



# Robert Down Principal's Update

*January 13, 2023*

## Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

A reminder that Monday is a holiday, celebrating the leadership and passion of Martin Luther King, Jr. who embodied the Civil Rights Movement. Let's all take a moment to see how we can individually make a difference to help his dream come true.

It is with mixed feelings that I share our wonderful Attendance Clerk, Carey O'Sullivan, will be joining the Falcon Family at Forest Grove as their new Office Manager. Her replacement will hopefully be announced next week, but we wish nothing but the best for Carey in her new position. Once an otter, always an otter, so she will remain a part of our ohana forever.

I look forward to seeing families at next week's Cocoa with Keller on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, (Join Zoom Meeting: <https://pgusd.zoom.us/j/83526031974> ), Wednesday, Jan. 18th at Peppers for the PTA Dine Out, and if you are a basketball fan make plans to see the PGHS Lady Breakers play on Thursday, Jan. 26th for their annual Elementary Night where all RHD students will gain free entry.

See below for information regarding our most current campus maintenance issue:

**Message from PGUSD Maintenance and Transportation Director**

*Just before the Winter Break the sewer line became clogged in the BASRP room. After several attempts to clear it we called in a contractor. The contractor could not clear the line either and the decision was made to use a hydro-jetter. Unfortunately the hydro jetter became stuck in the line. We then determined that the floor has to be cut out to access the section of pipe we are certain must be broken.*

*The area in question has some very old flooring. The flooring was tested for asbestos and is found to contain 3% asbestos. This flooring poses no threat to faculty, staff or students as it is considered "Non-Friable". Simply put this means it cannot become airborne. However, we cannot cut through it to remove the concrete.*

*We have contracted an abatement company to safely remove the flooring which will allow us to proceed with the sewer repair. The flooring is being removed today and tomorrow and our environmental consulting firm is taking clearance samples to ensure that it is all gone and it is safe to proceed with our work. I have also spoken with the Monterey Bay Air Resources District as a courtesy and to ensure we are proceeding with their full awareness.*

*The good news is that we have located some old flooring and it will be removed safely. Should any questions or concerns arise please direct those to me.*

***Best regards,***

***Jon Anderson, MPA***

***Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation***

***Pacific Grove Unified School District***

***435 Hillcrest Ave***

***Pacific Grove, CA 93950***

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In Otter Ohana,

Sean Keller, RHD Principal

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## **RHD Upcoming Events**

**Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No School**

**Jan. 17 - Cocoa with Keller, 6:30 PM**

Jan. 18 - PTA Dine Out, Peppers Mexicali Cafe, 11:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Jan. 19 - Picture Retake Day

Jan. 19 - 100th Day of School

Jan. 19 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

Jan. 24 - PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM



**PTA Meeting**  
**PLEASE JOIN US (Remotely)**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 630-7pm**

Zoom:

<https://stanford.zoom.us/j/97183689596?pwd=eGpmaEtzNnBiMzFyN3UrTW42eW9pUT09>

Meeting ID: 971 8368 9596

Password: 688756

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**RHD - Active Student COVID Cases**

As of January 12

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**Volunteer & Chaperone Clearance**

If you plan on being a **VOLUNTEER** on campus or a **CHAPERONE** for a field trip, please be sure you are fingerprint cleared with our district and submit a copy of your **COVID vaccine card** to the District Office. To make an appointment at the District Office please call Kimberly Ortiz at 646-6553.



Before coming to campus to volunteer, please check with your child's teacher to schedule a time that works best for them.



### Office Reminders...

1) Please have your child to school on time. Gates open at 8:30 AM. Warning bell rings at 8:40 AM. **Final bell rings and instruction begins at 8:45 AM.** When a student is tardy it is disruptive to the office and classroom. In addition, students miss important information and announcements from their teacher first thing in the morning.

2) Did you know that you can report your child's absence with your ParentVUE app? Simply log into your ParentVUE account to send the office a message about why your child is absent.

