



Robinson Community Welcome

*This welcome information will also be accessible via the Robinson Elementary Web Page found [here](#).

Robinson Welcoming Committee

Joining a new school is both an exciting AND overwhelming experience! The Robinson Welcoming Committee was started to support new families so the positive parts of starting a new school outweigh those stressors. You can email the [Robinson Welcoming Committee](#) at any time. We want to answer questions, connect with you at special events, and do whatever it takes to make Robinson feel like your school home. Along those same lines, we've created this [ROBINSON WELCOME PACKET](#). Our hope is that this information will provide a snapshot of Robinson from a family lens and showcase ways you can connect to our Robinson Community.

Grade Level Parent Guides

What is a Parent Guide?

Parent Guides are part of the Robinson PTO Welcoming Committee initiative. The goal of Parent Guides is to make sure all new families to Robinson have a grade specific point of contact to stay informed and connected to the community. Grade Level Parent Guides are here if you have questions, want to be connected to other kids/families in your child's grade, or need a parent's perspective on all things Robinson! This year's Parent Guides are:

Kindergarten: Amy Stephens (amy.n.moser@gmail.com) & Abbie Steiling (abbie.steiling@gmail.com)

First Grade: Connie Coffey (cmngd9@gmail.com) & Amanda Reed (rareedfamily2015@gmail.com)

Second Grade: Maggie Martin (maggiiebahn13@gmail.com) & Jordyn Johnson (Jordynjohnson814@gmail.com)

Third Grade: Megan Rahn (megan.rahn@att.net) & Annie Davis (anniedavis0309@gmail.com)

Fourth Grade: Shea Brasier (sheabrasier11@gmail.com) & Andrea Vinyard (amvinyard@gmail.com)

Fifth Grade: Linsie Chiles (linsie83@yahoo.com) & Kelly Maher (kelly@graetz.cc)

Informational Websites

[Robinson Elementary Website](#)

[Robinson Elementary PTO and Robinson Cares](#)

[Kirkwood School District](#)

The family resource tab is a great place to start for common family questions/needs. You can also use the search icon for a customized search.

Connecting

Social Media

Robinson is never short of communication and connection opportunities. Here is a rundown of what's available via Social Media:

PTO Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/153740532100003>

This page includes PTO driven events, opportunities, and needs. Per their page, “This group is for Robinson Elementary parents and guardians who would like to stay informed, ask questions and have positive conversations regarding Robinson PTO events and happenings.”

*Note: It may take up to 2 weeks from date of request to join the Robinson PTO Facebook page for parent/guardian verification.

Parent Grade Level Facebook Pages - These pages include grade specific communications

Kindergarten

Admin: Abbie Steiling

Name of Group to search: Robinson Elementary Class of 2039

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1485080659440917>

First Grade

Admin: Connie Coffey

Name of Group to search: Robinson Elementary Class of 2038

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1326488861625868>

Second Grade

Admin: Maggie Martin

Name of Group to search: Robinson Elementary Class of 2037

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/897080948846272>

Third Grade

Admin: Laura Brady Swan

Name of Group to search: Robinson Elementary Class of 2036

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/896599451365376>

Fourth Grade

Admin: Annie Murray Davis

Name of Group to search: Robinson Elementary Class of 2035

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1138575153682458>

Fifth Grade

Admins: Jamie Lynn Daughaday-Miller & Elizabeth Knutsen Mueller

Name of Group to search: Robinson- Kirkwood c/o 2034!

Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/314889003663410/>

PTO Instagram Page -

<https://www.instagram.com/ptorobinson/?igsh=MTAydzVyN3NkZGR3NA%3D%3D>

Instagram is another platform used to keep families connected to PTO driven events, opportunities, and needs.

Kirkwood School District App (KSD)

We recommend you download the Kirkwood School District App, which creates a “one stop” link to all of the Kirkwood communication tools (Schoolology, Infinite Campus, Lunch Menus, My School Bucks, etc.). You can access this app by searching KSD in your app store.

Schoology: Online learning management tool to access assignments and grades especially in the virtual learning environment. PLEASE NOTE!! You will receive a district email with a child-specific Schoology code that allows you to add your child(ren) to the Schoology system and view information as a parent.

