Happy June, Robinwood families! Is the school year really coming to a close?!? It’s difficult to believe we have made it through beginning of school anxiety, a bitterly cold winter and the frenzied end-of-year activities.

Speaking of activities, May was a crazy-busy month! We began the month with First Friday and then celebrated birthdays. The week of the 11th was filled with activity — we celebrated Right to Read week and honored our Robinwood staff with a week of treats. Thank you to Mrs. Malish and her committee for reinforcing our students’ love of reading with a fantastic assembly that capped a week of themed days. Thank you to all those who helped make staff appreciation extra-special for Robinwood, especially Kathy Bero and Yvonne Ams — your help was awesome! We had several donations for our staff Chinese auction and would like to thank the following: Alexa Sweeney Blackann, Sweeney Chevrolet, Catullo’s Meats, Giant Eagle, Outback Steakhouse, Dunkin Donuts (near 680 and 224), Starbucks, Magnolia’s on the Green and Pam DeLisio at Magnolia’s on the Green. Also, a big thank you to Carrabba’s for providing a special treat for our staff. A HUGE thanks goes to Jenn Ganser at Olive Garden and Juan Vasquez at El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant for donating lunch to our entire staff — it was very generous and greatly appreciated! We finished May by honoring our fallen service members as we walked as a school in the Memorial Day Parade and then having some fun on FUN Day. Thank you to Nicole Hagerty and all the volunteers who made this such a memorable time for our students.

I am so excited to have seen how our Robinwood students have grown this year -- not only physically, but also academically and in the areas of character and maturity. We have an awesome school that promotes the growth of the whole child, and for that I am incredibly grateful. It is always bittersweet to see your children grow -- there is such pride and amazement in what they can learn in a school year, yet a tinge of sadness at the realization that they really are growing up and on their way to the teen years and adulthood. For all those who will be leaving us this year along with your 4th Grade students, we wish your families much love and success in the future. Thank you for sharing your students with us and for your support.

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**JUNE EVENTS**

- 4 June & July Birthday Celebrations
- 8 4th Grade Graduation 7pm
- 9 2nd Grade Talent Show
- 10 Last Day of School Picnic Lunch and Clap Out
I am so thankful for all those who helped make this school year successful. The Robinwood Lane PTA is so incredibly fortunate to have so much support. Thank you to Mr. Robinson for encouraging us to be in the building and for sometimes letting us take over the school. To all the teachers and staff at Robinwood, we thank you for an excellent year. Thank you for educating and enriching our children, and for supporting our endeavors. To all of our parents and caregivers, we thank you for another great year! Without your valuable time and efforts, we would not be able to provide activities and support for our school. A “thank you” x 1,000 goes to Jenn Quinlan, our Hi-Lites editor. Each month she diligently compiles articles into our newsletter, and does so with great professionalism. Thanks, Jenn!

This will be my last Hi-Lites article, as the gavel has been passed to Melinda Gillen, and I look forward to what she brings to our PTA. I will happily continue to contribute to Robinwood in a different capacity. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our school. It has brought me joy, new skills and friendships that will last a lifetime. Make certain to rest over the summer — we have already begun planning for the next school year and will need all of your ideas and participation in order for it to be as successful as possible!

Have a safe and happy summer, Shannon Holdridge

Kindergarten

Mrs. Leah Brown, Mrs. Jennifer DeNiro, Mrs. Candice Wright

We hope you are excited for the upcoming summer to spend with your children! May was a very busy month for us in kindergarten. We finished all our letters/sound books and are still working hard to master the kindergarten sight words! We spent a lot of time individually administering the Kindergarten exit test to see how your child has progressed with their literacy skills. A summary of this test was sent home with you, so that you know what to keep reviewing over summer. We will also be assessing each child individually for the last report card that will be sent home at the end of the year. Please work with your child on areas that were difficult for them—it is imperative that they do not take steps back during the summer!

For the rest of the year, kindergarten will be reviewing letter sounds (especially vowels), making words, and reading and writing sentences. The children have developed a love for reading and it really shows in the way they have learned to write. We will continue to do writer’s workshop and guided reading so that your child is as prepared as possible for first grade. Please continue to read and write at home with your child. Also remember to ask your child to retell stories in his/her own words. Encourage them to explain the beginning, middle, and end of a story. These are important comprehension skills they will need for many years to come. Please be sure to also keep working on the addition and subtraction math facts so that your child is able to answer fluently without the help of his/her fingers! Math story problems are also a great area to focus on with your child. Make up your own math story and have your child act it out and draw a picture to show the answer.