**\* Ways to report a student absent \***

- a) ParentVUE app
- b) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663
- c) Email Carey O'Sullivan at [cosullivan@pgusd.org](mailto:cosullivan@pgusd.org)

3) Please make sure to relay afterschool plans with your child **PRIOR** to the school day. The office and teachers are getting phone calls and emails from parents daily about what their child should do after school. This is disruptive.

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### Robert Down Birthday Books

This notice is to tell you about our ***voluntary*** program designed to build the RHD library and foster your child's love of reading.

**Here is how it works:** To join the Robert H. Down Birthday Book Club fill out the information below (scroll way down to the bottom of this message to print the Birthday Book forms) and deposit it in the Drop Box at school along with a check for \$20.00 (please make the check payable to the P.G.U.S.D. and write R.H.D. Birthday Book on the memo line).

When your child's birthday month comes around Ms. Scanlon will present a new book in honor of your child's birthday. Your child will be the first one to check out and read the book that has been donated to the library to celebrate their birthday. A bookplate with your child's name will be affixed to the inside cover for all future readers to appreciate.



### **Birthday Book Club.pdf**

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## Tools for the Journey

*Creating a World of Kind, Connected Human Beings*



### Breathing

*I calm myself and check-in.*

### Quiet/Safe Place

*I remember my quiet/safe place.*



### Listening

*I listen with my ears, eyes, and heart.*

### Empathy

*I care for myself. I care for others.*



### Personal Space

*I have a right to my space and so do you.*

### Using Our Words

*I use the "right" words, in the "right" way,  
at the "right" time, for the "right" reason.*