Infinite Campus: For elementary school students, this application is used primarily for storing family census information including emergency contact information. This is where you can access your child's report card and schedule.

Lunch Menu: Lists breakfast and lunch menus by day.

My School Bucks: Online payment system for breakfast/lunch, iPad and insurance payments.

Connecting via Special Events

******Please note that the listings below include a sample of events held in past years. They are subject to change. Robinson's weekly e-newsletters are always the best place to watch for connecting events!!! They are sent on Sunday afternoon at 4pm.***

July:

New Family Tours: In-person tours are available - call the office if you are interested.

Summer Reading Event: This month's summer reading event will be held at Meacham Park on July 8th 4:30-6PM. This is a chance to connect with families, play and get a free book to take home.

August:

New Family Tours: In-person tours are available - call the office if you are interested.

PTO Grade Level Popsicles on the Playground Hangouts: The PTO Welcoming Committee is planning grade level hangouts for August 11th. The goal for this event is to provide a low-key opportunity for new and former families to connect. Later events, organized by the school/district, provide opportunities to meet your teacher(s), drop off supplies, and see the building. This event is to encourage Robinson family connections!

August 11th times are:

- Kindergarten: 5-6pm
- 1st and 2nd Grades: 6-7pm
- 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades: 7-8pm

Back to School Block Party: This year's Block Party and Open House is on August 18th at 5:00PM. Grades 1-5 students will bring supplies to drop off in their classrooms and can move throughout the event regardless of last name initial. Kindergarteners will not bring supplies until they have received their official teacher/classroom placement for the year.

Welcome Back Family Breakfast: On the first day of school, parents/guardians are invited to gather in the Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) to socialize, have donuts and coffee, and share the array of emotions that come along with the first day of school.

September

Greentree Festival: This is a long time Kirkwood tradition with a parade along Kirkwood Rd. and a festival in Kirkwood Park. The festival begins on a Friday and runs through Sunday with the parade on Saturday morning (September 19, 2026). Each elementary and middle school in KSD hosts a float in the parade. Our float is traditionally created by Robinson families, and students are invited to ride/walk along with the float. Please reach out to [Robinson PTO](#) if you'd like to help plan the float or walk during the parade.

Robinson Book Fair: The book fair takes place at Robinson during the Intake conferences! More information to come about the event and times. This is an opportunity for kids/families to purchase books while supporting Robinson's library!

Bike Rodeo: Robinson students bring bikes and helmets to school as an opportunity to learn, practice and demonstrate bike riding skills all while learning some bike safety. And have a little fun! Students who are unable or choose not to bring their bikes, will still be able to participate. *Note: Sometimes the timing of the bike rodeo fluctuates year to year.

October

Robinson Costume Parade: Students and teachers dress up in costumes and walk from Robinson Elementary along Couch Avenue to Aberdeen Heights (an independent and assisted living facility right next door to Robinson).

Trunk or Treat: The PTO Community Outreach Committee helps organize a Halloween Trunk or Treat experience at Aberdeen Heights.

November

Veterans Day Event: Students prepare and perform songs in tribute of Veterans on the observed Veterans holiday, typically in the afternoon. Robinson students are able to invite active or retired military family members to process into the event. There is a gathering for all invited guests and their student(s) immediately following the concert event in the cafeteria. Families are also invited to attend this very meaningful recognition of service to our country. Watch for details this fall.

Turkey Trot: Students and staff walk/run along a marked path. Families are invited to cheer on students.

January/February

Robinson Trivia Night: Could there be anything more fun? A bunch of parents...many dressed up in themed attire, having good food, enjoying good company and raising money for our Robinson kids and school! Examples of themes in the past are Saturday Night Live, Prom, and Camping. Families form tables of 8 and bring food/drink for their table. The Robinson PTO Trivia Committee does an amazing job of trying to connect families if you don't have a full table but want to join! It's an opportunity to have fun while raising money via the Silent Auction, raffles, and Heads or Tails. More information about this night comes out a couple months prior to the event!

March

Art Show and Book Fair: These events are often joined together on the same night to showcase the kids' amazing artwork while creating an opportunity to purchase books for the kids and school.

