



# Robert Down Principal's Update

May 11, 2023

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## Principal's Message

Good Afternoon RHD Families -

### 5th Grade Music Concert Tonight

Please join us in celebrating our musical otters as they have their first instrumental concert together tonight in the Ottertorium starting at 6:00 PM

### Summer Projects for Parents/Guardians or Scout Troops

There are several projects that need help this summer where parents/guardians can help out or an Eagle Scout or Gold Award can be earned:

- Both wooden marquees need to be replaced due to rot
- Several benches need wood replaced/painted
- Redesigning the "RHD" in front of the school with rock or stained concrete, and decomposed granite (DG) added around the area. The "RHD" bushes were removed due to deer walking through/on them
- Agapanthus plants needing to be removed from marquee area
- PGHS/PGMS community service clearing weeds

### **Plants Available for Free in the Garden - Soil Needs to be moved**

Bring a gallon, five gallon, or ten gallon container to school and take one or more plants home for summer. We're trying to get a fresh start so our soon to be hired Garden Coordinator can help students plant in the fall. Contact Principal Keller to set up a time to come in and peruse the beautiful spring growth.

### **Last Chance for Bricks - TODAY IS THE LAST DAY!**

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 TODAY, Friday, May 12th. Share the news that this is the absolute last opportunity to buy!

### **SBAC/CAASPP Assessments**

Make ups for missed assessments will be next week.

### **Lost in Found is Full**

Come in after school to find your student's lost items.

### **Cocoa with Keller - Tuesday, May 16th**

The Last Cocoa with Keller is next week. I offered before that it would be a hybrid meeting, so come join us in the upstairs staff lounge starting at 6:30 or online if you are just getting dinner on the table. Learn about next year's Site Plan and add feedback:

Join Zoom Meeting:

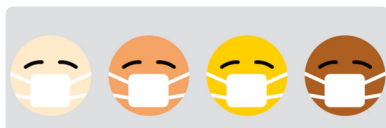
<https://pgusd.zoom.us/j/81170436759>

### **Message from the Health Office**

Please look through your children's clothes for any pants, socks, shoes, and underwear that they may have borrowed from Robert Down throughout the year. We had a very full clothes cupboard just a month or so ago and now it is quite depleted. We will accept donations of gently used and clean items listed above.

In Otter Ohana,

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



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

**As of May 11**





### RHD Upcoming Events

**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

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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)

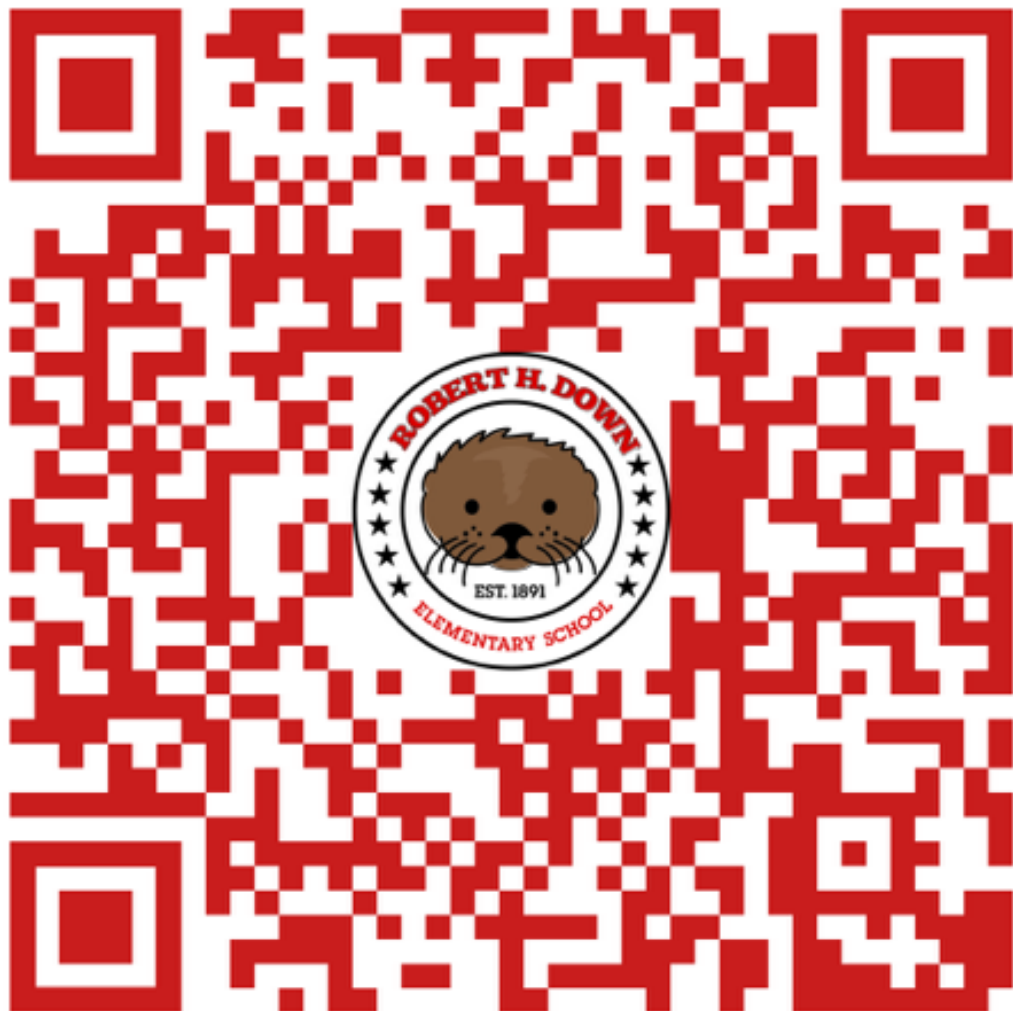
3) Please make sure to relay afterschool plans with your child **PRIOR** to the school day.  
The office and teachers are getting phone calls and emails from parents daily about what their child should do after school. This is disruptive.

