



# Robert Down Principal's Update

April 20, 2023

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## **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](mailto:joeymhoude@gmail.com)

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

In Otter Ohana,

Sean Keller, RHD Principal  
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[skeller@pgusd.org](mailto:skeller@pgusd.org)

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### **RHD - Active Student COVID Cases**

**As of April 20**

*1 student, Ms. Levy's class*

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### **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

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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.

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### **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](mailto:adeis@pgusd.org)

3) Please make sure to relay afterschool plans with your child **PRIOR** to the school day.

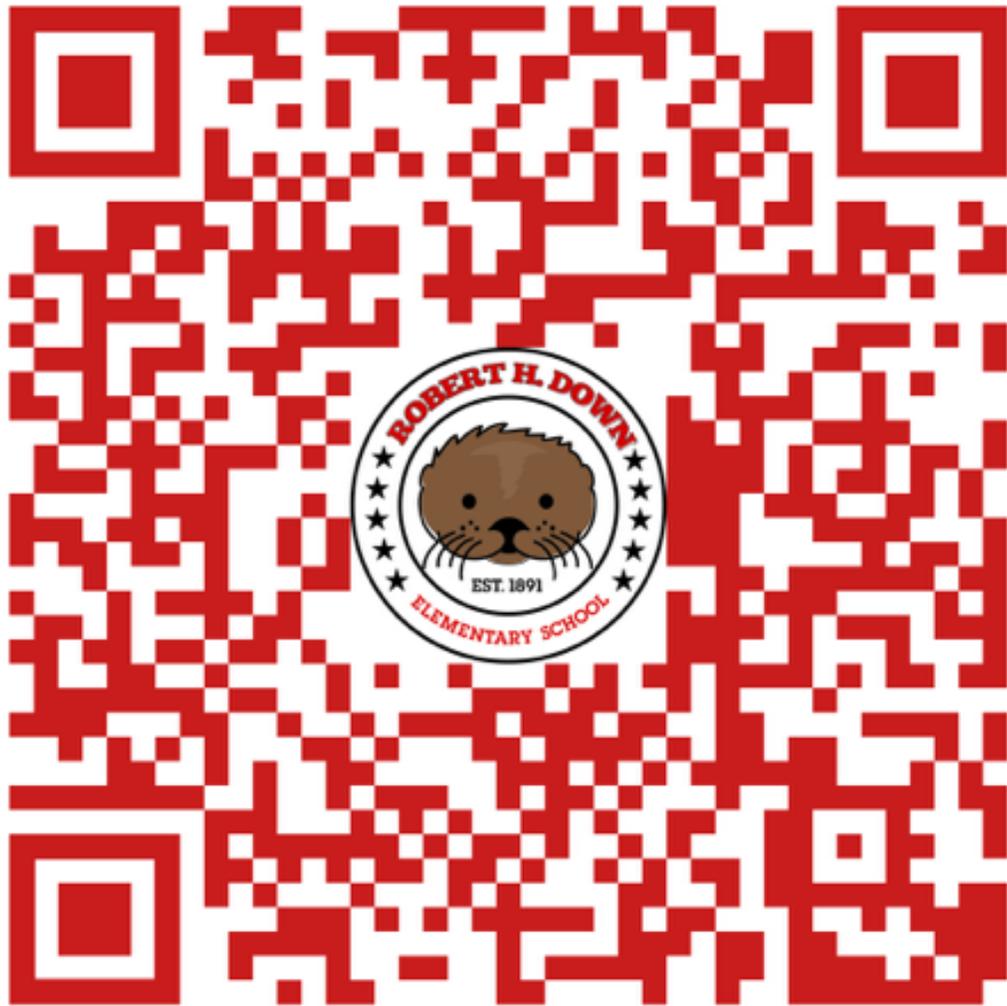
The office and teachers are getting phone calls and emails from parents daily about what their child should do after school. This is disruptive.

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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.





