



NOVEMBER 2024 |

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Rover Elementary School, Tempe AZ



A loving and supportive community dedicated to promoting curiosity and excellence for all.



ROVER ELEMENTARY EARNED AN A RATING FOR A 3RD YEAR IN A ROW!

Dana Lineberger, Principal

I am thrilled to share that Rover Elementary has achieved an “A” rating from the Arizona Department of Education for the third consecutive year. Our school demonstrated impressive growth and proficiency on the AASA test administered in April of the last school year. This success is a direct reflection of our dedicated teachers and staff, who truly believe that every student can realize their full potential when we cultivate **curiosity** and **wonder** throughout their learning journey.

Weekly School Hours:

- Monday-Thursday 7:50am-2:50pm
- Friday 7:50am-1:00pm (Early Release)

[TD3 2024-2025 academic calendar](#)

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November Gratitude Challenge

This month, we will be using our PBIS challenge to show gratitude to our support staff. Each week we will provide some ways that our students and families can show gratitude for each staff group. Please encourage your students to add to this list to celebrate the people that help keep Rover running!

- Week 1: 11/4-11/8 Custodial & Crossing Guard Staff
- Week 2: 11/12-11/15 Noon Aide & Cafe Staff
- Week 3: 11/18-11/22 Nurse & Office Staff

Rover Elementary Annual Great Pumpkin Rescue

- Our pumpkin rescue bins are in front of the Rover Vine garden gate, delivered by our Farmer in Residence, Farmer Mark from Rhiba Farms.
- All pumpkins are welcome except those with paint.
- Pumpkin is a nutritionally dense food that is a favorite among farm animals. Every year, Farmer Mark feeds our pumpkins to his chickens and goats.
- The bins will be on the parking lot curb from November 1-6.



*Rover Elementary
Great Pumpkin
Rescue*

**COMPOST YOUR
HALLOWEEN
PUMPKINS!**

Drop-off November 1-6
at Rover Elementary School

**Rover
Elementary
School**



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ROVER PTA NEWS

Thank you for a wonderful Trunk or Treat Event

The 2024 Trunk or Treat was a fantastic, fun night! Thank you to the planning committee led by Harveen, and to all of the volunteers who supported the event. A big shout out to Dads Ribs & Moms Tacos, Facio Dogs, and FlavOh for bringing yummy food options, and a special thank you to DJ Raf for spinning fun tunes! If we add in the number of volunteers and staff who helped make the event a success, our attendance was over 800 people! Lastly, thank you to all who helped support the bootiful raffle baskets and trunks with donations of candy, items and time.



Be on the lookout for details on a special celebration before year end; the Rover PTA's 40th birthday celebration!

Become a member, purchase spirit wear, or make a donation, click [here](#)

Follow the PTA on Facebook and Instagram and the Rover Garden-The Vine

*Need to contact the Rover PTA?
Email ptarover@gmail.com*

*Making Memories Together
#wearetherams*

Upcoming PTA Events:

- 11/14 Someburros Dine In-Dine Out All Day Mill/Baseline location only.
- 11/17 Garden work day 9-10am Rover Vine
- 11/19 PTA Meeting 6-7pm Library & Virtual





