

# ROPER ROCKETS

NOVEMBER 2009

## Information from the Media Center

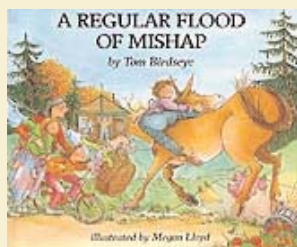
# Tom Birdseye



## “A Birdseye View”

Author week is here!

Tom Birdseye will be here next week to share his reading and writing expertise with every child at Roper Elementary. Check out Tom's schedule and come join us if possible during the day or on Thursday Night during the Waffleman. It should be an awesome week!



The author's books will be available to purchase at the school, along with pens, tote bags, bookmarks, magnets and pencils to commemorate the occasion.

Don't forget to "Feather Your Nest With Books" and join us for the author week next week,

**November 9-13!**

# BIST

Dear Parents,

We would like to take a moment to review the goals for life within the BIST program:

1. I can be productive and follow directions even if I am mad.
2. I can be productive and follow directions even if others are not okay
3. I can be productive and follow directions even if I don't want to.

In this update we would like to focus on what the first goal looks like at Roper School. We begin our day with a self-monitoring scale. Students self monitor on the BIST scale:

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|--------------|------------|
| 1. Excellent | 4. Unhappy |
| 2. Fine      | 5. Angry   |
| 3. OK        |            |

This gives staff a chance to reach out before student's behavior interferes with their learning. Staff uses questioning strategies to help students identify disruptive behaviors. An example of a question to address goal number one is "Can you follow directions even if you are mad?"

These questions help students to be compliant without confrontation. All staff at Roper uses the same language to promote a consistent environment.

Thank you again for all your support of Roper School.

*Kelly Schilousky - Assistant Principal*

## NEED HELP ??????

and don't know where to start?

[www.centerforpeopleinneed.org](http://www.centerforpeopleinneed.org)  
and [www.ne211.org](http://www.ne211.org)

To find help with housing, health care, food pantries, childcare, drug or alcohol abuse counseling, mental health issues, aging concerns, and many other human services.

## R.O.P.E.

### Calendar of Events for November & December:

#### Nov. 9 R.O.P.E. Meeting

7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

The Resource Officer from Northeast High School will be speaking on student safety. *Free childcare is provided.*

#### Nov. 9-12 Author Week

Author Tom Birdseye will be doing book signings during the Waffleman Event.

#### Nov. 12 Waffleman



\$6 per plate/children under 4 eat free!  
All you can eat Belgium style waffles & sausage.

#### Nov. 18 Roper Skate Night

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Skate Zone 300 N 48th



#### Nov. 20 Fundraiser Ice Cream Party



#### Dec. 7-11 Holiday Shoppe

Watch your Thursday folders for more details.

Tom Birdseye's Schedule

**MONDAY:**

8:30-9:00 Opening Ceremony  
Whole School - Multipurpose Room

9:15-10:00 2nd - All classes

10:15-11:00 4th - All classes

11:15-12:00 5th - All classes

12:00-1:00 Tom's Lunch

1:15-1:45 Book Signing

2:00-2:45 3rd - All Classes

**TUESDAY:**

8:30-9:00 1st - All classes

9:15-10:00 4th grade - Rasmussen, Simpson, Cram

10:15-11:00 Open / Book Signing

11:15-12:00 5th grade - Carlson, Dowdy, Ebeler

12:00-1:00 Tom's Lunch

1:15-1:45 1st grade - Grosshans, Engquist

2:00-2:30 Kindergarten - All

**WEDNESDAY:**

8:25-9:10 3rd grade - Carey, Maney, Fitzgerald

9:15-10:00 2nd grade - Mack, Scheer

10:15-11:00 5th grade - Lee, Rosenstock

11:15-12:00 Open/Book Signing

12:00-1:00 Tom's Lunch

1:15-1:45 1st grade - Faubel, Slattery, Eigsti

2:00-2:30 ExCite p.m.

**THURSDAY:**

8:30-9:00 Open / Book Signing

9:15-10:00 2nd grade - Townsley, Jones, Barnes

10:15-11:00 4th grade - Alhman, Hupf, Hall

11:15-12:00 Kindergarten - Brandt, Martin

12:00-1:00 Tom's Lunch

1:15-1:45 3rd grade - Arrigo, Beatty, Podraza

2:00-2:45 2nd grade - Brinkman, Ochoa

**THURSDAY NIGHT:**

Waffleman 5-7:30 /  
Birdseye - 6:00 / Book Signing

**FRIDAY:**

8:30-9:15 Kindergarten - Whisinnand, Samson

9:30-10:00 ExCite a.m.

10:15-11:00 Kindergarten - Rittscher, Kramer

11:15-12:00 Book Signing

12:00-1:00 Tom's Lunch

1:15-1:45 1st grade - Hochstein, McMurtry, Bricker

2:00-2:45 Kindergarten - Senters, Winkenwerder

**2ND GRADE**

**P.E. NEWS**



The second grade classes are busy preparing for their 50's program that is scheduled for **November 24th** in the evening. Hula hoops, twist, bunny hop and limbo are just a few of the fun activities planned.

I would like to invite the students and their guests to wear your tennis shoes and comfy 50's clothing and be ready to move! Second grade parents please mark this on your calendar so every child can participate in this fun evening with families and friends.

Mrs. Brandt, P.E. Specialist

**15th Annual Roper Pumpkin Stroll**



Our 15TH Annual PUMPKIN STROLL was held on October 6th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Students, parents, friends and family had a great time strolling around Roper School despite the cool and windy weather. Just as children and youth can learn the habit of regular physical activity, they can learn to be inactive if they are not taught skills and given opportunities to be active during their childhood.

The percentage of overweight youth has more than tripled in the past 25 years partially due to increased interest in sedentary activities such as television, computers, and video games. A reduction in physical activity as well as an increase in caloric intake has contributed to an obesity epidemic.

To promote safe walking to school during International Safe Walk to School week many students walked to school. In addition to Mr. Navratil, our celebrity walker from the park was Homer.

Dear Parents,

Last week Coddington street designs were shown by Schemmer and Associates. These designs were of changes in in traffic on Coddington Ave running from A Street to Van Dorn. There are many good features in the plan even though there is not curbing and specific drainage. There will be three lanes with left turns and expanded sidewalk and crosswalk signals. Everyone will gain. **Thank you City.**

The Student directory will not be published this year because of legal implications. To publish it we would need additional information and yet not list students by classes. I could provide the entire list of students in the school which would be of no value. The only benefit would be to salesmen. Therefore no directory will be published for 2009-2010.

Presently plans are in full swing for the Author for next week. Please take time to participate.

Sincerely,

Dan Navratil, Principal  
PH: 436-1170



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**No school Nov. 25 - 29**

Please send articles for the Roper newsletter to Karla Roscoe: indigomoondesign@hotmail.com

December newsletter deadline: Wednesday, November 25.