### Garbage Can

*I let the little things go.*

### Taking Time

*I take time-in and time-away.*



### Please & Thank You

*I treat others with kindness and appreciation.*

### Apology & Forgiveness

*I admit my mistakes and work to forgive yours.*



### Patience

*I am strong enough to wait.*

### Courage

*I have the courage to do the "right" thing*



*Practices of a Peaceful Warrior*



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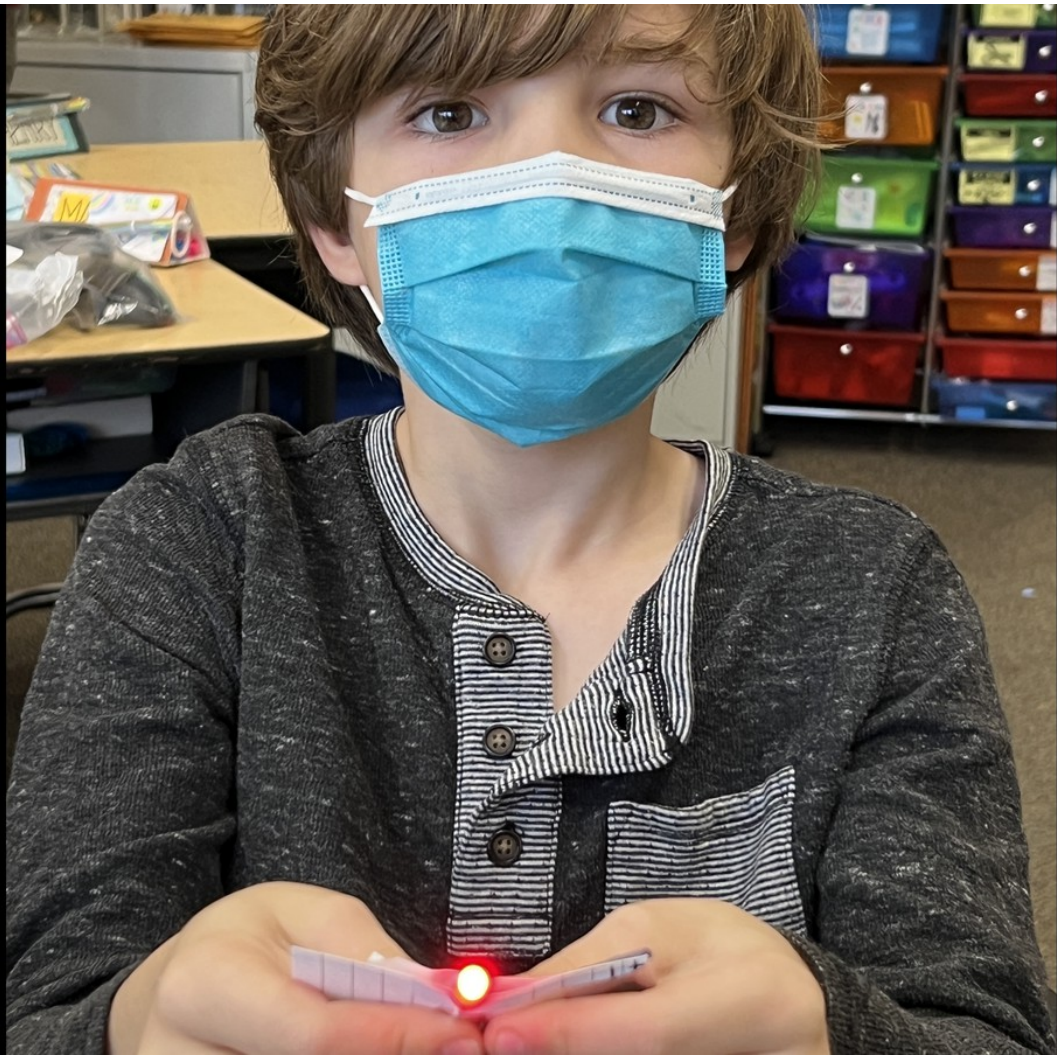
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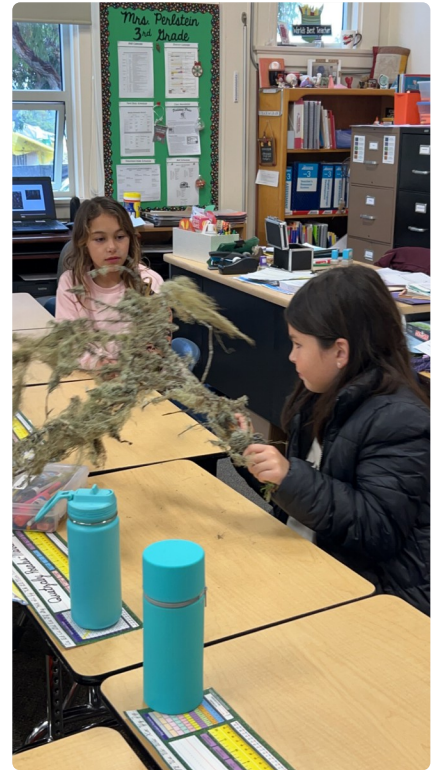


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Third-graders who couldn't take their field trip to the monarch sanctuary this week were lucky to have part of the monarch sanctuary brought to them by docent and classroom volunteer Stephanie Edholm.

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Inspired by our study of biographies, third-grader Henrietta Garsha shared her book titled "She Persisted" with her class.

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## Flyers

## RHD PTA DINE IN FUNDRAISER



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH  
11:30AM-9PM

10% OF YOUR PURCHASE  
WILL BE DONATED TO RHD.  
DON'T FORGET TO MENTION OUR FUNDRAISER!

