

HILL-ROBERTS NEWS DECEMBER 2007



From the Principal's Desk

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving break. It is that time of year again when we remember to give thanks. There are many people who I would like to thank. I will start with the staff here at Hill-Roberts for all their hard work and dedication to the students. Thank you to Mrs. Bassler for organizing and publishing our monthly newsletter. I also want to thank the families of Hill-Roberts students for your support. I have to give a big THANK YOU to the Hill-Roberts PTO for the continued support and assistance in making Hill-Roberts a fantastic school.

Teachers are working together, using their strengths, raising expectations and staying true to our
F.O.C.U.S EVERY day.

Focused and Rigorous Learning

Ownership

Continuous Improvement

Urgency to Maximize Achievement

Support

Report cards went out last week and conferences are coming this week. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments. You can email me (mjoseph@attleboroschools.com) or call the school.

Technology, Technology, Technology

It has been an exciting first term in the Technology lab! I was impressed to see how much the students already knew about computers. The past few weeks the first graders have been using kidspiration to learn about animals, animals, animals. The second graders have been working together to make Thanksgiving Day cards for some Attleboro nursing homes. The third graders have been making smart decisions as they travel on the Mayflower and land at Cape Cod. Our fourth graders are learning about the value of work in play, as they create classroom newspapers and writing articles about teams, jobs, and Presidents. Stay tuned there is much more to come!



Upcoming November Events:

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
5 th	Early Dismissal 12:25- Teachers Professional Day - No half day AM or PM Kindergarten
10 th -14 th	Holiday Shopping
11 th 6:30pm	PTO Meeting
24 th - Jan 1 st	School Vacation

Email List

Our school is creating an email list for updates and news. If you are interested in receiving emails from the school, email Mr. Joseph at
mjoseph@attleboroschools.com

Student Section

Starting this month students are encouraged to submit educational articles for our newsletters



The Reading Street Program Inspires Me

By: Kyle in the Third Grade

The Reading Street Program just started at Hill-Roberts this year. We use an interesting book that has the following three sections: Money, Smart Solution, and People and nature. The teacher reads a story from one of the sections in a group then later on that week we assess our knowledge.

I've learned ways to save money and how to collect interest from a bank. I've also learned that a fable is a story that tells a lesson. The Reading Street program inspires me to read more, and more.

Reading Street Program By Julia in Third Grade

Our Reading Street program is going very well. This program is helping students in reading. Grades one through six are focusing on Reading Street. Reading Street is a group of stories put together in one. Sometimes you have to respond in a notebook on what the story is about. This book has a lot of strategies that students can use. I have found these strategies to work. Take the strategy monitor and fix up, this means that a student should pace their reading. Also, it means that if you come along to a sentence or word you don't know reread the sentence and sound out the word or use a dictionary or glossary to find out what the word is or the meaning of it. Also when you're reading after two or three pages think about what you have read. That is the monitor and fix up strategy. Just a reminder, don't forget to read and record how many minutes you have read.



Hill-Roberts Fourth Grade Chorus

By: Emily

On December 21st, the fourth grade of Hill-Roberts is having a concert before the winter break. We are going to be singing 4 to 5 songs. Here are a few: I Think I'll Think Twice Next Time, My Earth, and We're In the Spirit. They will be conducted by Mrs. Giannetti, the music teacher at Hill-Roberts.

Conversations of fourth graders:

By Chris in the Fourth Grade

My teacher Miss. Withers today showed us a really small cowgirl belt her mother found and said she could bring it in and she said,

"Ok but I won't wear it"
so all of us laughed.

Our football team (White Hawks) made the playoffs but we lost the game against the Central Falls Panthers. Our couch said *"you did a good job no matter what."*

At home my sisters quiz me on math. They do problems like $12 \times 12 = 144$ or $36 \times 36 = 1296$ and $20 \times 30 = 600$.

Fourth Grade Vaquero's By: Sarah and Olivia

On November 9, 2007, the whole fourth grade dressed up as a vaquero, which means cowboys or cowgirls (in Spanish). They wore hats, vests, and boots. We dressed up as vaquero's because we had just finished a book about life as cowboys and cowgirls in it.

Our Principal, Mr. Joseph took pictures of the people that wore the vaquero costumes (See the website). Some people were dressed up from head to toe. What a great day to bring reading to life.