



Robert Down Principal's Update

March 30, 2023

Principal's Message

Good Afternoon RHD Families -

I'm hoping to return to campus tomorrow by lunchtime and want to thank Sonda Frudden and Karen Levy for stepping in as Teachers in Charge while I've been out sick. My illness is non-COVID-related, but we have had our most group of cases occur within that last week: 18, with classrooms affected below.

I want to thank Summayya Zahra and Sid Noonari for sharing their celebrations of Ramadan with their son's 1st grade classroom along with Summayya working with students to create a beautiful billboard for our cafeteria last week (see below). Our own instructional assistant, Nargess Akhavi, also share information with staff about Nowruz, a celebration of the Persian New Year (also pictures below).

On that note, any families that would like to share traditions and/or celebrations on a presentation board during our Open House on Thursday, April 27th, please let me know so I can provide everyone with the materials needed.

Spring Break and Minimum Day Reminder

On Friday, April 7 there will be a Minimum Day with all students being dismissed at 12:10 PM.
Spring Break is from April 10-14.

All Lost and Found items will be donated after April 14th so please check for items left behind.

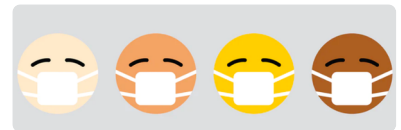
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Sean Keller, RHD Principal
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RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of March 30

6 students, Mrs. Dacuyan
2 students, Mrs. Hober
7 students, Mrs. Hiserman
1 student, Mrs. Chavez
1 student, Mrs. Evans
1 student, Ms. Levy



RAMAZAN

KAREEM





Gifts of 'sekeh' or coins for prosperity in the new year!



Goodbye, winter! Hello, spring!

RHD Upcoming Events

April 6 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

April 7 - Minimum Day, all students dismissed at 12:10 PM

April 10-14 - Spring Break, no school

April 17 - School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 PM

April 19 - PTA Dine Out, Sur at The Barnyard, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

April 20 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

April 21 - PTA STEM Night w/ Taco Truck, & Silent Auction, Outside/Cafe/Ottertorium, 5:00-7:00 PM

April 27 - OPEN HOUSE: New 2023-24 TK/K in Ottertorium 5:45 - 6:15 PM , all families in Ottertorium for Principal's Message 6:15-6:30 PM, and Classroom Visits 6:30-7:15 PM



