

2025 Pet Responsibility

Holiday Celebration At Robbins Elementary



Star Artist Award Winners

On December 19, 2025, the Robbins Elementary 4th graders had a lot to celebrate as they prepared to leave for their 2025 - 2026 holiday break.

The Holiday Early Release

day brought much excitement to the Pet Responsibility Assembly.

During the Assembly, all the 4th grade students celebrated everything they learned during the 5 sessions of Pet Responsibility education provided by volunteers of the Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee. The students easily answered a number of questions based on the pet responsibility curriculum.

Students were asked to design "Clinic Bags" (to be used at the Spay / Neuter Clinic to dispense discharge medication and information). Fifteen students were awarded the "Star Artist Award" for excellent artwork and / or pet responsibility message: Kenley, Lindsey, Lexi, Monserrat, Journeigh, Terra, Damian, Yuleynee, Fernando, Ethan, Izabel, Ziza, Yamileth, Camila, and David. They all received a large sketch pad and box of crayons.

The Pet Responsibility mascot, "Speuter", read a poem about her life as a homeless cat who was rescued by a family. "Speuter" helped announce two other categories of recognition.

Students were asked to write a "Speuter Story" about why they wanted their pet/s to be spayed / neutered. A number of students also wrote stories about the importance of being a responsible pet



owner. Nine students were recognized for their excellent stories: Andrea, Sofia, Jocelyn, Eliza, Daleyza, Skylar, Peyton, Keagan and Dayanna. They received a pet notepad and a personalized certificate naming them as "AD-

PRC volunteers Barb Ross, Dr. Janice Baker and Suzie Wall watching a student volunteer check Beanie Wall's heart rate with a stethoscope.



VOCATES". Five students wrote stories about a specific need to have their pet/s spayed / neutered: Alexa (3), Sebastian, Lindsey, Gabriel, and Fernando. One additional student, Brian, advocated for a family who needed to have their female kitten spayed! They all received a framed certificate, medallion and pet notepad.



Because of the students' advocacy, 8 pets will be spayed / neutered at the Sandhills Spay Neuter Clinic. These students' parents were invited to the Assembly and were provided information about the free transportation available for their pet to and from the Spay Neuter Clinic.



A VERY special guest, Dr. Janice Baker, Veterinarian, spoke to the students about her career as a veterinarian. She shared information about the joys and challenges of being a veterinarian. Beanie Wall, a sweet, little poodle (owner - Suzie Wall), was Dr. Baker's "patient" as Dr. Baker showed the students how she routinely examines pets.



Ava, a student, was invited to 'assist' Dr. Baker with the exam of Beanie by using a stethoscope to count Beanie's heartbeats!



The Assembly closed with the students promising to be responsible pet owners. They were all encouraged to go out into the world and be ADVOCATES!



All the students signed the Promise Poster and received goody bags with holiday pencils, erasers, a pet responsibility bookmark, candy . . . a life saver (because they are now life savers), Hersey's Kiss (because they love animals), a Kit Kat (a reminder to not forget cats) and a candy cane to celebrate the holidays!

The dogs and cats of Moore County have much to celebrate in the coming years because Robbins' Elementary School 4th graders will spread the message of responsible pet ownership!

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Photos by Mike Dubbs and his photo team of Casey and Kennady