



SCHOOL PAGE

Supt. Hood gave his superintendents report on budget update, superintendent evaluation packet, Update 103 and Staff Christmas party.

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 5 pm.

The meeting was adjourned 5:58 pm.

Blackwell Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 7

Pancakes, yogurt or choice of cereal & cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 8

Chicken-n-biscuit or choice of cereal & yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 9

French toast, sausage or choice of cereal & cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast pocket or choice of cereal & yogurt, apple slices, milk

Friday, December 11

Dutch waffle & bacon or choice of cereal & cheese stick, fruit juice, banana, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 7

Chicken parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, apple slices, breadsticks, milk

Tuesday, December 8

Tangerine chicken w/eggroll and brown rice, baby carrots w/ranch, steamed broccoli, chilled pineapple, cookie, milk

Wednesday, December 9

Lasagna w/meat sauce, hot roll, garden salad, veggie cup, seasonal fruit, milk

Thursday, December 10

Pulled pork slider, multi-grain chips, coleslaw, petite tomato cup, hot cinnamon apples, milk

Friday, December 11

Hamburger or cheeseburger w/garnish, oven fries, western beans, diced pears, milk

Bronte Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 7

Pancakes or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 8

Blueberry muffin or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday, December 10

PBJ sandwich or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 11

Sausage & biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 7

Chicken Quesadillas, Mexicali corn, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Tuesday, December 8

Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, roll, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 9

Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, Tuscan vegetables, peaches, pudding milk

Thursday, December 10

Chili w/cornbread, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk

Friday, December 11

Hamburger, potato tots, zesty cucumbers, fruit, milk

Robert Lee Menu

Breakfast

Monday, December 7

Chicken-n-waffles, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, December 8

Sausage kolaches, fruit, juice, milk

Wednesday, December 9

Toast, eggs, sausage, fruit,

juice, milk

Thursday, December 10

Pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Friday, December 11

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, December 7

Chicken Quesadillas, salsa, corn, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce, milk

Tuesday, December 8

Steak fingers, baked potato, carrots, roll, gravy, strawberries & bananas, milk

Wednesday, December 9

Spaghetti, breadstick, Tuscan vegetables, salad, peaches, milk

Thursday, December 10

Chili w/cornbread, broccoli, orange salad, milk

Friday, December 11

Sloppy Joe, fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie, milk

Community

Thanksgiving Service raises Food Pantry funds

The residents of the Robert Lee community were very generous with donations at the annual service for the Coke County Food Pantry with over \$1,700 being donated.

Everyone enjoyed music by Kyle Long, Buddie Wallace, Jim Clendennen, Daryl Copeland and Keith Dillard. Nashville could not have been much better. The Methodist Pastor, Cyndi Weidner, presented a wonderful piano solo which was followed by a short devotion by Brother Hood. Hot dogs and cake were served afterwards. Everyone left truly blessed and this will help the food pantry for a time.

Fall into Good Planting Habits

By Erin Oleksiuk-District Technician, Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District
Fall is the time for planting in West Texas! Tree roots and shrubs grow whenever the temperature is roughly 40 degrees. Planting in the fall and winter months give trees time to establish and ready themselves for the harsh summer months. If cared for properly, your trees will be bursting with life in the spring!

It is very important to plant and care for your new trees properly. Trees can easily become damaged during transportation from the nursery to the home. If moving a tree by truck or trailer, make sure the limbs and leaves are wrapped with burlap or a bed sheet to protect them from the wind. An uncovered ride home can break limbs and cause leaves to drop after planting. During the first growing season it is crucial to make sure the tree has received proper watering; a new tree will need to be slightly watered everyday for the first week after planting, every other day the second week, every third day the third week, and once a month thereafter. Trees do not need fertilizer after planting, spring is the time to fertilize but even then it is recommended to go light on the fertilizer to avoid burning the roots. Staking or tying down a tree should be a last resort; ropes can damage tree bark and will weaken a tree by not allowing it to strengthen itself against the elements.

It is very disheartening to have a tree die; these are the top 10 reasons trees don't survive:
10. Tree is not suitable to live in West Texas heat. Do some research to find the best trees for your area.
9. Not adapted to the local,

clay soil. Clay soil can form a slick surface on the sides of the hole that will prevent root growth if not broken up properly.

8. Trunk was damaged during transport or planting. The vascular system of a tree is just below the bark. Young trees have thin bark and can be easily damaged.

7. Wire stake and tags were not removed from tree. Remove all tags from tree and avoid staking.

6. Tree was planted too deeply. The top of the root ball should be even with the surrounding soil.

5. Tree was not healthy when purchased. Check tree for splits, broken branches, insects or disease, and the root system. Do not purchase a tree with encircling roots because the root system will strangle the tree. If already purchased, spread out the roots and cut through them (new roots will grow where you cut the circling roots).

4. A weed eater or mower damaged the tree trunk. Be careful when doing yard work around trees.

3. Roots over dried while waiting to be planted. Make sure tree has adequate water if you are unable to plant after purchase.

2. Leaves dehydrated while being transported. Remember to cover limbs and leaves for the ride home.

1. Lack of water or over watering during the first growing season is the #1 killer of trees. Especially in heavy, clay soils. Use weekly soil wetness tests to ensure proper watering.

The Coke County Soil and Water District is currently hosting a Tree Sale. Several different species of evergreen and hardwood trees are available this year. Stop by the office at 214 E. 7th Street to pick up an order form and view pictures of mature trees. Call 453-2623 ext. 3 for more information.

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