



Robert Down Principal's Update


March 2, 2023

Principal's Message

Good Evening RHD Families -

CONGRATULATIONS READERS! We have more than 210 readers signed up for the Read-A-Thon, which means: extra recess time this Friday, March 3rd! Recess will be from 9:55AM-10:15AM and the PTA and parent volunteers look forward to seeing you on the playground!

Don't forget:



Friday March 3rd: Flashlight Friday Night! Come to the RHD cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm for a special hour of family reading fun, featuring special guest readers. Snacks provided.

Local Fundraisers

Two fundraising events you may be interested in start this weekend with **The PG Youth Ambassadors** program hosting a silent action from 7:00-9:00 PM at Lauren's Lounge in the Holman Building Saturday, March 4th. Cost is \$50 with appetizers and light fare and adult beverages. Go to yaopg.org for more information. Next weekend **The Great Taste of PG** hosted by our wonderful P.G.P.R.I.D.E. comes back to the Inn at Spanish Bay on Sunday, March 19 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Cost is \$75 with various "tastes" from around the peninsula and beyond. I hope to see you at both events.

Parent Conference Week, Next Week

Parent Teacher Conference Week. Kindergarten students have minimum day Monday through Friday, March 6-10. Students in grades 1st-5th grades only have minimum days Wednesday through Friday, March 8-10.

VIRTUAL PGUSD TK/K Parent Meeting, March 22

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Zoom Meeting Link

<https://pgusd.zoom.us/j/83838937165>

Meeting ID: 838 3893 7165

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Volunteers Needed for Career Day





We need parent volunteers to share their careers with our 5th-grade students. Volunteers are to contact Mrs. Frudden, at sfrudden@pgusd.org. A meeting will take place in March to inform volunteers of the details. We are looking for a variety of careers to share with our 5th-grade students. Your presentation can be about 10 minutes in length. You will have the option of recording your presentation, presenting via ZOOM while on the job, or in person.