November Events at Rover Elementary



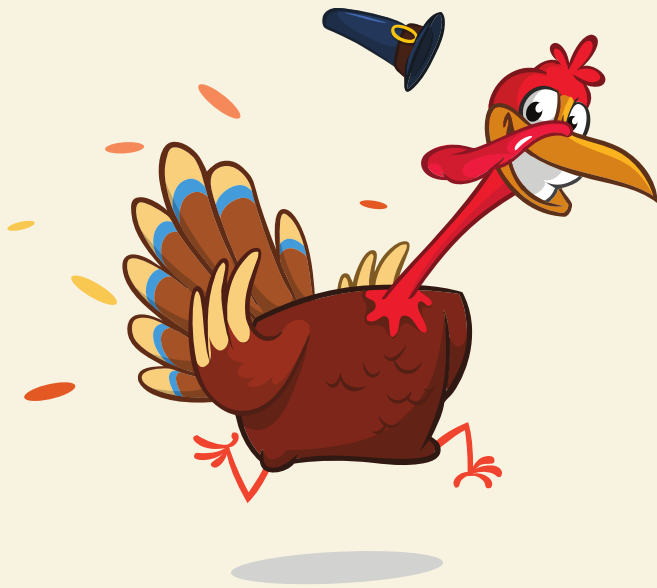
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| 1 | Service Club Food Drive Begins - Ends Nov. 22 | | |
| 7 | Rover Farm Fresh CSA | 2:50-5:00pm | Parking Lot |
| 11 | Veterans Day - No School | | |
| 14 | Someburros PTA Night | | |
| 15 | Garden Recess: Rover Vine | 10:45am-12:15pm | Rover Vine |
| 17 | Rover Vine Community Garden Workday | 9:00am-12:00pm | Rover Vine |
| 19 | PTA Meeting | 6-7pm | Rover Library and Online |
| 21 | Thanksgiving Lunch: Tickets for sale in Front Office deadline 11/ 8 | Grade Level Lunches | Cafeteria/Omega Courtyard |
| 22 | Last Day: Service Club Food Drive | | |
| 22 | RAMazon Store K-2 | 7:20-7:45am | Cafeteria |
| 25 | Turkey Trot | 8:00am - 10:30am | East Field, Basketball Court, Ramada |
| 25 | NO Battle of the Books Club | | |
| 26 | **Tentative: Service Club | 2:50 pm - 3:50 pm | Library |
| 26 | Kindergarten Thanksgiving Performance and Picnic | 11:00-12:00 | Garden |
| 26 | NO Theater Club | | |
| 27-29 | Thanksgiving Break - No School | | |

After School Clubs

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| Chess Club | 2:50-3:50 Wednesdays | Makerspace |
| Student Council | 2:50-3:50 Tuesdays | Library |
| Theater Rehearsal | 2:50-4:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays | Music Room |
| Battle of the Books | 2:50-3:50 Mondays | Library |
| Service Club | 2:50-3:50 Tuesdays | Library |
| Kindness Club | 2:50-4:15 Tuesdays | Ms. Dowdall's Classroom |

Any time change will be noted by the club sponsor, and communication will be sent out to families. |





Turkey Trot!

Monday November 25th 8-10am

Class Times:

Kinder Prep, Grades K-2 & Seals:

8:20 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Grades 3- 5:

9:20 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

3 Stations:

Turkey Tag (Basketball Court)

Turkey Trot (East Field)

Snack/Playground(East Picnic Tables)

Please consider signing up as a parent volunteer to help run the event:

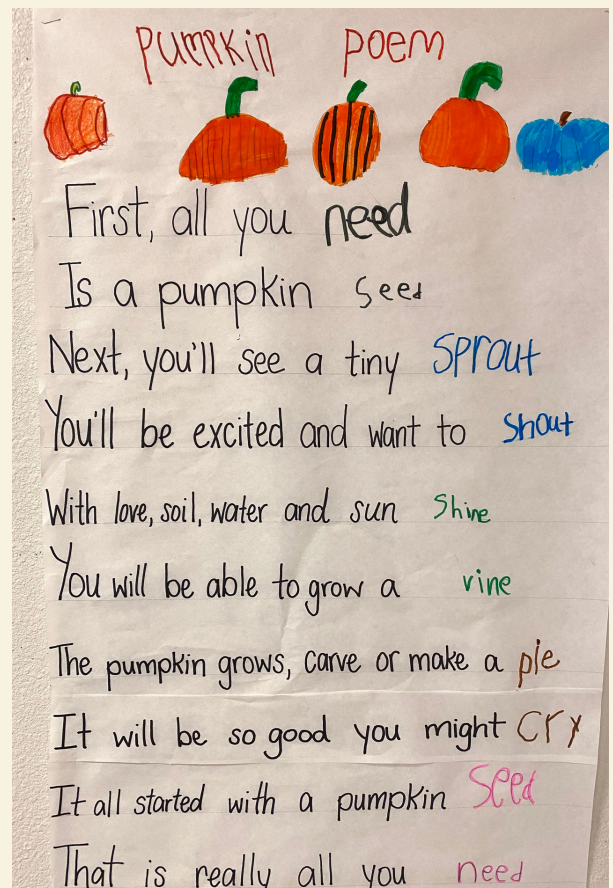
[Rover Turkey Trot 24' Volunteer Sign Up](#)

All parents are welcome to attend and join their Rover student at the Turkey Trot and Snack Stations.