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 ***

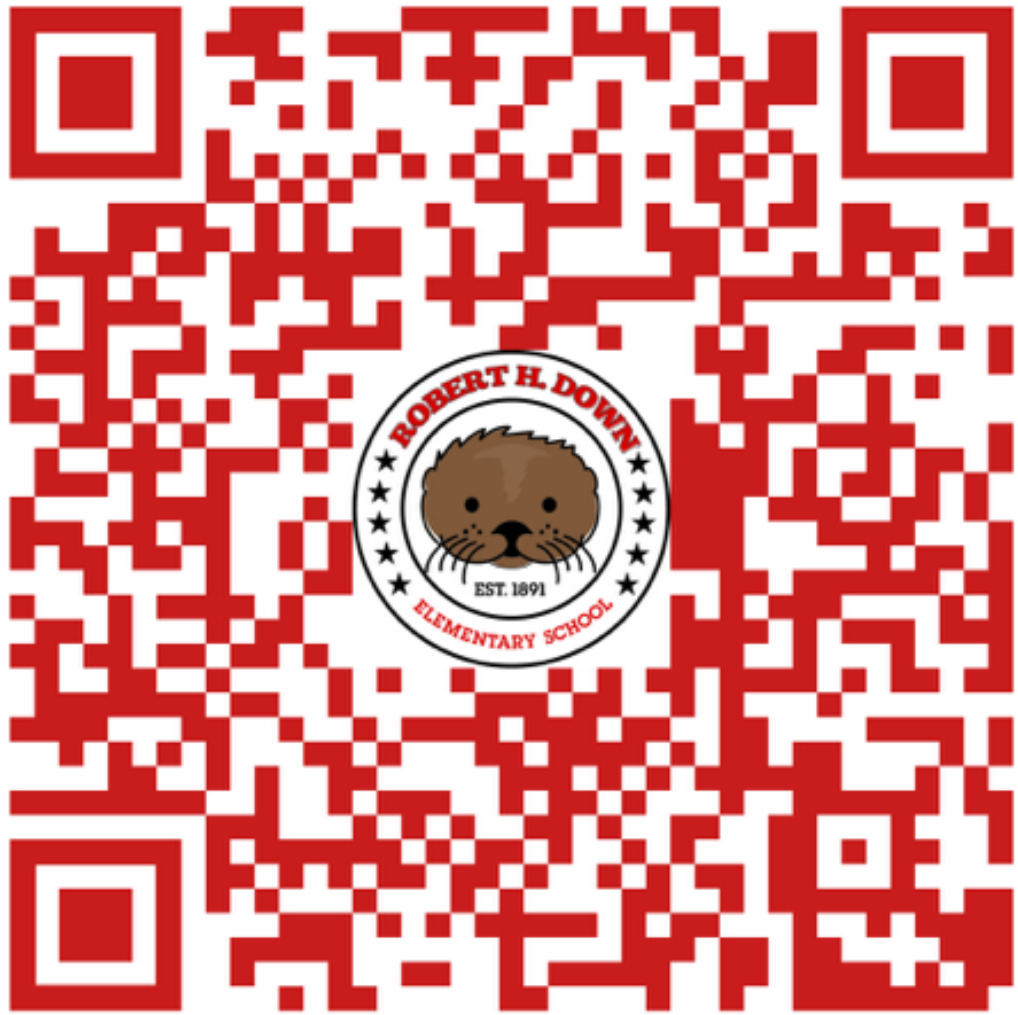
- a) ParentVUE app
- b) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663
- c) Email Annie Deis at adeis@pgusd.org

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.

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.





Smart Social - Learn How to Shine Online

Dear Pacific Grove Unified School District Community,

We paid for complimentary access to this live Instagram safety event (register today):

This month our friends at [SmartSocial.com](https://www.smart-social.com) will be sharing [How to navigate Instagram in a positive way](#). We feel like every student should view this with their parents. There are two dates to choose from, with three times available on each date. If you cannot attend live, we'd encourage you to register so you will receive the replay information after the event.

Register here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7616600577965/WN_8GP5h4mzRLiwlShxt8MHRQ

Let's face it, we can't avoid Instagram, but we can learn how to use it safely and productively. By joining these live events, you will hear directly from national experts and student interns to gain valuable insights about keeping students safe on Instagram.

We understand that your schedule may be busy, so these events are being offered at six different times to accommodate your needs. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from the best.

Register here for this next VALUABLE parent & student event on Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7616600577965/WN_8GP5h4mzRLiwlShxt8MHrQ

During the event, you will:

- *Hear directly from students and discover what they wish their parents knew about Instagram*
- *Explore new ways that students can use Instagram to learn skills and attract the attention of future employers and college admission officers*
- *Learn from Titania Jordan, the Chief Parent Officer of Bark Technologies and mom of a teenager*
- *Learn from an expert from the Center for Countering Digital Hate and discover what the research says about teen Instagram use*
- *And more...*

Use the Pacific Grove Unified School District unique registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7616600577965/WN_8GP5h4mzRLiwlShxt8MHrQ

Wednesday, March 22:

- *3 pm Pacific/6 pm Eastern*
- *5 pm Pacific/8 pm Eastern*
- *6:30 pm Pacific/9:30 pm Eastern*

Tuesday, March 28:

- *3 pm Pacific/6 pm Eastern*
- *5 pm Pacific/8 pm Eastern*
- *6:30 pm Pacific/9:30 pm Eastern*

We look forward to these live events from SmartSocial in 2023 and hope you'll join our community's conversation about learning how to keep our students safe online!