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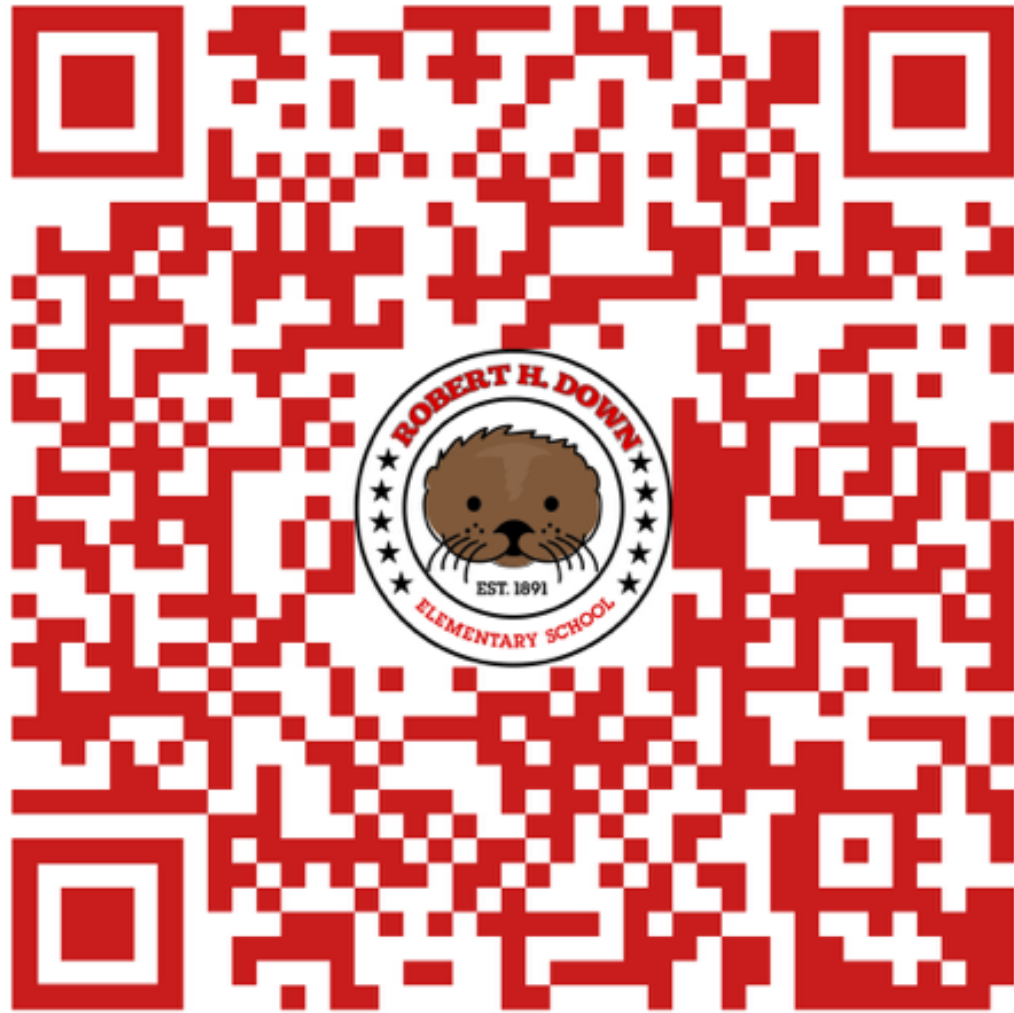
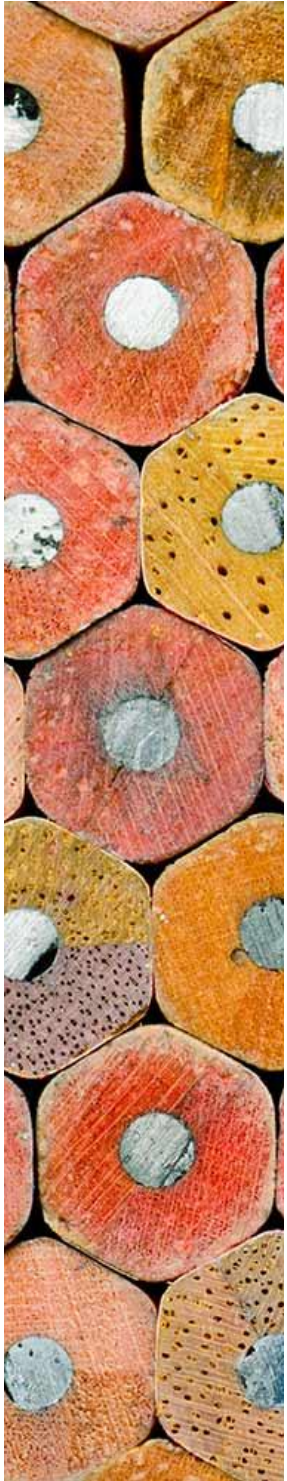
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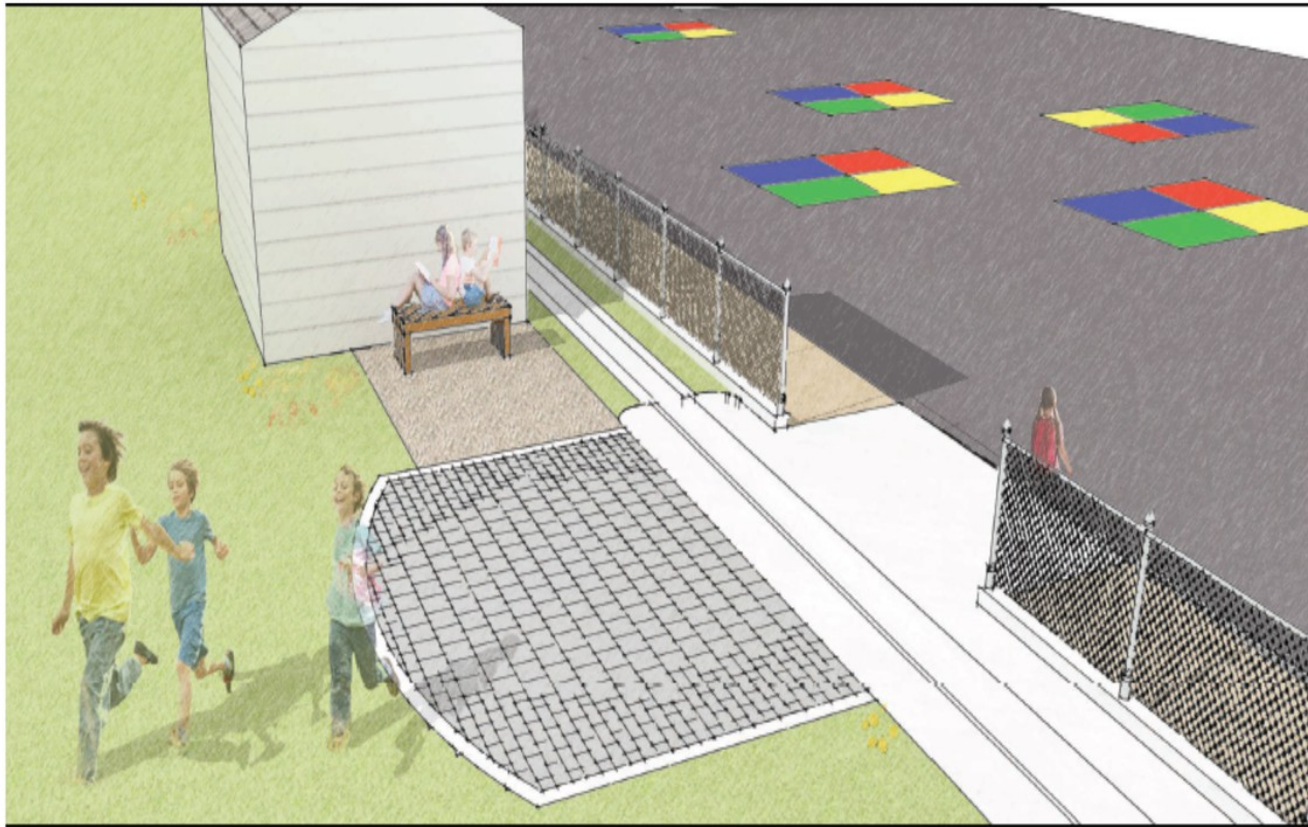
RHD Brick Sales Are Available Online

