



Robert Down Principal's Update

April 20, 2023

Principal's Message

Good Afternoon RHD Families -

Last Chance for Bricks

Use the QR code below to order your brick! If I can find a booth that is willing to hang our information for Good Old Days weekend, then I will extend our sales by one week, but we need to get our order in so the bricks will be ready for the summer installation.

Celebration of Volunteers and Military Children Breakfast Tomorrow Morning!

Join us tomorrow for our Purple Up dress up day and thanking our volunteers. Pancakes from First Awakenings will be served by our local Kiwanis Club. Wear purple and please join us if you have volunteered at any point throughout the year and/or are part of a military family. RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/6H5eiGYrDQ8KpEhK9>

STEM Night and PTA Silent Auction Tomorrow Night

Our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Night is back thanks to 4th grade teacher Stefanie Pechan and our amazing student scientists! Join us from 5:00-7:00 PM in the RHD cafeteria, playground, and Ottertorium for some exploration of fabulous phenomena. Tacos will be available for sale, so make a night of it with the family.

Celebration of Dance Next Week

Please join us next Friday, April 28th at 1:00 PM to watch our students perform fun routines taught by two former RHD Students and a Carmel Dance Studio instructor. If your student has a routine of their own they would like to share, please reply to this email and let me know the name of the dance and how long the performance lasts. We will need to provide music to Mr. Masar as well so contact me asap.

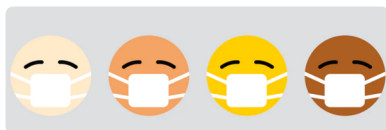
5th Grade Campout

We are planning a 5th grade campout @ RHD, Friday May 5th and we hope your student can attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help supervise the event and stay over night. If you're able to volunteer, please reach out to Joey Houde, joeymhoude@gmail.com

More details to come, please mark your calendars and get your tents ready!

In Otter Ohana,

Sean Keller, RHD Principal
Google Voice (831) 275-0083
skeller@pgusd.org



RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of April 20

1 student, Ms. Levy's class



RHD Upcoming Events

April 20 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

April 21 - Volunteer & Purple Up Breakfast, 8:30 AM

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

April 28 - Celebration of Dance, 1:00-2:30 PM

April 30 - Big Sur International Marathon, PTA Volunteers

May 4 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 5-6 - 5th Grade Camp Out

May 7 - RHD Drama Club Presents, "Moppet Palooza", 12 PM & 3 PM

May 8 - RHD School Site Council, 3:30 PM

May 12 - RHD 5th Grade Instrumental Music Concert, 6:00 PM

May 16 - Cocoa with Keller, 6:30 PM

May 18 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 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