Sincerely,

Sean Keller

Pacific Grove Unified School District

P.S. If you can't make it, use this unique link to access the replay videos:

<https://smartsocial.com/pacificgroveusd> or [click here to login](#)

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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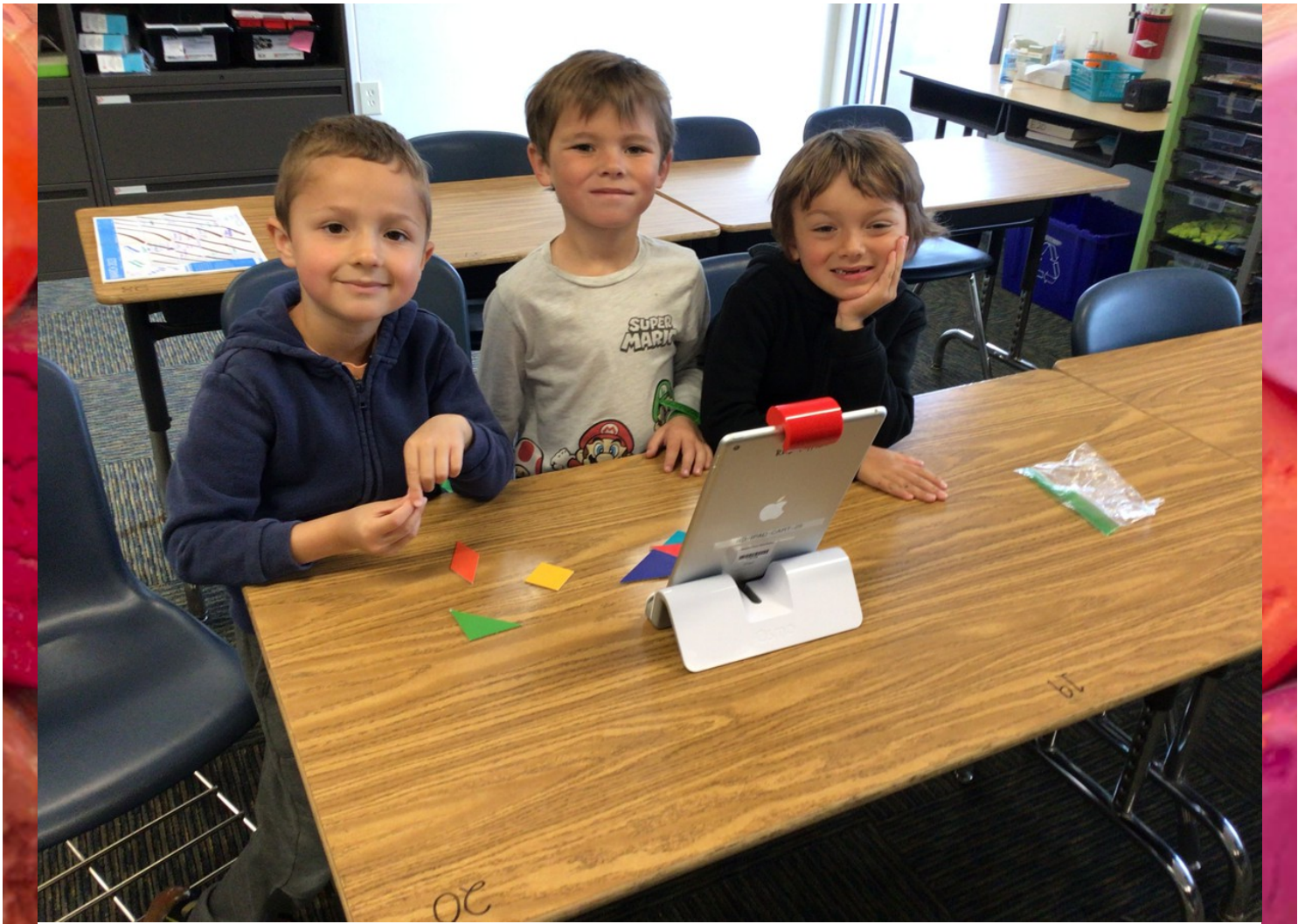
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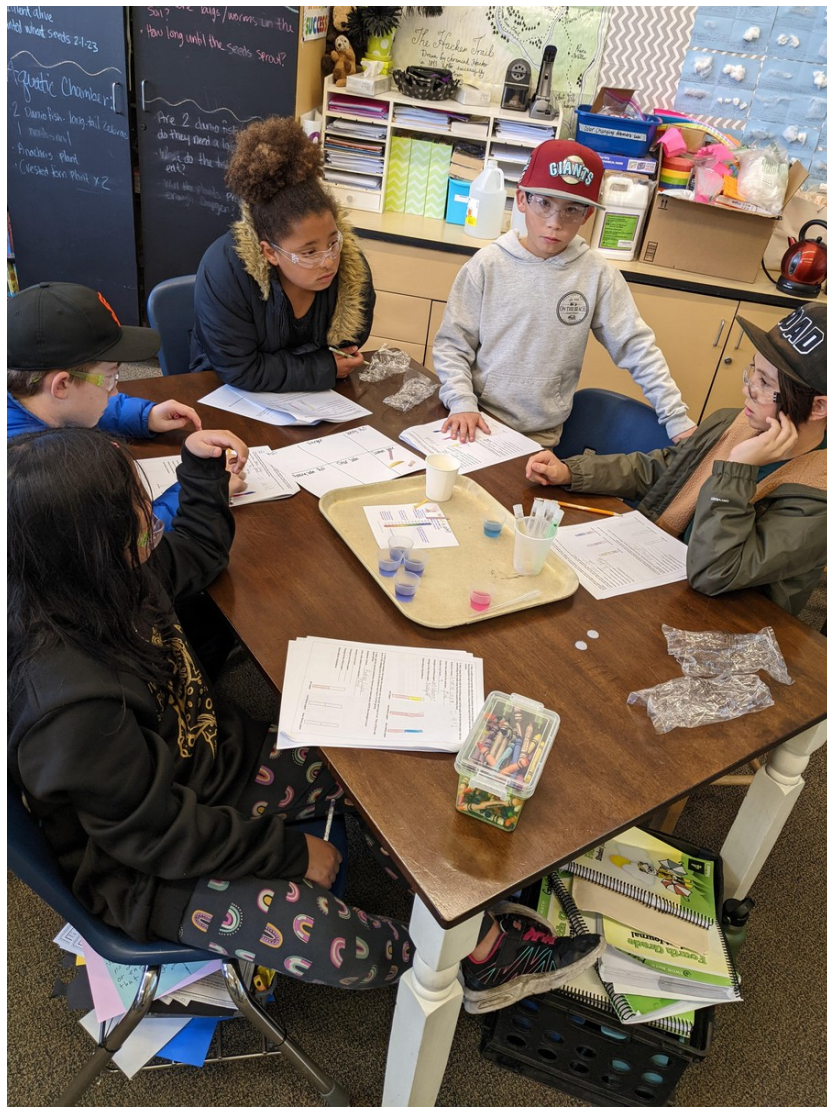