We are very proud of each of them and their amazing progress this year. They have worked so hard this year, especially with their reading!! Continue to encourage their independence and praise them for all of their accomplishments. Thank you for all your support in making this year so special! Have a wonderful summer, we will see you in the fall!
First Grade

Mrs. Kim Vodhanel, Mrs. Holly Watts, Mrs. Kara Morgan

What a fantastic year we have had in first grade! First graders have come such a long way and learned so much. We are very proud of their hard work! It has been a joy to see their accomplishments and progress. We are sure parents are just as amazed to see the academic, social, and emotional growth of our first graders this year. We are very thankful for all of the help and support from the parents this year.

It is important to keep the students’ minds working over the summer months. Here are some suggestions that your child can do throughout the summer: 1. Have a weekly flashcard drill with a parent or friend, 2. Write a letter to a friend or an out of town relative, 3. Keep a weekly journal documenting the fun your child is having over the summer, 4. Practice identifying coins and reviewing their value, 5. READ, READ, READ!

Final report cards will be sent home in June. Last day of classes is Wednesday, June 10th. Students will eat picnic lunches outside on this day.

Thank you again for all of the parent involvement and support this year. We have had a great year teaching all of your children! Lastly, we wish you all a very safe and enjoyable summer!

Second Grade

Mrs. Barbara Marks, Mrs. Jan Johnson, Mrs. Lindsey Koch, Miss Jen Mohr

Our annual Talent Show will be June 9th at 8:30. Family and friends are invited to see our talented 2nd graders! This is the only year they have this opportunity.

We hope you have a relaxing summer and enjoy your children being at home. Some suggestions for your soon to be 3rd graders to keep up on their skills would be practice their math facts, write stories and poems. Please have them read throughout the summer. Our Boardman Library has a great summer reading program with incentives, prizes, and special guests. An everyday setting can be used as a learning experience. Have the children count change when shopping. If traveling, have them map your route. Have them tell you the time of day and how many hours until dinner, etc. These are all skills they have learned and need to be reinforced.

It has been a great year and thank you for letting us be part of your child’s life. They have grown and matured this last year and are ready for third grade. Thanks for your support this past school year. Our best wishes to all of our students and their families for a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer.

Building Mission Statement

Robinwood Lane Elementary is a learning place for all. Our school community is dedicated to the realization of each child’s potential. Our Learning Place is committed to academic excellence. Self-esteem, independence, respect for others, physical well-being, and creativity are fostered by a skilled, caring staff. Together…we guide each student to succeed and pursue a lifelong love of learning.
It’s hard to believe that this school year is almost over. It seems like only yesterday we were greeting you at Open House. We are always amazed and pleased with the growth children make during the third grade, and we hope you are too. We have done our best to prepare them for fourth grade and beyond.

While summer is a time to relax and regroup, we hope you will consider some activities that are educational and fun, as well. Mill Creek Park and Boardman Park are treasures right in our backyard. Call the park offices to see what programs they have during the summer, or plan some hikes on your own. Summer is also a great time to plan a trip to the Butler Museum of American Art or the Oh Wow! Children’s Museum in downtown Youngstown. Cleveland and Pittsburgh both have wonderful zoos and museums. A day trip to either one of these cities is fun for the whole family. Check into the summer reading program at the Boardman Library. Children should read a little bit every day during the summer. Best of all the library is free!

Your children have done a fantastic job learning their multiplication and division facts during the school year. They will forget these if they do not review during the summer. Try to get in a little flash card time two or three times a week. Games, including those of the computer, also help to make the learning or retention of math facts fun.

Remember the last day of school is Wednesday, June 10th. As you know, report cards will be mailed out soon after that date. We have really enjoyed having your children in our classrooms this year and we wish all of you and your families a fun, safe summer!

It is hard to believe another year has come to an end. The school year has gone by so quickly. We are so proud of our students. They have grown both physically and academically. The skills that they have learned will make them successful at the middle school. They now know how to switch classes, work independently, write in a planner, and stay organized. Glenwood and Center are both wonderful middle schools and the staff is looking forward to working with your children.

During the summer months, please continue to help your child review their reading and math skills. Practice math flash cards, read books and write letters to family and friends. We know summer is the time to relax, however if your child goes three months without practicing these skills, they will lose them.

Before your children head off to the middle school, we do have a few last activities the students are excited about. We will be taking a field trip to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Friday, June 5th. The 4th Grade Graduation Ceremony is set for Monday, June 8th at 7pm. This is always a very nice event. Finally on the last day of school, we have a picnic and the always emotional “Clap Out.”