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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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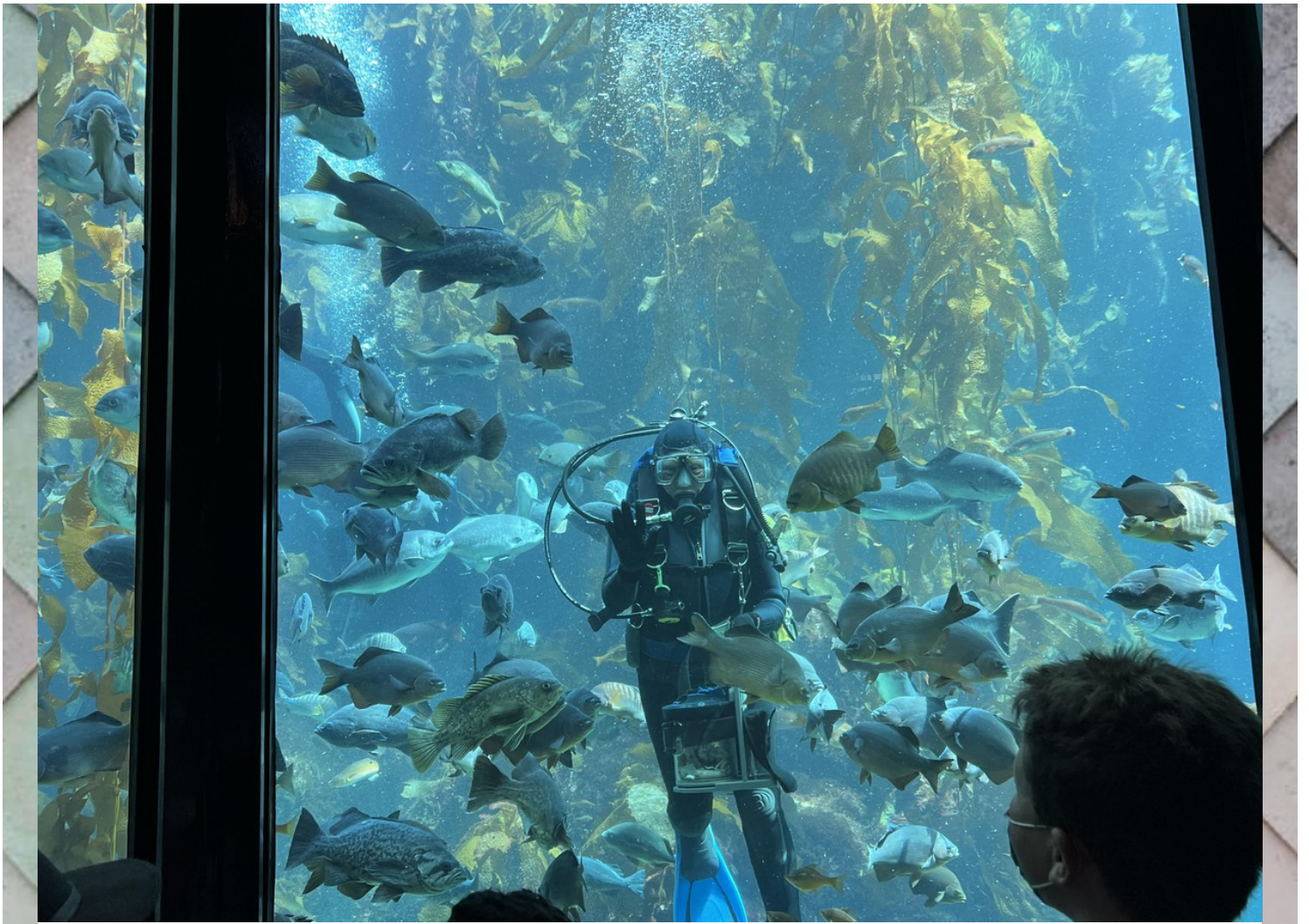














Ms. Scanlon was the diver at The Monterey Bay Aquarium when the 4th graders from Ms. Levy and Mrs. Brockmeyer's class visited this week!



How Fast Can You React?

Mr. Rodolf challenged students to try to catch a dollar bill.

Two students caught it on their first try! Others didn't react fast enough.



Flyers



STEM

SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATH

NIGHT

Friday, April 21st • 5pm–7pm
RHD Cafeteria & Playground

- ⚙️ Tons of fun STEM activities including "Make and Take" ⚙️
- ⚙️ Taco Truck ⚙️
- ⚙️ Silent Auction ⚙️
in Ottertorium



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Drama Club
presents

MOPPET Palooza

A Zany Zazzy Theatrical Revue

Featuring

Sophie West
Sophia Perry
Alaska Warhime
Callie Hull
Vivien Triplett
Ian Rozsa
Jaslyn Atkins
Juneau Kenny
Mila Matovska
Maddie Medawar
Maya Sharma

Madison Bradley
Juliet Crandall
Kendall Milington
Jackie Leyva
Kaia Hollrith
Iris Fedele
Mateo Montez
Adeline Owens
Olivia Jones
Edden Helfont
Mia Papadakis
Ian Robert

Emily Asturi
Alex Bunlang
Dante Florea
Stella Saich
Hadley Konrad
Sawyer Corcoran
Solieil Bautista
Siena Bautista
Cali Sells
Taylor Lippert
Jade Perry

MOPPET- An endearingly sweet child.

PALOOZA- a festival or big event

SUNDAY May 7th --- 12pm and 3pm

at the Robert Down Ottertorium



[CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear](#)

RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS 2023

FEBRUARY



FEBRUARY 21

5pm - 8pm

MARCH



MARCH 22

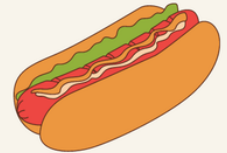
4pm - 8pm

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



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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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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2023-2024



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