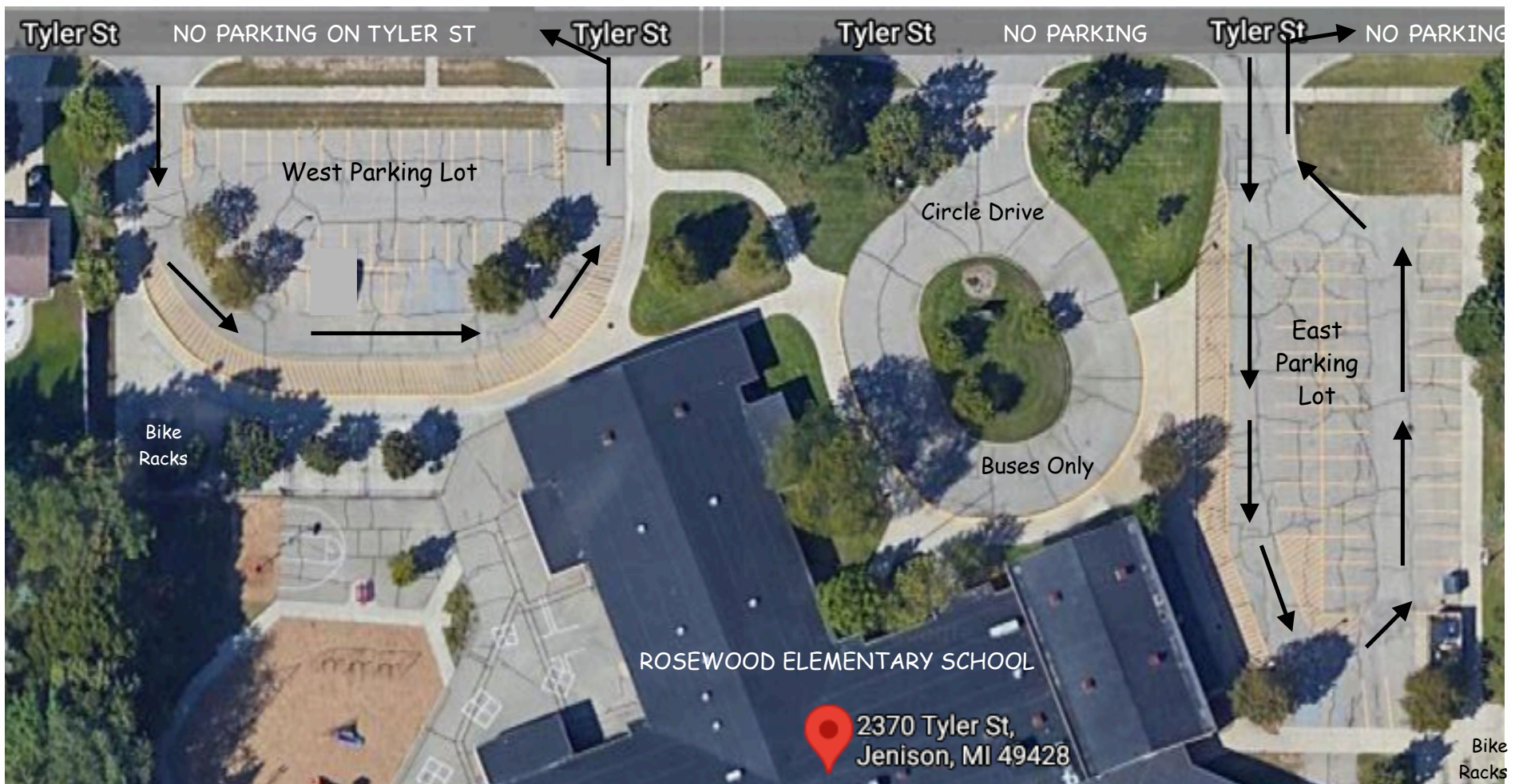
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

4:00PM - 8:30PM

Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off

We encourage parents to use the pick-up lanes in both parking lots to pick their child(ren) up at the end of the school day. Please follow the guidelines below so that the line of cars moves quickly and everyone can get in and out safely.

