

Fun at

## Robbins Elementary!

## Robbins Elementary on Spring Break!

This week Carroll Robbins is off on Spring Break, which means that we do not have practicum. So, what are we doing during this “break?” We are working hard of course! With our entire unit due in less than 1 week and the various project deadlines looming ahead, it is crunch time for everyone and we were hit with a good dose of the future reality. The fundraiser for school supplies kicked off this week and we also got a sneak peek at the interview process that we, as future teachers, will need to go through.

### What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

“Don’t sweat the small stuff. Things aren’t always going to go according to plan, so always try your hardest. If things don’t turn out exactly how you wanted or thought they would, that doesn’t mean you should quit... and always remember to smile! Life goes on.”

-Danielle Reilly

“Don’t be afraid to set rules – you can be a nurturing teacher and still set norms and expectations for your students without coming off as mean... Don’t be afraid to aim high.”

-Susie DaQuila

“Maintain consistency in everything in the classroom always no matter what!

-Bryanna Kirner



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*Work hard or you will  
end up like the economy!  
How bad is the  
economy?  
It is really bad.*



## Mock Interview



On Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, our class had the privilege of observing a mock interview in RAL. Professor Johnson's husband, Dr. Bruce Johnson, who is the principal of Quarry Hill Elementary School in Pennsylvania, conducted the interview with fellow student Allison Au. During the interview, Dr. Johnson brought up a variety of realistic interview questions, such as "How would you use a

SMART board in the classroom?" and "How would you determine if a student stays in the room or goes to a resource room?" Overall, Allison did a wonderful job during the interview, and observing her and hearing the questions and answers was invaluable. As the future draws nearer, we now feel more prepared for the interview process thanks to this wonderful experience!

**Prepare! Prepare!**  
**Prepare for your**  
**interviews! Or**  
**you'll end up like**  
**the economy!**  
**(It's pretty bad)**



### Tips from Dr. Bruce Johnson

- You only get one chance to make a favorable first impression.
  - Be dynamic and show your uniqueness.
  - Your new motto is, "I am child centered and committed to success for all students!"
  - Make the students respect you; do not worry about if they like you.
  - Speak proper English. Remember that you are a role model for every student in every sense. Also, you want to show your intellect to parents.
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- Have a dozen resumes when you go on the interview and be sure to stick a resume in the interviewer's hand immediately.
  - Remember, you are not just applying for the job available today, but for the job available tomorrow. If there is another position available in the future, there could be a call back!
  - It's perfectly okay to pause after being asked a question and even say "I don't know" once or twice. However, be sure to follow up on any information that you did not know.
  - Follow up with a thank you e-mail or letter including any new information that you learned.

## Kick-Start of Robbins Fundraiser

It was a successful kick-start of our vendor table fundraiser this past Wednesday to raise money for school supplies for Carroll Robbins Elementary School! All our preparations, on top of our regular school work, have led up to this month. (We thank you so much for all the hard work and dedication put in it so far!)

There was a vendor table in the New Education Café, Valerie baked cake pops, Jessie and Ashley made a cute school bus donation box, and Jessie, Ashley, Kelly, and Michelle D., Valerie and Allison came to their shifts and promoted the fundraiser. We raised some funds through selling cake pops and donations, and we advertised for what we are doing. And this is only the beginning! Keep a lookout for our progress! And remember our other fundraising dates (listed below)!



Jessie and Ashley manning the table



## Upcoming Fundraising Dates



Vendor Table (4/8, 4/9, and 4/10)

Cheeburger Cheeburger in Lawrenceville (4/18 11am-9pm)



Can Shake at Dunkin Donuts (4/7)

**\*Be sure to see the Google document to see what shifts you're supposed to do!**

## What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?



"Remember to set high, but attainable goals for all your student; showing students you believe in them! Encourage students to embrace learning by modeling your love for all subject!"

*-Bianca Venice*

"Admit when you are wrong or when you make a mistake. Students like to see that you are human too."

*-Michelle Sanders*

"Keep your knees in mind! After many years of teaching, standing up and down, kneeling, etc. your knees will hurt. So, do whatever you can to help your knees out. When doing bulletin boards, bring a cart so that you don't have to keep bending up and down to reach for materials on the floor."

*- Valerie Li*



## Important Dates



### For ELE – Dr. Pan

ELE midterm Friday      4/5  
Unit Plan due Tuesday      4/9

### RAL – Dr. Johnson

Class at 9am      4/23  
In My Hands project      4/23  
  
Student Interview      4/23  
  
Concept Wheel      4/23  
    *(part I of Unit)*  
In My Hands Unit      5/9  
    *(part II of Unit)*

Full time      4/15-4/22  
practicum      4/26-5/1  
  
Cheeburger class dinner fundraiser      4/18

