



Robert Down Principal's Update

May 18, 2023

Principal's Message

Good Evening RHD Families -

What a year! Thank you for sending your otters every day and helping to keep RHD a strong school in our community. With 3rd-5th CAASPP assessments completed and classroom celebrations to look forward to, please know there are two fun events next Friday, May 26th that have become exciting traditions the last few years:

- **PGHS Senior Memory Walk:** 9:15 AM from Gate D (Kindergarten Gate off Pine Ave) to Gate B (Spruce and Fountain)
- **RHD 5th Grade Class of 2023 Promotion:** 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, . **Please bring flowers to create a path from the Jen Hinton Field steps to the Junipero Gate.** These will be used later in the evening for the PGHS 12th grade graduation ceremony as well. Flowers may be dropped off on the field in the morning. Please ask a gate attendant at Gates A or D to enter the campus or have your student walk them up to the steps and place them on the field.
- Please remember that next Friday, May 26th is a minimum day with student release at 12:10 PM.
- **Lost and Found is full.** Come in before or after school to find your student's lost items. All items will be donated after May 26th.

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.

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.

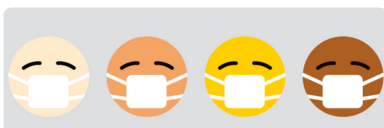
PGMS Events & Opportunities

Summer "Get out and Run" Opportunity:

Coaches from the PGHS and PGMS Cross Country teams would like to extend an invitation for your student(s) to participate in a summer conditioning program. The program is in the developmental stage currently, but is looking like they'd start mid-June. It would be one weekday evening, once per week, and really just a means to get kids off their couch and moving around. If you're interested in learning more about this program, please email runclubpg@gmail.com.

In Otter Ohana,

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skeller@pgusd.org



RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of May 18



RHD Upcoming Events

May 18 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

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. 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.



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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Otterly Adorable

Respect the nap!

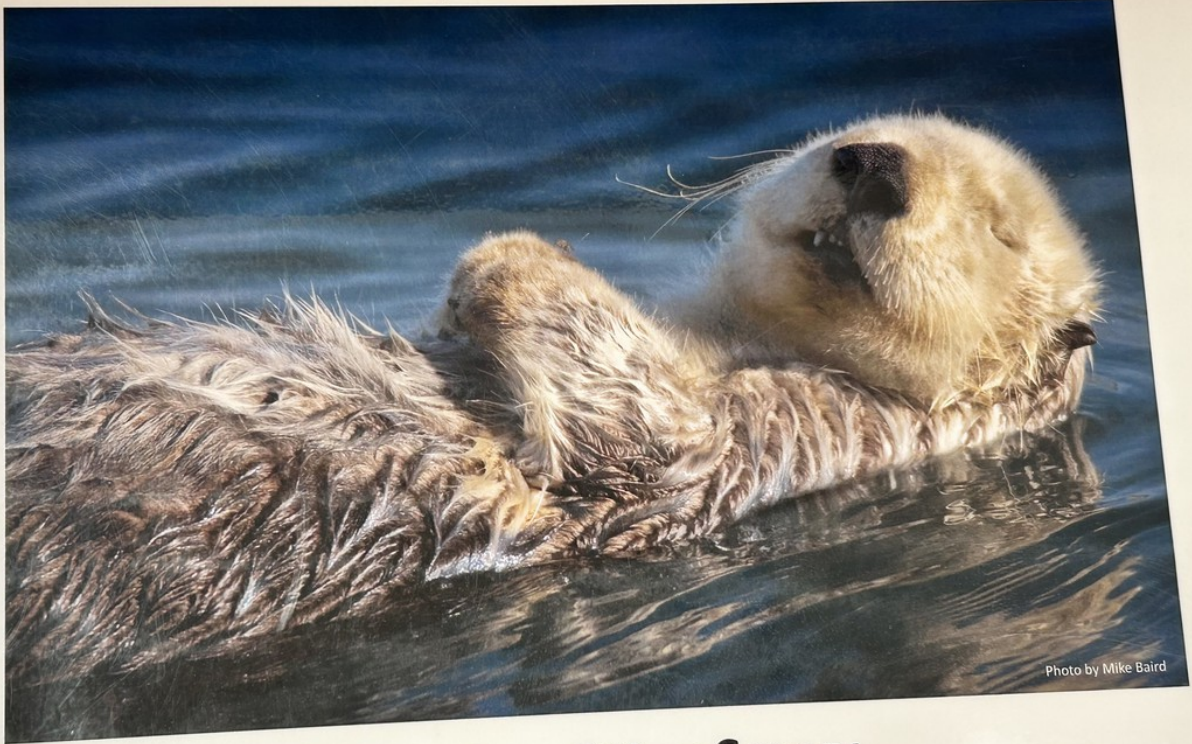


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Be Sea Otter Savvy



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17. Mai - what do we do?

- We eat a lot of hot dogs and ice cream, (on average 5 hot dogs and 6 ice creams per person)
- We walk in a parade
- We sing songs and wave our flag and say HIPP hipp hurra and Gratulerer med dagen!
- We have a lot of marching bands and wear national costumes (Bunad) to the kids wave to the king and queen at the castle

Circle Time Center

Today is July 17, 2023

Days of the Week: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

What's the Weather? Sunny

What's the Letter? P

Let's Count: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Color: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, Purple, Pink, Brown, Grey, Black, White

Shape: Circle, Square, Triangle, Rectangle, Oval, Star, Heart, Diamond

Picture Cards: Apple, Banana, Carrot, Egg, Flower, Fruit, Leaf, Mushroom, Nuts, Orange, Pear, Pumpkin, Strawberry, Tomato, Watermelon, Yarn, Zebra

Sight Words
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Ben
Recess (Supernoodle Ben)
Presentation an

MONTHS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	

Days of the Week
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Flyers

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MONTEREY LACROSSE CAMP

**DIRECTED BY FORMER COLLEGE PLAYERS
STAFFED WITH CURRENT COLLEGE PLAYERS**

**BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 8-14**

**JULY 10 -13
@ SOLLECITO PARK,
MONTEREY**

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Monterey Lacrosse Camp

For youth players ages 8-14, the Monterey Lacrosse Camp is an amazing opportunity to develop as a person, player, and athlete, learn from incredible coaches, and have tons of fun playing lacrosse. This camp is for both new and experienced players and is staffed by former and current college players who have a wealth of lacrosse knowledge and mentorship to pass on to the next generation. Each day will include positional skill development, small sided games, and scrimmages. For local youth, these camps are something to take advantage of and our guarantee is that everyone will have a blast, leave camp a more skilled player with a higher lacrosse IQ, and learn life lessons through lacrosse.

[Learn more about Monterey Lacrosse Camp here](#) or reach out to Schuyler Horn (email: schuyler@bixbyballerslax.com phone: 860 558 2739) with questions.

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

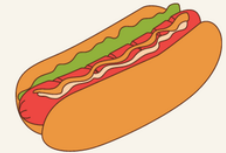


JUNE 14
All day

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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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.

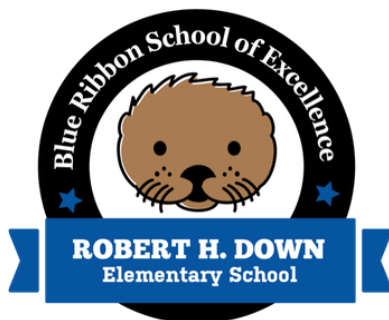
*Thank you very much,
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