



Robert Down Principal's Update

May 4, 2023

Principal's Message

Good Afternoon RHD Families -

Last Chance for Bricks

Use the QR code below to order your brick or pick up a flier in the lobby if you wish to pay by check. Several families have shared they just forgot until now to purchase one so I wanted to extend sales through next Friday, May 12th. This will be the last extension since I must order the bricks so our company can manufacture and deliver them. Share the news that this is the absolute last opportunity to buy!

SBAC/CAASPP Assessments Begin Next Week

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be taking their Smarter Balanced assessments next week. Please make sure your student(s) have good rest and to try their best. We believe in our Otters and know they get smarter every day! Please check the SMORE message sent on Tuesday for a handout that answers questions, but do not hesitate to reach out if you have more inquiries.

Message from PGMS

PGMS is looking for 6th grade girls Volleyball coach for next year.

5th Grade Campout

TOMORROW - Friday, May 5th is our 5th grade campout at Robert Down! The night will consist of dinner, a movie (Night at the Museum), dessert, fun with friends and a campout on the upper field of Robert Down, breakfast the following morning. Camping with friends is encouraged and we hope your student can join.

Please read important details below:

Friday May 5th, 5:30pm, check in your child at the upper field of Robert Down (off Junipero). Myself or another adult will be at the check in table, your child must be checked in with an adult, and an emergency number needs to be provided. If your child is setting up a tent please be available to help set up their tent and take it down the following morning. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF WITHOUT CHECKING THEM IN.** If anything comes up please text or call me 831-224-3140

Pick up will be at 8:30am Saturday, May 6th. If your child has a tent that is set up, your help taking it down is needed and appreciated.

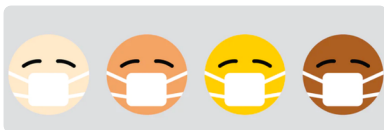
All students must be in a tent, camping with friends is encouraged, students need a sleeping bag, pillow, water bottle, warm clothes. We will provide a flashlight for each camper.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help supervise and stay over, please email me if you're available joeymhoude@gmail.com

We are also looking for donations for our dessert bar and breakfast.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054DADAA28A5FB6-rhd5th>

In Otter Ohana,

Sean Keller, RHD Principal
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skeller@pgusd.org



RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of May 4

McNickle - 1 student

RHD Upcoming Events



May 4 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 4 - PTA Pure Barre Fundraiser, 7 PM

May 5-6 - 5th Grade Camp Out

May 7 - RHD Drama Club Presents, "Moppet Palooza", **NEW TIMES!**
4PM & 6 PM

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

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

May 13 - PG PRIDE Pasta Take & Make Fundraiser pick up 1:00-4:00 PM, see flyer below

May 16 - 4th Grade Famous Person Reports, 10:30 AM

May 16 - Cocoa with Keller, 6:30 PM

May 17 - Transitions Talk for Parents of Promoting 5th Graders, Cafeteria, 6:30 PM (see flyer below)

May 18 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

May 19 - PTA Movie Night, 6:00 PM, Cafeteria

May 26 - Last Day of School, Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:10 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

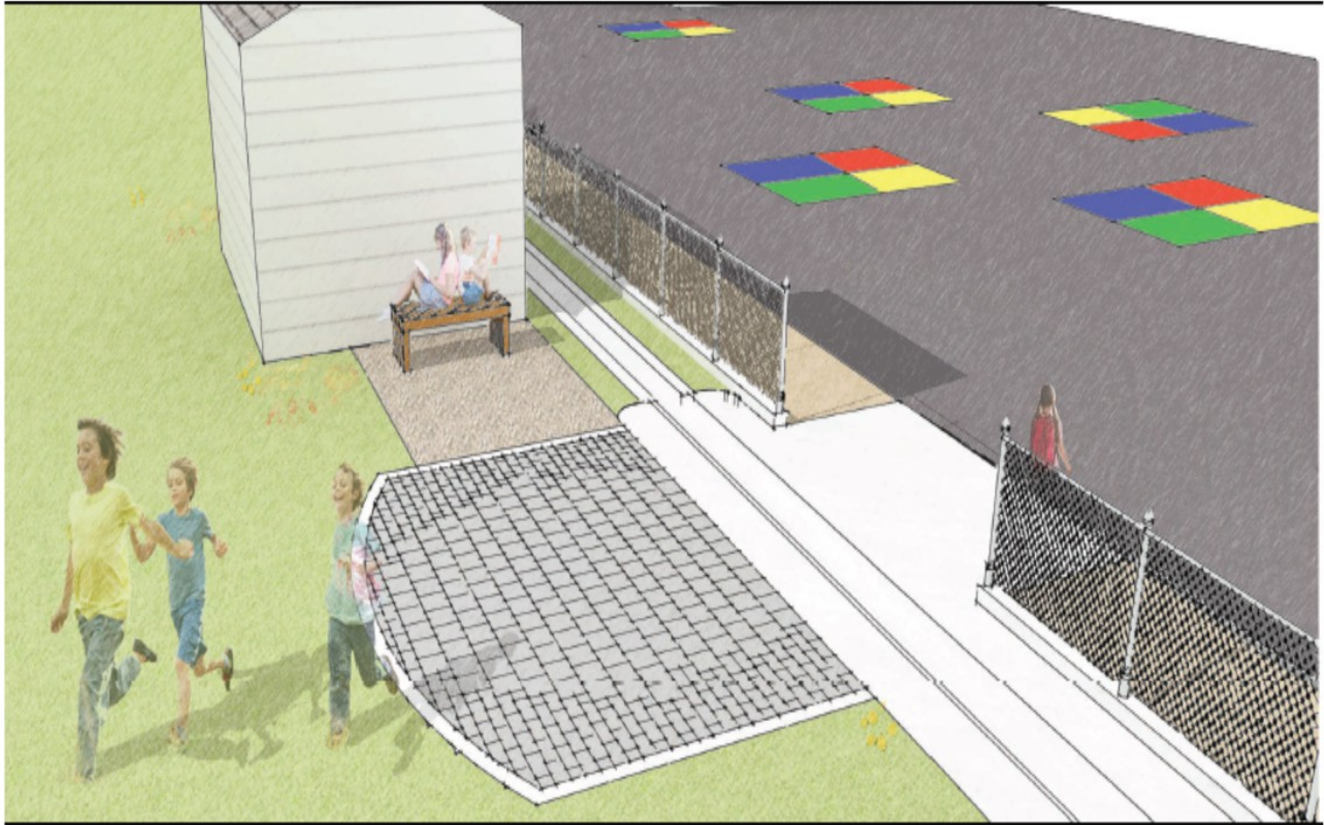
3) Please make sure to relay afterschool plans with your child **PRIOR** to the school day. The office and teachers are getting phone calls and emails from parents daily about what their child should do after school. This is disruptive.