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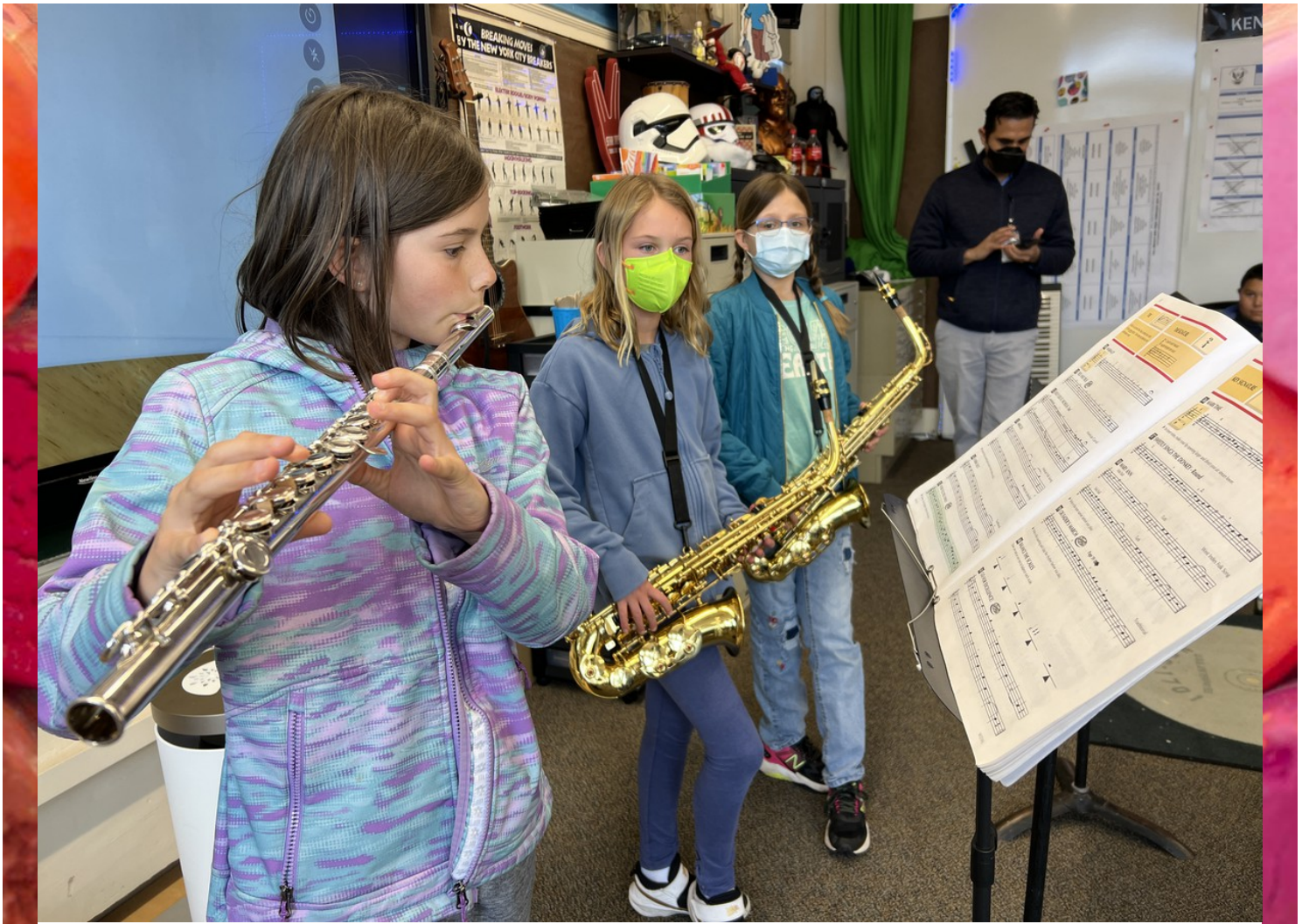
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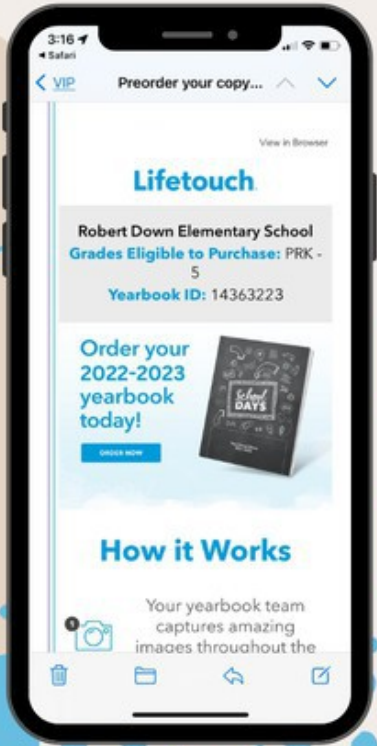