1. When using the pick-up lane stay inside your vehicle and pull as far forward as possible to pick-up your child(ren) along the curb.
2. Communicate with your child(ren) which lot you will be waiting at and encourage them to be out looking for you as soon as they can.
3. Please use a designated parking space if you need to get out of your car for any reason so you don't block other cars in the pick-up lane.
4. Please do not ask your child(ren) to walk across the parking lot on their own. All children walking in the parking lot need to be accompanied by an adult.
5. Do not use the circle drive for pick-up until after 4:00pm.
6. Traffic flows better if those coming from the east use the east parking lot and those coming from the west use the west lot.
7. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! DO NOT HURRY!
8. We ask that you are respectful to our neighbors. Please DO NOT block their driveways.
9. If you park on Roselane, please only park on the east side, facing north.





2024–2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR

August 19	Professional Development – Half Day AM for Professional Staff No School for Students
August 20	Professional Development – Full Day for Professional Staff No School for Students
August 21	First Day of School
Aug. 30–Sept. 2	Labor Day Recess – No School
September 27	Professional Development – Full Day for Professional Staff No School for Students
November 1	Professional Development – Full Day for Professional Staff No School for Students
November 27–29	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
December 18	Half Day for Students, Full Day for Professional Staff
December 19–20	Half Days for Students & Professional Staff
Dec. 23–Jan. 3	Winter Recess – No School
January 17	Half Day for Students & Professional Staff
January 20	Professional Development – Full Day for Professional Staff No School for Students
February 7–10	Mid-Winter Recess – No School
March 17	Professional Development– Full Day for Professional Staff No School for Students
April 4–11	Spring Recess – No School
May 22	Graduation
May 26	Memorial Day Recess – No School
May 28	Half Day for Students, Full Day for Professional Staff
May 29–30	Half Day for Students & Professional Staff

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to offer your student the opportunity to participate in a program at Rosewood Elementary called “**Hand2Hand**”. This program helps provide a student with food for the weekends and is intended for families who currently may be experiencing a financial burden. The first backpack is set to be delivered on September 6.

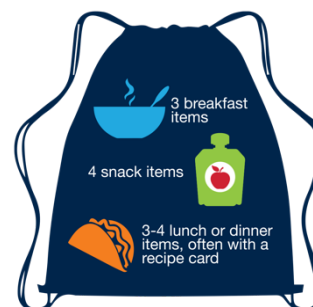
Here’s how Hand2Hand will work: At the end of the week students who are signed up for the program will receive a minimum of 8 food items in a black plastic bag. These food items will be a combination of breakfast, snacks, lunch and/or dinner items. While the food items are meant for the student, they can be shared among the family as well. ***(Please note: if your student or another family member has food allergies it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check the contents of the backpack each week to ensure the food doesn’t contain ingredients which could cause an allergic reaction).***

There is no cost to participate! If you sign your student up to receive Hand2Hand, they will continue to receive the weekend food bag throughout the school year. However, if down the road you no longer need the assistance, please notify your child’s teacher and or school office. This opportunity is being provided by Rosewood Church, 2795 Rosewood St. To learn more about Hand2Hand, please visit their website: <http://h2hkids.org>.

If you feel your student would benefit from this opportunity, please complete the response form at the bottom of this letter and return it to your student’s teacher/school office by August 29 and they will make sure that your student’s name is then added to the list. **Your response will be kept confidential.**

Sincerely,

Luke Verbeek
Rosewood Elementary



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR STUDENT(S) TO PARTICIPATE IN HAND2HAND, PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Student’s Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Locker: _____

Student’s Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Locker: _____

*Parent/Guardian Email: _____ *Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Dated: _____

*Please note: Email or Phone Number will only be used in case of school closures



**JENISON
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COME & JOIN US FOR

WILDCAT FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY, IN FRONT OF
SEPTEMBER DAVID MCKENZIE
6TH STADIUM**

03:30PM - 07:00PM

**Food Trucks, Critter Barn, Tie Dye, Inflatables, Club Fair
Cotton Candy, Face Painting, Games, Prizes**

**All proceeds are going
to the Promoting
Student Success Fund**



Scan QR code for more information

Everything you need to know about submitting BOX TOPS at Rosewood



Box Tops is a great fundraiser for our school and at Rosewood, we create an individual account for each child to go toward the cost of sixth grade camp.

