



# Robert Down Principal's Update

May 25, 2023

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## Principal's Message

**Good Evening RHD Families -**

This is it! Congratulations to the 5th grade promotion Class of 2023. It has been wonderful getting to know those of you that have attended RHD since 1st grade (my first year). I will miss your smiles, laughter, and late lunches while you finish your food (because you're always picked last to get your lunch). Thank you for the good times and I hope your middle school years are the best.

To our returning Otters, I look forward to August and all the opportunities for memories that will be made. Next year will be my first where I've spent time with a class from Kindergarten to fifth grade.

To parents, as always, thank you for sending the best kids in the world to our school. Read below for some reminders about tomorrow and this summer. Don't forget to reach out with any questions or concerns. In regards to class placements for next year, please visit our Class Placement policy that will be in our 2023-2024 Handbook and currently online:

<https://robertdown.pgusd.org/Parents/Classroom-Placement-Policy/index.html>

Class lists will be sent via email on Tuesday, August 8th at noon and posted outside school.

I look forward to another successful year in 2023-2024.

### **Tomorrow - May 26**

**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

### **PGMS Events & Opportunities**

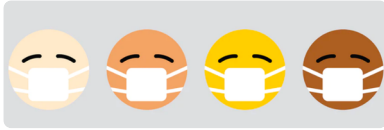
*Summer "Get out and Run" Opportunity:*

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](mailto:runclubpg@gmail.com).

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Sean Keller, RHD Principal  
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## RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of May 25

*Evans - 1 student*



## RHD Upcoming Events

**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](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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### **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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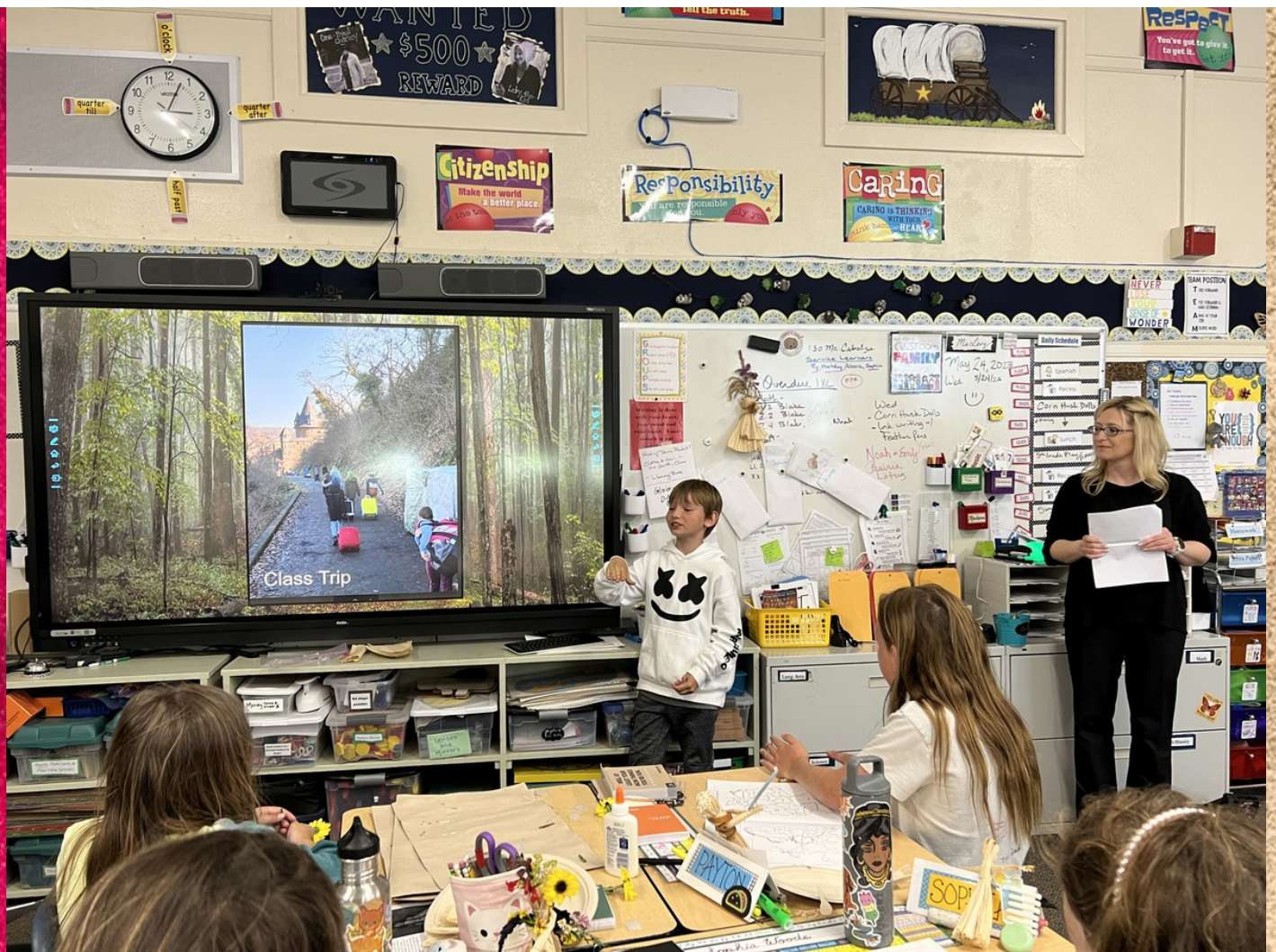
















## SEAOTTERS SAVVY Posts



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seaottersavvy Our [#MondayMotivation](#) is inspired by the students of Robert Down Elementary. We loved visiting last week during our Savvy in the classroom program, and thank you all for sharing your incredible [#SeaOtterSavvySingAlong](#) to help spread awareness!



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Flyers





## 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](https://bixbyballerslax.com) or reach out to Schuyler Horn (email: [schuyler@bixbyballerslax.com](mailto:schuyler@bixbyballerslax.com) phone: 860 558 2739) with questions.

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# RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS 2023

**FEBRUARY**



**FEBRUARY 21**

5pm - 8pm

**MARCH**



**MARCH 22**

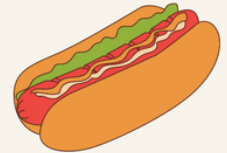
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**APRIL**



**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!*

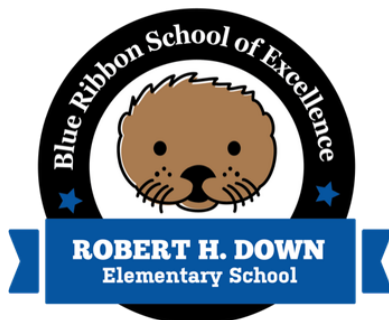


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**CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear**

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### Robert Down Elementary School

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

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

Phone: (831) 646-6540





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