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Thursday Flyers

January 10, 2019

Yearbook Sales!

Order your yearbook today! The cost is \$25 through Feb. 10. Starting Feb. 11 the price will increase to \$30. Yearbooks sales end April 3. Go to this link to order your yearbook:

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1792372/Robert-L-Puster-Elementary-School/>

Library News

Book Clubs

It's time for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders to sign up to participate in book clubs! We are announcing daily on the Puster News Show that the Google Form is open on the Puster Library website, and we always support kiddos with signing up in the library. This link is provided for your reference, but because we are working hard at developing student autonomy, we prefer that students complete the forms themselves. Mrs. Smithwick gets many visits from students who say "My mom forgot to sign me up!" to which she always responds, "Your mom does not need one more thing to do. This was your responsibility." :)

[Book Club Google Form](#)

Second grade meets on Tuesdays at lunch time. Third grade will meet on Fridays at lunch time. Fourth grade will meet on Thursdays. Kids love to bring their lunches on book club days so that they can come in and get started right away!

The books for this round include young characters who work to overcome challenges. We do need your help with supplying a book for your student. As of today, there are paperbacks available through Amazon Prime. Here are the selections for this round:

2nd Grade-- Disaster Strikes: Earthquake Shock by Marlane Kennedy

3rd Grade-- How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor

4th Grade-- Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Email Alison Smithwick with any questions or concerns.

Hour of Code

Next week, Puster students will be participating in the Hour of Code. During their scheduled computer lab times, students will explore coding on the hourofcode.com website. Additionally, Mrs. Smithwick and Mrs. Peabody will pull small groups into the Collaboratory to practice coding robots for a few minutes. It is our hope that these brief activities will pique interest in computer science and raise students' awareness of this thriving field. For more information about the Hour of Code movement, click [HERE](#).

Leopard Leaders

The application for the spring semester is now open on the library website. Students who would like to continue being involved will need to sign up again. We'd also like to encourage students who have not yet given it a try! Leopard Leaders are 4th grade students who use one recess time a week to help others in our school. Jobs include working with younger students, recycling, helping in the library, and supporting students in specials classes. The Google Form is available on the library website and can also be found [HERE](#).

PTA NEWS

Dear Puster Families,

We are now accepting nomination letters for the PTA Life Membership Award. This award's recipient(s) go above and beyond to make Puster special for all students. This can be a Puster teacher, staff member and/or a parent volunteer. The recipients will be lifetime honorees which entitles them to a reduced annual membership fee as well as being honored at the Lovejoy Council PTA Banquet on March 4, 2019. Please email your [letter\(s\) of recommendation](#) to our membership chair Leslie Tucker by Tuesday, January 15, 2019 to leslie_tucker@richards.com or return the [nomination form](#) to the front office. She can be reached at 214.704.1394 if you have any questions.

Nomination Form - Link: <https://bit.ly/2PvyAQI>

DISTRICT NEWS

Denim and Diamonds

The Party

Saturday, February 2

[Click here](#) to purchase your tickets today!

We need your help to make this year's Denim and Diamonds the best yet. How can you help?

Sponsor – the goal is to raise \$100,000 in sponsorships. There are many levels available. [Click here](#) for options and/or contact The Party Chairperson, [Kelli Litchenburg](#) for additional information.

Donate – trips, parties, and fun items are needed for the silent and live auctions. [Click here](#) for the donation form. Please note – the donation deadline has been extended.