May

Cardinal's Night at the Ballpark: Robinson heads to the ballpark to enjoy a Cardinal's game as a community!

Spring Sing: This is a Spring concert for families to enjoy. In recent years, concerts have been conducted in two sections to accommodate the amount of students and families in the gym.

Field Day: A day of play, teamwork, and physical activity for students towards the end of the school year.

Family Picnic: On the last day of school, families will be invited to join students for lunch to celebrate the end of the year.

June

Meacham Park Homecoming Parade: This event is usually the 1st Saturday in June. This is a long standing tradition for our Meacham Park Community. Join Robinson staff, students, and families as we parade through Meacham Park.

Additional Special Events:

Family Conferences: Teachers and staff at Robinson are always willing to connect about your child, but there will also be specific opportunities in both semesters to meet with your child's teacher to share information and hear about the things your child has been working on in the classroom. Conferences will take place in September and January.

Class Parties: Teachers in each grade tend to collaborate on what their classrooms will be doing for celebrations throughout the year. Class parties take place three times during the school year - Fall Party (October), Winter Party (January), and Friendship Party (February). Teachers may add additional celebrations. We do not have room parents at Robinson and all party coordination will be handled through your child's teacher. Note that Robinson is a nut free environment, so all treats follow this allergy guideline. [Peanut Free/Nut Free Snack List](#)

WISE Assemblies: Throughout the year, each student is recognized as being a WISE learner for various reasons. We honor them during a special assembly. Families are invited to attend. Each student will receive a WISE award at some point during the school year.

Connecting via PTO or Volunteering

PTO/School Level Volunteering - Opportunities are abundant. Whether helping a PTO Committee or supporting teachers who coordinate school wide events (ex. Art Show, Book Fair), there are always opportunities to serve. To hear more about PTO opportunities, plan to attend a PTO Meeting where committees are introduced. These meetings and committees are a great way to get to know other families/parents, staff, and have a seat at the table to help make a positive impact on the Robinson community! For more information about Robinson PTO, check out the [PTO website](#) or the Robinson Elementary PTO facebook page. PTO monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Classroom Volunteering - Classroom opportunities are communicated by the classroom teacher. These range from clerical support to field trip chaperoning to classroom centers help. It really depends on the needs of the class! Watch district emails for volunteer background check requirements.

To volunteer at Robinson in any capacity (chaperones, class parties, class helpers, event helpers, etc.), you must complete the volunteer process. More information can be found [on Kirkwood School District's website](#).

Start of School

Class Placement Announcements

Class placements for grades 1 - 5 and home-based teachers for Kindergarten students will be announced via email in early August. This information can also be viewed in Infinite Campus.

For Kindergarten Families: There is a [Kindergarten Orientation](#) on [Robinson's website](#). Check it out!

School Supplies

[School supply lists](#) for each grade level can be found on the Robinson website.

If your family needs support securing school supplies, please email [Enesa Kadic](#) (school social worker) to ensure you have all the supplies needed for your child's success.

iPads

All Kirkwood students receive an iPad as a tool for learning. K-2 students are provided an iPad with NO keyboard to be used only during the school day. Students in grades 3-5 are provided an iPad with a keyboard and may bring iPads home for specific assignments. Robinson will communicate necessary steps in regards to iPad use, insurance, and distribution processes.

Lunches

You will sign your child up for a school account via the "My School Bucks" app. This is where you can load lunch money into his/her account. Hint, hint! The KSD app houses a link to the My School Bucks app. And YES, students do eat at school on early dismissal days! If you need information on signing up for free and reduced lunch, please reach out to [Ms. Kadic](#).

Bus Transportation

To see if your child is eligible for [bus transportation](#) and learn more about bus tracking, check out the KSD website.

How do I know my child(ren)'s teacher expectations and procedures for communication, classroom management, homework, etc? Teachers or grade levels have written helpful documents that will be shared by your classroom teacher via email at the start of school.

How do I know what my child will study and learn about this year?

For a big picture overview, families can visit the [KSD website curriculum tab](#). More details will be shared by teachers at the start of school.

Start of School Special Events - See the list under "Connecting via Special Events" up above!