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



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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Otterly Adorable





Flyers



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 --- 4pm and 6pm

at the Robert Down Ottertorium

ROBERT H. DOWN'S SPRING INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC CONCERT!

"THE MUSICAL JUNGLE"

May 12th, 2023

Friday | 6PM

Band and String Ensembles

Robert Down Elementary School Auditorium

485 Pine Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950



Some of our instrumentalists!



Spring



PASTA TAKE & MAKE FUNDRAISER

**ORDER BY WED. MAY 10TH
DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP
SAT. MAY 13TH 1PM - 4PM**

**ORDER ONLINE
WWW.SUPPORTPGPRIDE.COM**





TRANSITIONS

for parents of promoting 5th graders

What: Meet with Sonda Frudden, School Counselor and Cori Rosenberg, Mental Health Clinician to learn, discuss and share about your child's:

- Transition to middle school
- Transition to early adolescence

When: Wednesday May 17 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Where: 485 Pine Ave, Robert Down Cafeteria

RHD PTA FUNDRAISER

**Wednesday,
May 17th**

**11AM - 2:30PM
5PM - 9:30PM**



**20% of purchases will
be directed to Robert
Down Elementary PTA!!**



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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

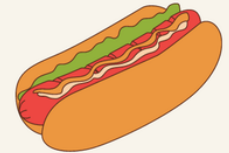


JUNE 14
All day

JULY



JULY 7
11am - 7pm



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Pacific Grove Unified School District



MAY 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 5/1	Tuesday 5/2	Wednesday 5/3	Thursday 5/4	Friday 5/5
Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes <i>served with syrup</i> Turkey Sausages Home Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	Miller's Beef Hotdog (uncured, no nitrates) Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) <i>plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles</i> Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 5/8	Tuesday 5/9	Wednesday 5/10	Thursday 5/11	Friday 5/12
Crispy "Kickin' Nuggets" (plant-based & breaded) WG Biscuit Crinkle Cut Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	BBQ Pulled Turkey Sandwich Baked Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Rice Mixed Veggies 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
Monday 5/15	Tuesday 5/16	Wednesday 5/17	Thursday 5/18	Friday 5/19
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks <i>with marinara sauce</i> Green Beans Applesauce Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich (NAE whole-muscle breaded filet) Carrots Fruit Cup Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (chicken meatballs) Texas Toast Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) <i>plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles</i> Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 5/22	Tuesday 5/23	Wednesday 5/24	Thursday 5/25	Friday 5/26
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Carrots w/ Tajin Mixed Fruit Milk Goldfish Graham	Chicken & Waffle (NAE chicken served with syrup) Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Broccoli Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich String Cheese Fruitables Juice Fresh Fruit Milk Chocolate Chip Cookie MINIMUM DAY

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

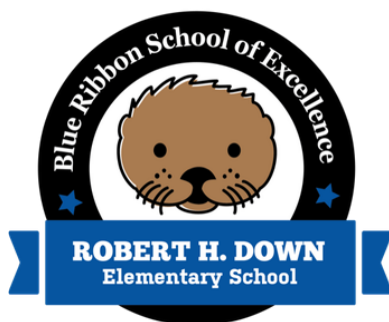
Hello Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom Families,

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,
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Robert Down Elementary School

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