

## District XV Retired Teachers meeting held

Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) District XV members gathered at the Methodist Family Life Center on Thursday, October 17, 2024, for the Fall Conference.

District XV president Karen Hoelschler presided with an agenda that included a message from Tim Lee, director of TRTA, who explained the work that preceded the retired teachers COLA. He pointed out that an active membership is needed for success. Ms. Terri Navrikal, second VP of TRTA, expressed appreciation to the group for their prior dedication to their profession and to their active involvement in TRTA and in the Coke County chapter.

Members were welcomed by Ms. Debbie Childers. On the agenda were Katrina Daniel,

Chief Health Care Officer of TRTA, D'Anna Beaucom, AMBA representative, and Laurie Wilson, representing Representative Drew Darby.

Local member and former superintendent, Bill Hood, gave the opening prayer. Dr. Aaron Hood represented Robert Lee ISD. Ms. George Demere made logistic arrangements at the Family Life Center for the gathering of 50 plus attendees. Coke County Retired Teacher Association (CCRTA) president Cristi Bagwell coordinated the semi-annual meeting. Noel and Co. provided the noon meal.

District XV officers gave information of the district's activities. A silent auction was held to raise funds for the TRTA Foundation which awards stipends to teachers across the



state. The trta.org website is a must for retired and about-to-be retired teachers. Also the trs.org website is an important website in planning or dealing with

retirement.

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association meet the third Mondays of the month (excluding December, May, June

and July) at the First Baptist Church in Bronte. The meetings are held at noon with a potluck meal. New members are needed and welcomed.

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### Friday, November 1

Pepperoni pocket, broccoli, marinara sauce, cinnamon applesauce, milk

### Blackwell CISD

#### Breakfast

### Monday, October 28

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk

### Tuesday, October 29

Bagels, cream cheese, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

### Wednesday, October 30

Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk

### Thursday, October 31

Biscuit, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

### Friday, November 1

Grape or strawberry uncrustables, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

### Monday, October 28

Homemade beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, milk

### Tuesday, October 29

Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, corn on the cob, tossed salad, milk

### Wednesday, October 30

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, hot roll, milk

### Thursday, October 31

Chicken nuggets, fries, dipping sauce, milk

### Friday, November 1

No menu available

### Robert Lee ISD

#### Breakfast

### Monday, October 28

Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
**Tuesday, October 29**

Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

### Wednesday, October 30

Power breakfast, fruit, juice, milk

### Thursday, October 31

Chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, juice, milk

### Friday, November 1

No menu available

#### Lunch

### Monday, October 28

Meat and cheese chalupas, refried beans, Mexicorn, orange smiles, pudding, milk

### Tuesday, October 29

Chicken-n-waffles, fries, veggie cup, grapes, rice crispy treat, milk

### Wednesday, October 30

Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, carrot coins, squash, strawberries and bananas, milk

### Thursday, October 31

Cheese sticks, marinara sauce, salad, carrot sticks, pears, milk

### Friday, November 1

No menu available

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Whatever your dreams and passions might be, I hope you use the remainder of 2024 so that your dreams and passions blossom in 2025!

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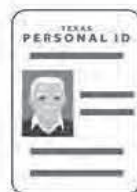
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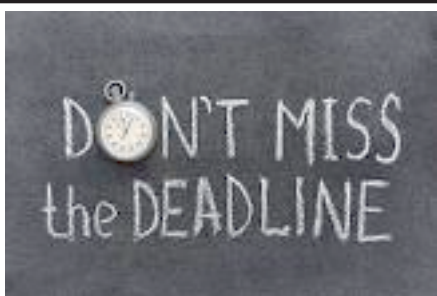
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