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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.





## 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](#)

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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*



**TOOLBOX**  
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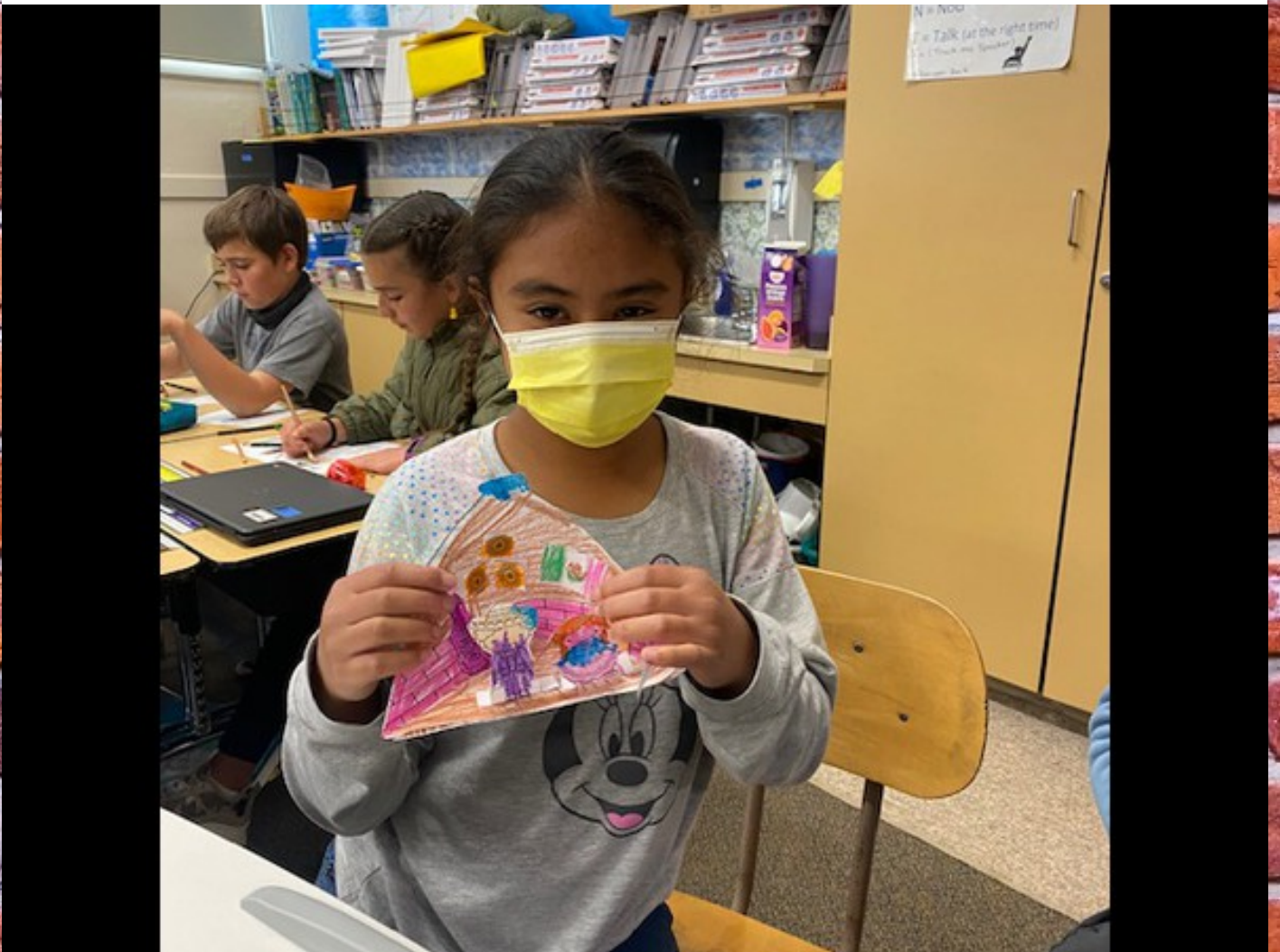
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## ToolboxParentWkshopHandout.pdf