Brick Fundraiser Back Online

A huge shout out to Field of Dreams Designs and its owner, Neil MacLaren, for being willing to sell RHD Bricks for our fundraiser. Please use the QR code below to order a 4x8 or 8x8 brick for our summer project.







RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of March 2

- 1 student, Ibrahim
- 1 student, Hiserman

RHD Upcoming Events



February - African American History Month

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month>

March 2 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

March 3 - PTA Flashlight Friday Night, Cafeteria, 6:30-7:30 PM

March 6-10 - Parent Teacher Conferences, Minimum Days (Kinder M-F, 1st-5th, W,TH,F only)

March 14 - Cocoa with Keller, 6:30 PM

March 19 - PG PRIDE Taste of PG, Spanish Bay, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

March 22 - PTA Dine Out, Chipotle at Del Monte Center, 4:00 -8:00 PM

March 22 - PGUSD Virtual TK/K Parent Meeting, 6:00-7:00 PM (see flyer below)

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Message from District Nurse Katrina Powley

Medication Consent - Even for Store Bought/On the Counter Medication


A friendly reminder that a medication consent form should be completed with parent and healthcare signature for all over-the-counter and prescribed medications given at school. This includes cough drops and throat lozenges.

Reminder -- Food Allergies

Hello Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom Families,

As a reminder, we have a Kindergarten classmate severely allergic to peanuts as well as First Grade classmates that are severely allergic to egg and egg products in addition to tree nut and peanut products. Therefore, they should not be exposed to any egg, tree nut or peanut products in the classrooms or lunch area in order to avoid life-threatening reactions to these foods requiring Epi-Pen treatment.

The Kindergarten classmate and First Grade classmates can develop life-threatening allergic reactions to these products via contaminated hands with both nut and egg remnants which are rubbed on the eyes, nose, and mouth. To maintain the highest level of safety, all of the



Kindergarten and First classrooms will be compulsory egg, tree nut, and peanut-free classrooms. No school-based foods containing egg or nut products will be served in any of the Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms.

Given the importance of ensuring that there is no exposure to egg and nut food products in the Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms, we request that all Kindergarten and First Grade classroom families refrain from sending any foods with their child to school which contain peanut, tree nut or egg ingredients. We understand that this requires an adjustment for families in the foods that they pack for their students as well as time to plan for alternatives but know that this is an important implementation to minimize the exposure to life-threatening allergens for students with nut and egg allergies.

*Thank you very much,
Katrina Powley, RN, BSN, CSN
District School Nurse
Pacific Grove Unified School District
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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 Annie Deis at adeis@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.

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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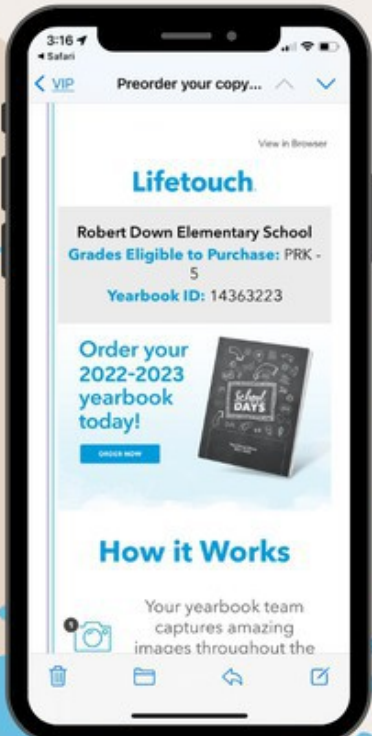






Flyers

PTA Newsletter



Order your 2022-2023 yearbook today!

IT'S EASY!