Sixth grade camp is a great opportunity in the spring of sixth grade. It is a time to celebrate the successes of elementary school before moving on to the Junior High.

Box Tops may be submitted at any time using the Box Tops app (direction on the next page).

Be sure to “give credit” within the app so we can credit your child’s account. It is recommended to give credit to your oldest child at Rosewood. Please update the app yearly with your child’s FULL NAME and GRADE. Family members and friends are able to support your child in this way as well.

Check out how to use the app using this YouTube video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-bNcykyK5Y

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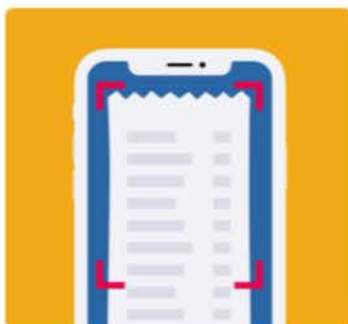


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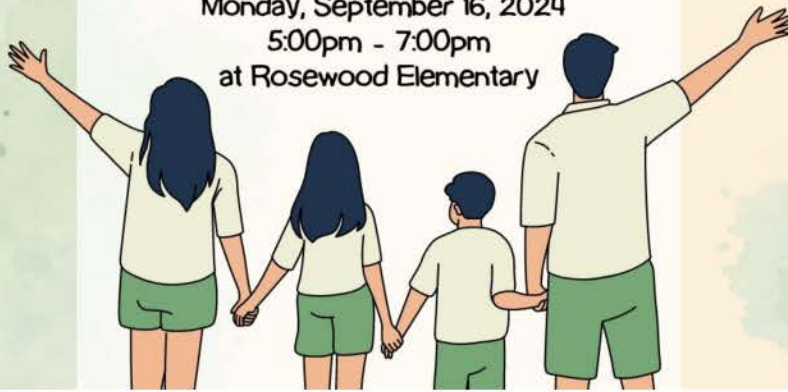
DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



Family Engagement Night

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, September 16, 2024
5:00pm - 7:00pm
at Rosewood Elementary



**JPS is looking for additional Before
& After School Care employees.**

**AM Shift: 6:30a-9:00a
PM Shift: 3:15p-6:00p**

**Call 616.777.6534 for
additional information.**

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP IS HIRING CROSSING GUARDS!


**OPEN POSITION AT
ROSEWOOD STREET & 23RD AVE
(STARTING PAY \$30.00/HR)**



**HIRING
SUB CROSSING
GUARDS TOO!**

Contact Justin at 616.457.2340

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 CLOSED	3	4	5 10:30: Preschool Bingo* 6: Teen Embroidery Class*	6 10:30: Purposeful Play	7 10-12: Touch-A-Truck 
8  Community Costume Drive Sept. 9-Oct. 20	9 10: OAISD Play 'n Learn 11:15: OAISD Play 'n Learn 7: Pokemon Club*	10 10: Wee Ones Storytime	11 10: Preschool Storytime	12 6PM: Kid's Art Club*	13 10:30: Sensory Play	14
15	16 7: Little Global Citizen*	17 10: Wee Ones Storytime	18 10: Preschool Storytime 4:30: Pizza & Pages*	19 10:30: Play-Doh Club	20  9:30: Sing Song Family Yoga 5:30 "Wild Robot" Entries Due	21
22	23	24 10: Wee Ones Storytime	25 10: Preschool Storytime	26 6PM: Mad Scientist Club*	27 10:30: Music & Movement 3PM: Drop in Kids' Craft	28
"Wild Robot" Contest Voting						
29	30 3:30: Teen After School Hangout					



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