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## 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**

[Download](#)

280.3 KB

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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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## Otterly Adorable



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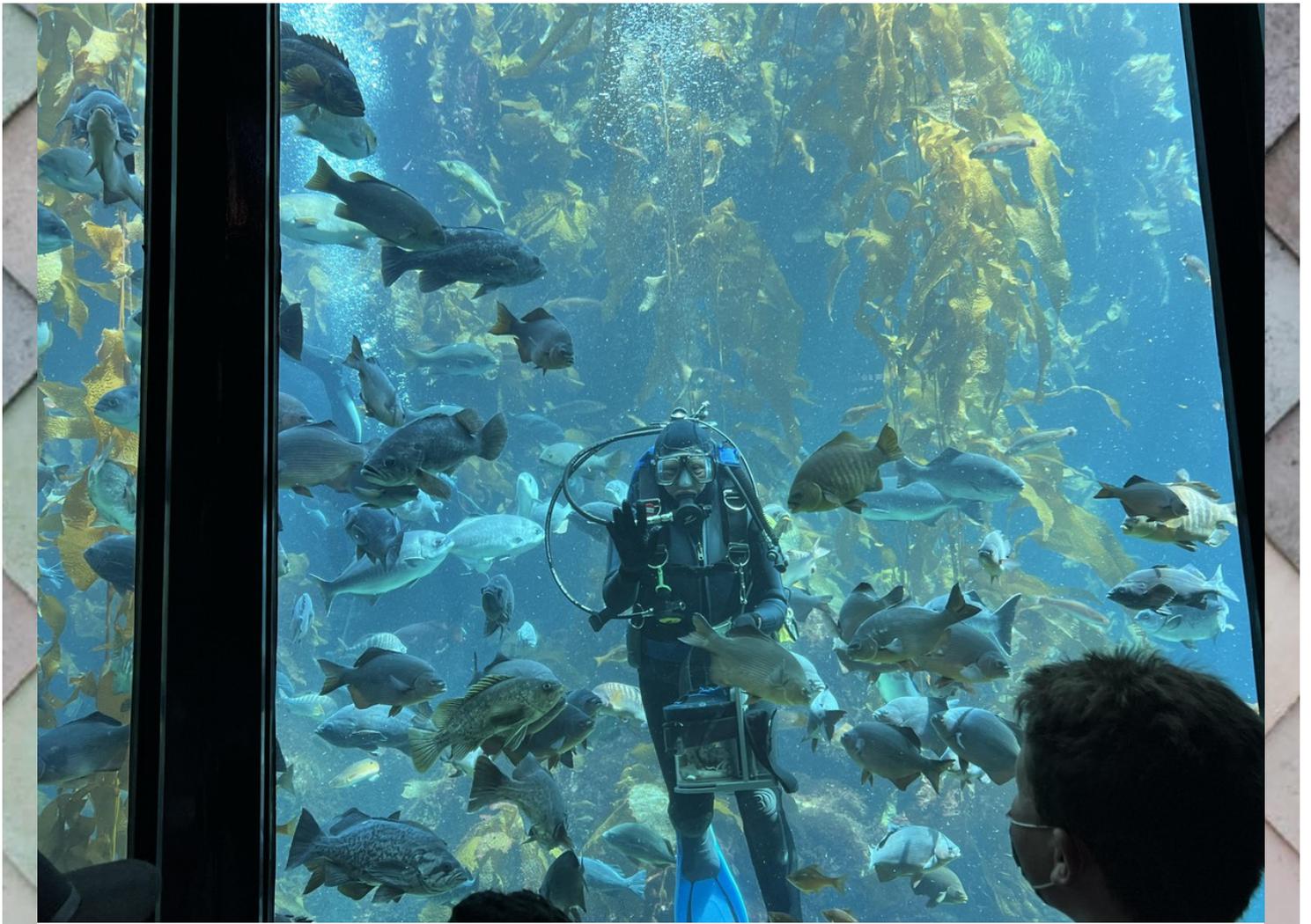




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Ms. Scanlon was the diver at The Monterey Bay Aquarium when the 4th graders from Ms. Levy and Mrs. Brockmeyer's class visited this week!

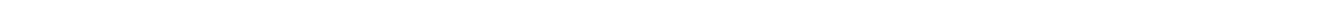


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## How Fast Can You React?