Special Education Support - If your child has previously received special education services (IEP, 504, Gifted Learning Plan, etc.) or if you believe your child may be in need of special education services; you should contact your child's classroom teacher, counselor, or principal for assistance. Your classroom teacher will be able to help give guidance on how the Robinson team can best work with you to support your child's educational needs. You can learn more about KSD's [special education services](#) on their website.

Special Programs

Adventure Club

Adventure Club is before and after school child care which is provided before school begins 7:00 am - 8:25 am at Robinson and after school dismissal until 5:30 pm. You must register for this service and can initiate the process online through the [KECC website](#). On the registration page, steps for registering this year are provided. For other Adventure Club specifics, check out the above website!

REACH

REACH is the Kirkwood Gifted Program for grades 2 - 5. During second and fourth grade, all students will participate in a universal screening process. Students meeting criteria will be administered additional assessments to determine eligibility. These learners demonstrate the capacity to handle curricular content at a rapid pace and at advanced levels of abstraction, complexity, and independence.

Performing Arts

Instrumental - Kirkwood's instrumental music programs begin in fourth and fifth grade, for orchestra and band respectively. Participating elementary students typically attend band or orchestra classes at our middle schools, twice a week before school. More information will come as plans are outlined for the upcoming school year.

Before and After School Activities & Clubs

Rise and Shine Readers

Rise and Shine Readers takes place in the library once per week from 8:00-8:25 a.m. Students come ready with a book to read and spend time enjoying some quiet time with their book in the library.

Performing Arts

Vocal - Watch for emails regarding the Robinson Choir (Grades 3-5). The choir performs at several events throughout the school year. Like athletics, there are audition-based opportunities available throughout the area. For example, students in Grades 2-5 can audition for the Crescendo Youth Choirs. Watch emailed/digital flyers or visit <https://crescendoyouthchoirs.org/> for information.

Athletics

While Robinson does not have official school teams run by the school itself, many students participate in recreational sports together through the Kirkwood Community Center (soccer, basketball, etc.) and nearby organizations. This does require parent/family coordination and communication. There are also many competitive athletic leagues throughout the city and county that students can try out for. Watch digital/emailed flyers for opportunities. We also encourage parents to connect through classroom level Facebook pages and the buzz book to coordinate recreational sport teams.

Other Clubs/Activities

Robinson offers a variety of other clubs throughout the school year. In the past, clubs have included everything from a Cup Stacking Club to Chess Club to Reading Club. Watch weekly e-newsletters for details. For more information about [before and after school clubs/activities](#), check out the [Robinson website](#).

*** Before and after school clubs/activities vary from year to year.

Other Helpful Information

School Pictures

School Pictures are taken twice per year in the Fall and in the Spring. Fall pictures are included in the yearbook and class composites. Spring Pictures capture personality shots with multiple poses. Order forms

are sent home with your student and made available online. Dr. Garrett's weekly newsletter will share picture day & ordering information.

Robinson Cares

Robinson Cares is a PTO Committee which helps students and families in our Robinson community that are in need of food resources through the Robinson Food Pantry, emergency assistance, and school and seasonal essentials. For additional information about this program or for ways to contribute to Robinson Cares, please email the [Robinson Cares Committee](#).

If you and your family have additional needs during this time, please reach out to [Ms. Kadic](#) by email or by phone at **314-643-9115**.

Who to Contact

Classroom Teacher

- Academic progress and support
- SEL (social and emotional learning) progress and support
- Peer Relationships
- School and grade level events
- Individualized Education Plans (IEP) - Case manager

Secretaries

- Registration and records
- Absences
- Dismissal changes
- General school questions
- Volunteer process
- Late/missing bus

Nurse

- Medications
- Health Plans
- Illnesses and injuries

Counselors

- Academic support
- SEL support
- Bullying
- Family resources
- Special School District (SSD) referrals/504s

Social Worker

- Free/reduced price lunch application
- Family resources

Principals ([Dr. La'Kendra Garrett](#), Principal; [Dr. Jen Bordenkircher](#), Assistant Principal)

- Concerns not resolved by classroom teacher
- Behavior concerns on the bus (Assistant Principal)
- School Concerns
- Staff Concerns