- 01** Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order>
- 02** Enter our Yearbook ID: 14363223
- 03** Place an order for your child's yearbook!

RHD Yearbooks for SALE!

Yearbooks are available for sale, please order soon if you'd like one:

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Orders must be placed by April 17

Don't miss out on all the events at Robert Down Elementary School. Pre-order your yearbook today at ybpay.lifetouch.com using your **Yearbook ID Code: 14363223**.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GIVING!



Sunday,
March 19, 4-7pm

The Inn at Spanish Bay Ballrooms,
Pebble Beach

Come join us for an
evening of Great Food,
Wine, Brew and a
Great Silent Auction!

Raising funds
for Pacific
Grove
Classrooms

Please Join Us

Purchase your tickets or
make a donation online now!

Go to: supportpgpride.com today!

\$75 in advance
\$85 beginning March 13
(over 21 years of age only, please)

Email info@supportpgpride.com for sponsorship opportunities,
silent auction donations, food & beverage vendor opportunities.
Mail Donations to: P.O. Box 419, Pacific Grove, CA 93950



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PGUSD 2023-2024

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Wednesday, March 22, 2023

6:00 - 6:30 PM General Information

6:30 - 7:00 PM Break Out by site

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An opportunity to visit campuses in person will be during Open House:

Forest Grove – April 26 at 6:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Room

Robert Down – April 27 at 5:45 PM, Ottertorium

RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS 2023

FEBRUARY



FEBRUARY 21

5pm - 8pm

MARCH



MARCH 22

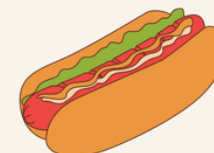
4pm - 8pm

APRIL



APRIL 19

4pm - 8pm



MAY



MAY 17

All day

JUNE



JUNE 14

All day

JULY





JULY 7

11am - 7pm



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 Pacific Grove Unified School District 				
MARCH 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 Fresh Fruit Milk	Chocolate Muffin 100% Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch				
		Wednesday 3/1	Thursday 3/2	Friday 3/3
		Miller's Beef Hotdog (uncured, no nitrates) Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Cucumbers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 3/6	Tuesday 3/7	Wednesday 3/8	Thursday 3/9	Friday 3/10
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks with marinara sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes served with syrup Turkey Sausages Home Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich 100% Veggie & Fruit Juice Fruit Cup Milk	Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk Graham Crackers	Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich String Cheese 100% Veggie & Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Milk Cheez-Its MINIMUM DAY
Monday 3/13	Tuesday 3/14	Wednesday 3/15	Thursday 3/16	Friday 3/17
Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Milk	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Corn Fruit Cup Milk	Turkey Taco Nada Baby Carrots 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 3/20	Tuesday 3/21	Wednesday 3/22	Thursday 3/23	Friday 3/24
Cheese Calzone with marinara sauce Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich (NAE whole-muscle breaded fillet) Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Cup Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (chicken meatballs) Texas Toast Corn Fresh Fruit	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk Abby's Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 3/27	Tuesday 3/28	Wednesday 3/29	Thursday 3/30	Friday 3/31
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Carrots w/ Tostitos Fruit Cup Milk Goldfish Graham	Chicken & Waffle (NAE chicken served with syrup) Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Teriyaki 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

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

Elementary Menu Change for 3/8 & 3/9

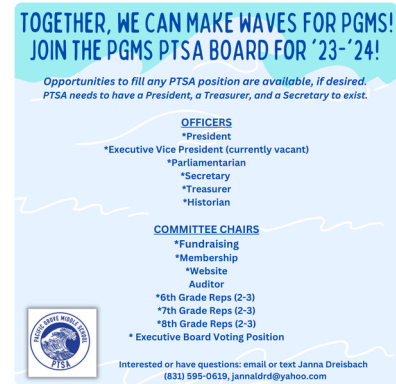
Due to supply issues, we will be changing next week's menu on the following days:

- Wednesday, 3/8: sub with Turkey Ham & Cheese on Hawaiian Bun & 100% Veggie/Fruit Juice
- Thursday, 3/9: Sub with Turkey & Cheese Wrap & Graham Crackers

For the most up to date menu and nutritional information, please check our [online menu here!](#)

PGMS PTSA Info

Calling all 5th Grade Parents! Join the PGMS PTSA for '23-'24 school year! All positions on the board are available, if interested, BUT 2-3 Sixth Grade Representatives are needed! What do the 6th Grade Reps do? They help plan several events exclusive only for 6th grade students, as well as, support the PTSA in planning and running events and attend monthly meetings. See the flyer for more info. We look forward to having you join us...together we can make waves for our PGMS Breakers!



Robert Down Elementary School

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RHD November 2022 Brick Fundraiser Fliers.pdf

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