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



The flyer features a blue background with white text and graphics. At the top left is a molecular structure icon, and at the top right is an icon of laboratory glassware. The word "STEM" is written in large, outlined letters. Below it, the words "SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING • MATH" are written in a smaller font, followed by "NIGHT" in large, bold letters. The event details are listed below: "Friday, April 21st • 5pm-7pm" and "RHD Cafeteria & Playground". Three activities are listed with gear icons: "Tons of fun STEM activities including 'Make and Take'", "Taco Truck", and "Silent Auction in Ottertorium". Two small photographs show students engaged in activities. A disclaimer at the bottom states: "Pacific Grove Unified School District neither endorses nor sponsors the organization or activity represented in this document".

# 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

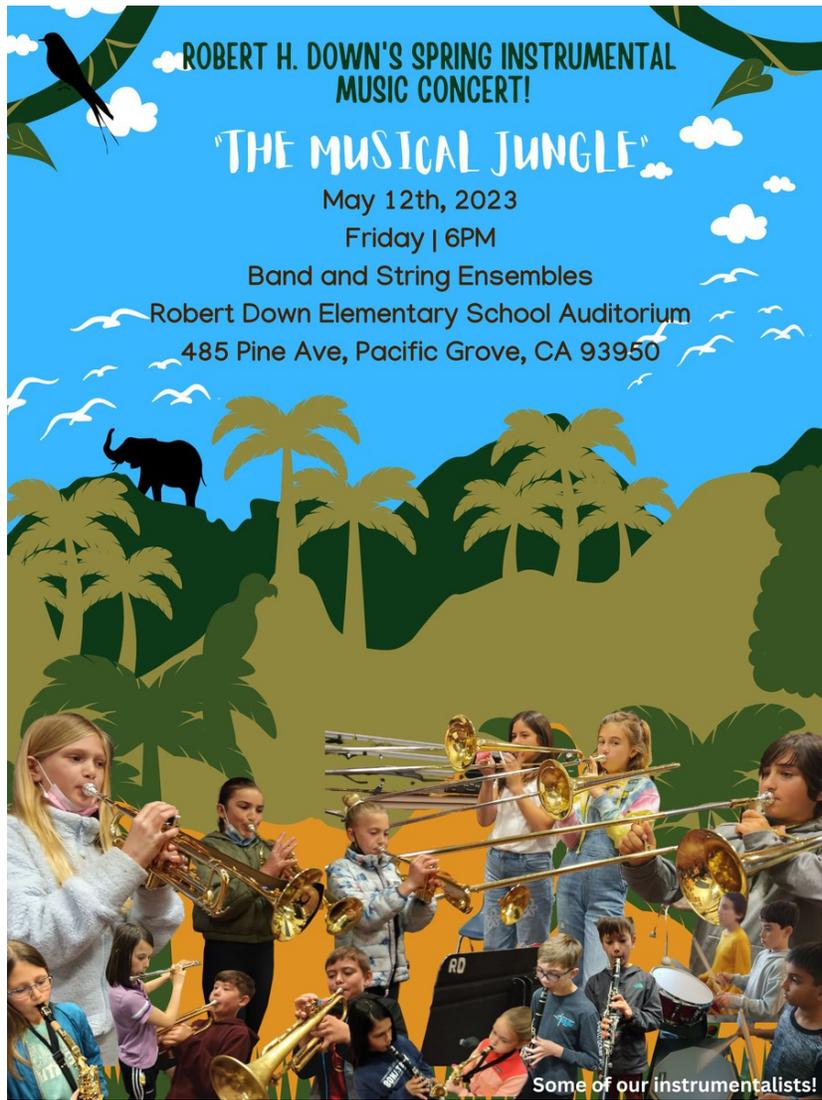
Emily Asturi  
Alex Bunlang  
Dante Florea  
Stella Saich  
Hadley Konrad  
Sawyer Corcoran  
Solieil Bautista  
Siena Bautista  
Cali Sells  
Taylor Lippert  
Jade Perry

MOPPET- An endearingly sweet child.

PALOOZA- a festival or big event

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

at the Robert Down Ottertorium



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

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# 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**

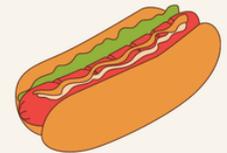


**JUNE 14**  
All day

**JULY**



**JULY 7**  
11am - 7pm



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**PTA Newsletter**



# 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  MINIMUM DAY
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](http://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  
District School Nurse  
Pacific Grove Unified School District  
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Google Voice: (831) 275-5396*

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