Flyers



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**.

CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear

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

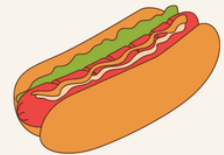
All day

JULY



JULY 7

11am - 7pm



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PTA Newsletter

PTA Silent Auction - WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for donations!

The RHD PTA will be hosting a STEM Night and Silent Auction on April 21st and are looking for donations to auction off in the form of a product or service. If you are able to donate or possibly know of a person or business that may be able to donate, please reach out to our VP of Fundraising Sarah Fontecchio at thedsttproject@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your help!

**ROBERT H. DOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STEM NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION APRIL 21ST, 2023.
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBER:

It is with great hope and anticipation that we ask you to participate in our annual fundraising effort! This year, more than any year prior - we need your support.

We are very proud to support our public school in Pacific Grove, which models academic excellence, community caring, and sustainable growth. RHD emphasizes the development of the whole child -providing optimum growth for our future leaders. Since 1896 this school and community have been investing in our local community and children.

How can you help? We are hosting a STEM Night and Silent Auction. We write today to respectfully request a donation in the form of a product or service to support Robert H. Down. We ask you to donate generously!

As our teachers and staff focus on each child, to nurture, educate, and develop the young minds of tomorrow, we are driven to provide funding to support their efforts. We have committed to improve technology in the classroom, field trips and special program scholarships for families in need, and support of PE, Music, and individual classroom materials as well as supplies.

Your generous donations will help raise money for:

- New Computers and Technology in every classroom
- Organic Garden and Supplies
- Playground Equipment
- Science and Art Supplies, Drama Club and "Otter Times"
- Teacher Grants
- Scholarships for Field Trips and Special Programs

Your tax-deductible donation may be mailed to: 485 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, ATTN: Sarah Fontecchio - VP of Fundraising. Tax ID# 23-7103880

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Sarah Fontecchio
VP of Fundraising
RHD PTA

Sarah Fontecchio (831)214-9462 / thedsttproject@gmail.com

RHD Silent Auction Letter & Donation Form.pdf

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Pacific Grove Unified School District



APRIL 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				
Monday 4/3	Tuesday 4/4	Wednesday 4/5	Thursday 4/6	Friday 4/7
Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Milk	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes served with syrup Turkey Sausages Home Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	Miller's Beef Hotdog (uncured, no nitrates) Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Side Salad 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich String Cheese Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk Cheez-its
Monday 4/10	Tuesday 4/11	Wednesday 4/12	Thursday 4/13	Friday 4/14
Spring Break NO SCHOOL	Spring Break NO SCHOOL	Spring Break NO SCHOOL	Spring Break NO SCHOOL	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
Monday 4/17	Tuesday 4/18	Wednesday 4/19	Thursday 4/20	Friday 4/21
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks with marinara sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	BBQ Pulled Turkey Sandwich Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (chicken meatballs) Texas Toast 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 4/24	Tuesday 4/25	Wednesday 4/26	Thursday 4/27	Friday 4/28
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Cucumbers w/ Tajin Fruit Cup Milk Goldfish Graham	Chicken & Waffle (NAE chicken served with syrup) Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Edamame Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Sweet Potato Tater Tots 100% Fruit Juice Milk Abby's Mini Chocolate Chip Cookies	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



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
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Pacific Grove Unified School District
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Robert Down Elementary School

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