**Peppers Mexicali Cafe**  
170 Forest Ave, PG  
(831)373-6892



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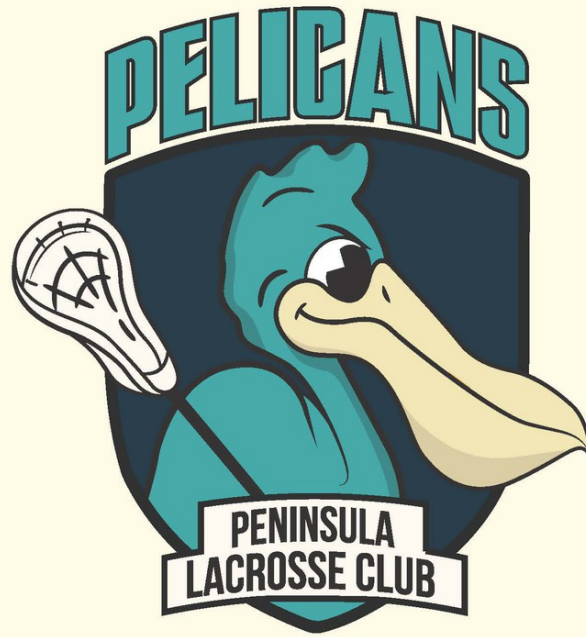
## JANUARY 2023 Elementary School Menu

Breakfast				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cereal Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Mini Cinnis Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Concha/Pan Dulce (Mexican sweet bread) 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Cereal Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Chocolate Muffin 100% Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch				
Monday 1/2	Tuesday 1/3	Wednesday 1/4	Thursday 1/5	Friday 1/6
NO SCHOOL	Turkey Taco Nada Corn Fruit Cup Milk Cheez-its	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Mixed Veggies Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 1/9	Tuesday 1/10	Wednesday 1/11	Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Carrots w/ Tajin Fruit Cup Milk	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes served with syrup Turkey Sausages Home Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (beef meatballs) Texas Toast Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 1/16	Tuesday 1/17	Wednesday 1/18	Thursday 1/19	Friday 1/20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  NO SCHOOL	Crispy Chicken Sandwich (NAE whole-muscle breaded filet) Sweet Potato Tots Peach Slices Milk	Chicken Tamale (mild green chili sauce; allergen-free) Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Milk Tortilla Chips	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Corn 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 1/23	Tuesday 1/24	Wednesday 1/25	Thursday 1/26	Friday 1/27
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks with marinara sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	Chicken Drumstick & Biscuit (NAE drumstick) Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit Milk	Meatloaf & Garlic Toast Corn Peach Slices Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31			
Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken & Waffle (NAE chicken served with syrup) Corn Fresh Fruit Milk			

Daily Vegetarian Option includes Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich & Bean & Cheese Burrito Menu subject to change without notice; the USDA and CDE are equal opportunity providers and employers

**\*ALL MEALS ARE FREE THROUGH MAY 26, 2023\***  
[www.pgusd.org/Departments/Food-Services](http://www.pgusd.org/Departments/Food-Services)





**GIRLS & BOYS**  
**AGE 9-14**

**MONTEREY**  
**3/1-5/20**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
**GEAR CAN BE PROVIDED**

**REGISTER @ LACROSSETHEBAY.ORG**

**CALL (860) 558-2739**

**EMAIL LAXTHEBAY@GMAIL.COM**

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Peninsula Lacrosse Club is excited to provide PGUSD students with an inclusive opportunity to play rec lacrosse this spring. For our boys and girls ages 9-14, whether new to lacrosse or experienced, Peninsula LC is an amazing opportunity for kids to develop as skilled athletes and people, have fun, and compete against local lacrosse clubs. Below are the details:

**Who:** Girls & boys ages 9-14

**When:** March 1 - May 20

**Where:** Monterey

**Cost:** \$299 | Scholarships & equipment available

For new players, Peninsula LC can provide lacrosse gear to use throughout the season. They can also provide you with recommendations if you'd like to buy your own.

If you would like to play, [here is the link to register](#). You can also register at [lacrossethebay.org](http://lacrossethebay.org). If you have questions, call (860) 558-2739 or email [laxthebay@gmail.com](mailto:laxthebay@gmail.com).





## Robert Down Elementary School

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