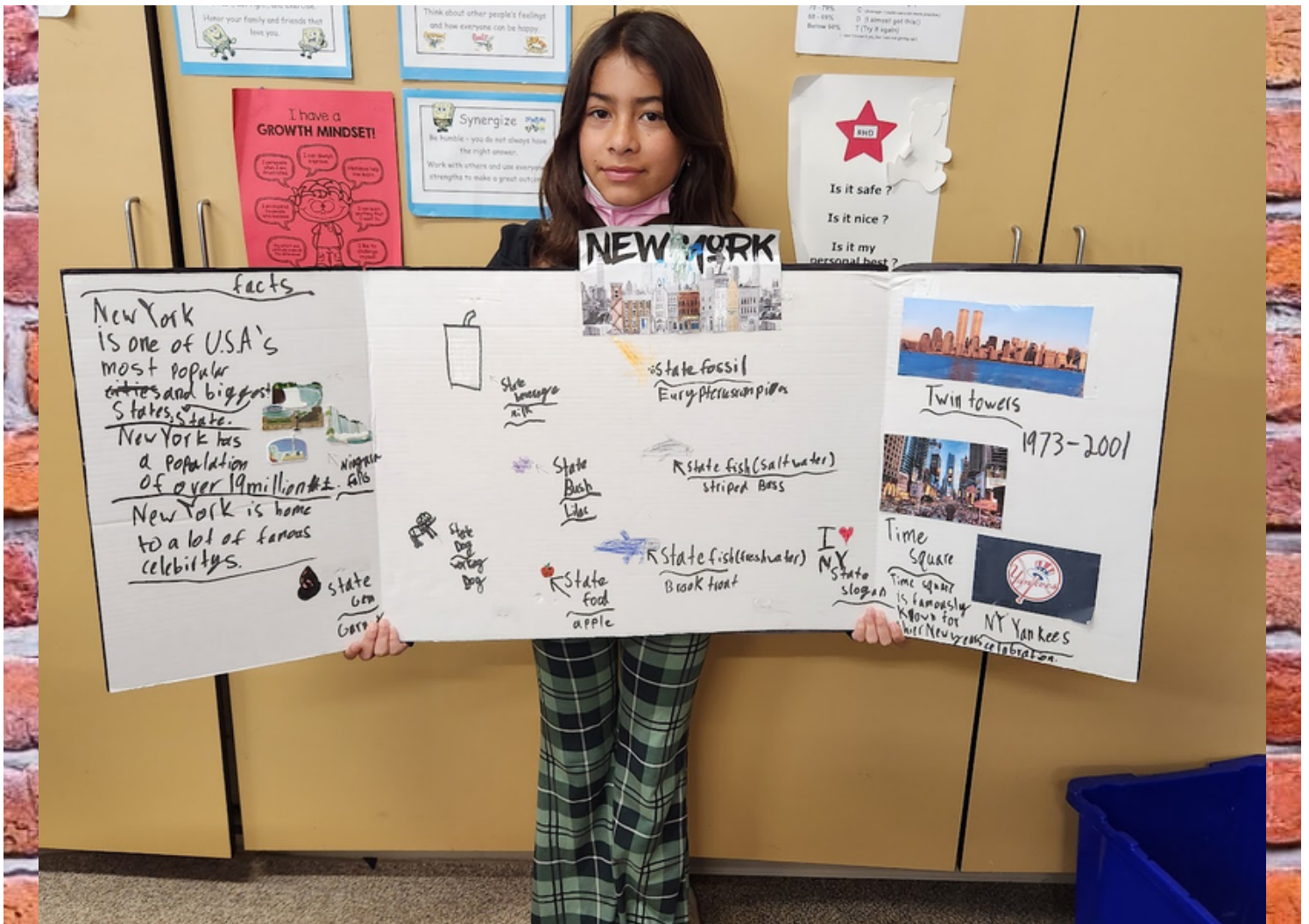
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*Otterly Adorable*







## Flyers

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

(Parents, please drop off  
instrumentalists  
at 5PM on May 12th)



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](http://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

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# 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**

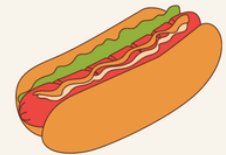
All day

**JULY**



**JULY 7**

11am - 7pm



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# Save the Date

**2023 MIX & MINGLE FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023**

**LAUREN'S LOUNGE AT THE HOLMAN BUILDING**

*MORE DETAILS COMING THIS SUMMER!*



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**[PTA Newsletter](#)**

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

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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 served with syrup 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) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles 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 with marinara sauce 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) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles 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

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

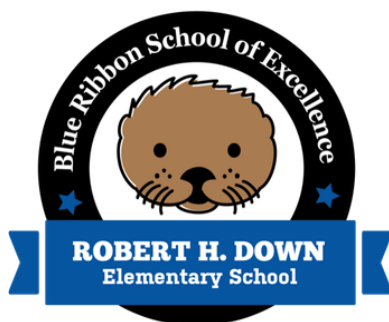
*Hello Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom Families,*

*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*



## Robert Down Elementary School

Website: <https://robertdown.pgusd.org/>

Location: [485 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA, USA](#)

Phone: (831) 646-6540

### 2022-23 Pricing Letter to Households.pdf

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## RHD November 2022 Brick Fundraiser Fliers.pdf

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