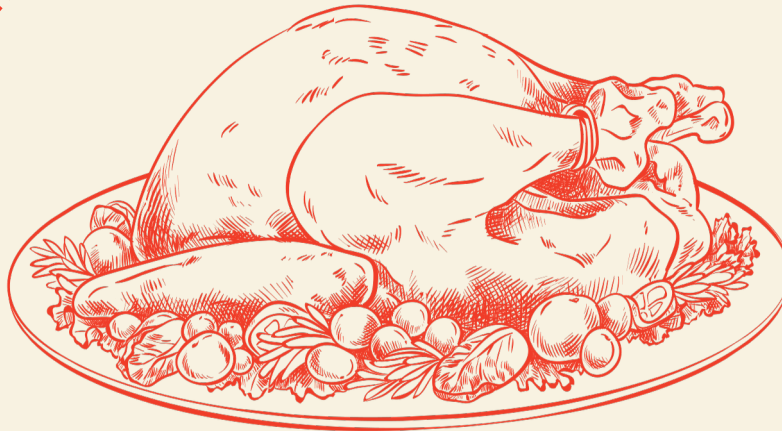
Parents/Guardians who wish to attend the Turkey Trot with their students must provide ID and check in at the visitor table at the front entrance gate. Parents may sign in at the visitors table and enter campus starting at 8:10am.

Quarter 2 School Wide STEAM Integration Experience

- Artist and musician, **Joe Willie Smith**, will provide a hands-on art integration experience for Rover students! Joe has been creating art both visual and auditory since he was a young child. His mediums of choice are found objects and recycled materials. Upon visiting Rover, he was inspired by the dying sumac tree next to the garden sink. Joe's vision is to create a sound sculpture using the sumac tree as a foundation and incorporating organic and recycled materials. Students will engage in the art making process by selecting objects of varying materials to add to the sculpture.
- The sculpture will be semi-permanent and naturally lend to many Steam integration lesson opportunities in the future for Rover students.
- This arts integration experience is made possible by a grant through the City of Tempe and was organized by our wonderfully talented Music Teacher, Ms. Erin Crawford.



JOIN NUTRITION SERVICES FOR



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Thanksgiving

TOGETHERNESS

Lunch

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Lunch at your
student's school

During your student's
lunch time

PURCHASE TICKETS BY NOV 8 IN SCHOOL OFFICE
COST \$5 PER ADULT MEAL - CASH OR CHECK
\$2.75 FOR CHILD NOT IN SCHOOL

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Birthday Celebrations

In classrooms



May I bring sugary treats like cupcakes or cookies for my child's class to share?

Unfortunately, that is not allowed per the SMART SNACK regulation guidelines set by USDA.

Why is it not allowed? What if my kiddo really wants to celebrate and have a party with their classroom?

In addition to the guidelines the USDA sets, TD3's student wellness policy prohibits outside food and drinks for classroom celebrations. You are welcome to order sweets that are compliant with the nutrition guidelines from our Nutrition Services team!

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CELEBRATION TREATS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

The TD3 Nutrition Services Department has all of your classroom celebration treats covered! No need to make the extra trip. Just place your order online today and get special treats delivered right to your child's classroom!

Orders must be placed a minimum of 14 days in advance. For more information, please speak with a Cafeteria Manager.

CELEBRATION TREATS

Chocolate Fudge Cookie

A rich chocolate cookie filled with a chocolate fudge frosting

\$0.70
EACH

Confetti Cookie

Confetti sprinkles baked in a vanilla cookie with a vanilla frosting filling

\$0.70
EACH

Ice Cream

Vanilla or chocolate ice cream cups

\$0.70
EACH

Pizza (SERVES 8)

A freshly baked pizza with whole grain crust can be delivered to your school for your next celebration!
(Pepperoni +2.00)

\$14
EACH

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