We wish the boys and girls all the very best at Glenwood, Center, or whatever middle school they are attending next year. Watch your mail this summer for information about the August kick off meetings for the middle schools. These days are fantastic starts to the transition to the next level.

Have a wonderful summer!
As the end of the school year draws to a close there are housekeeping issues to address. Parents who have children that have medications in the clinic need to make arrangements to pick up their child’s medication at the end of the school year. Those medications that are not picked up will be thrown out. We DO NOT save medication for the following year. It is Boardman Local School’s policy that no medication be kept at school over the summer months.

In June, a new medication and information form will be sent home to have your physician complete and return to the school with the appropriate medication by the first day of classes.

If you have any questions or need to make arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Amy Carkido
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Memorial Day Parade 2015

Congratulations to Genevieve on her completion of the 5K Memorial Day Five Race on Saturday, May 23, 2015. The event was held at the Central YMCA in downtown Youngstown. In her age division, 14 and under, Genevieve finished in second place. Great job Genna!
I can’t believe this is the last *Hi – Lites* for the 2014-15 school year! I want to wish everyone a safe and fun summer! Keep active and work on all the skills that you learned over the summer.

I want to congratulate the 4th Grade students on a successful track and field meet. We had perfect weather and a lot of parent support! Thank you to all the parents who came out to support the students, they had a blast. Also, I would like to thank all the teacher helpers; Mr. Hammerton, Mrs. Malish, Mrs. Tamulonis, Mrs. Zorman, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Pacella, Mrs. Conti, and Miss G. The track meet just wouldn’t run smoothly without your help! Lastly, I want to thank Mr. Paul Walker and Mrs. Pam Scharrer for help with setting up the track course and making the field look *AMAZING*!

Here are some of the results from the 4th Grade Track Meet:

All Around Athlete:
- Jachai Thrash
- Zayda Creque

**Softball Throw:**
1) Alexia Sprangler
2) Zayda Creque
3) Jenee Hardy

**Frisbee Throw:**
1) Christina DeFabio
2) Gabby Gilmer
3) Tasnim Abuenaaj

**Hurdles:**
1) Tasnim Abuenaaj
2) Zayda Creque
3) Jenee Hardy

**50 Yard Dash:**
1) Shahed Abbad
2) Zayda Creque
3) Caprice Epps
**Endurance Run:**
1) Angelina Hallas
2) Lauren Bero
3) Christina DeFabio

**Jump Rope:**
1) Christina DeFabio
2) Tasnim Abuenaaj
3) Kenzie Wigley
3) Jada Judy

**Hang Climb:**
1) Genna Quinlan
2) Shahed Abbadi
3) Jenee Hardy

**Long Jump:**
1) Shahed Abbadi
2) Terry'Asia Rushton
3) Tesneem Alemaishat
3) Zayda Creque

**Hula Hoop:**
1) Sammy Moon
1) Kenzie Wigley
1) Tesneem Alemaishat
1) Kaylynn Budrovic
1) Christina DeFabio
1) Genna Quinlan
1) Lauren Bero
1) Angelina Hallas

**All Around Athlete Runner Ups:**
2) Christina DiFabio
3) Shahed Abbadi

1) Peyton Switka
2) Owen Glatz
3) Jonah Bukovac

1) Will Eliser
2) Austin Ward
3) Owen Glatz

1) Peyto Switka
2) Owen Glatz
3) Jachai Thrash

1) Peyton Switka
2) Jachai Thrash
3) Owen Glatz

1) Beau Velasquez
2) Nick Gardner
3) Peyton Switka

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3) Austin Ward
Mrs. Carol Bonte & Mr. Dean Wilson

Happy Retirement

Remember the past with fondness;
Look to the future with eagerness;
Live each moment to the fullest.

Thank you for all of your years of service.
Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

You will be missed!

Happy Retirement!
Don’t forget to save your Box Tops for Education!
Keep collecting your box tops during the summer months. In September you can bring them in and turn them into Mrs. Gorski. Please include your name and room number on the bag so you can get credit for them.
Check out www.boxtops4education.com for a list of participating products and yummy recipes.

LOST & FOUND
Please check the large boxes in the multi-purpose room or check with the noon lunch aides. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

End of School
School times are almost over.
School times are almost done.
We’ve had a lot of learning.
We’ve had a lot of fun.
We’ll say goodbye to teachers.
We’ll put our books away.
Our school year is over now.
It’s summertime-let’s play!