



# Robert Down Principal's Update

October 6, 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

I hope last weekend provided fun and positive memories for your children as the 2022 Butterfly Parade and Bazaar was a huge success! Thank you to Steve Rodolf and the PTAs from around the district for their commitment and hours upon hours spent in preparation for the event.

I also want to thank our district maintenance crew for their help in finalizing safety measures so our new play structure could open before Butterfly Weekend. They also helped with delivering all the tables and chairs from Pacific Grove High School for the Bazaar. Our own Mr. Overstreet and Mr. DeBruin also gave up their Saturday to keep the area clean and helped lead volunteers in the clean up efforts. Great job team!

Speaking of clean up, there are lots and lots of jackets, sweatshirts, water bottles, and various items in the Lost and Found. Please make sure to have your student look for their belongings on the wall of the lunch tables tomorrow. Any items that are not claimed will be donated to charity over the break. If there is any one Amazon item I can recommend, it is clothing labels to help get items returned to your students: [https://www.amazon.com/Waterproof-Stick-Clothing-Labels-Personalized/dp/B01DMLAZOE?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref\\_=fplfs&psc=1&smid=A18JV7HIBGT24T](https://www.amazon.com/Waterproof-Stick-Clothing-Labels-Personalized/dp/B01DMLAZOE?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref_=fplfs&psc=1&smid=A18JV7HIBGT24T)

Next week, PGUSD will be on October Break (10th-14th) and there is no school. Our campus will be open to enjoy the playground and field, but I hope families have the opportunity to have some time away, if possible. Disneyland is usually not as packed and the Haunted House has a special theme each year.

Speaking of all things spooky, RHD will be hosting a costume parade on October 31st on the blacktop from 9:00-9:30 AM with the PTA hosting a movie night the previous Friday (October 28th).

Costumes need to be elementary-appropriate with no masks, weapons, or props brought for the parade - masks and props are allowed at the PTA movie night.

Next month we will be celebrating our military families on November 10th with our annual Veteran's Day Assembly. If your student would like to honor a family member, please send the name of your student(s) along with the name(s) of the veteran or current service member(s) to me with their branch of service as well as their rank. Service members attending DLI or NPS from other countries are welcome to participate.

Have a great October Break and look for the next Principal's Update on October 20th.

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

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## RHD Upcoming Events

**Oct. 6** - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM  
**Oct. 10-14** - Fall Break, No School  
**Oct. 19** - PGUSD Vaccine Clinic, PGHS Cafeteria 3:35-6:45 PM  
**Oct. 19** - PTA Dine Out, Michael's Taqueria 10am-8:30pm  
**Oct. 20** - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM  
**Oct. 24-28** - Fall Book Fair  
**Oct. 31- Nov. 4** - Parent Teacher Conference Week, All Students  
Minimum Day All Week



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## RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of October 6 :

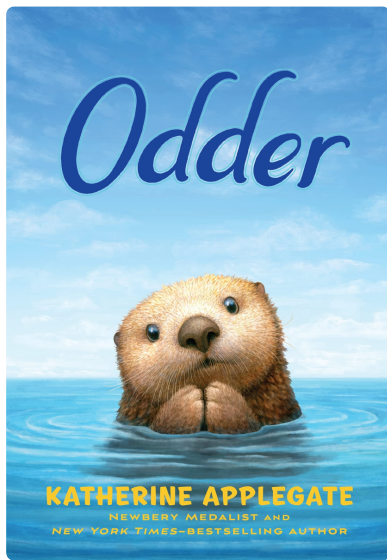
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## Make Waves with Odder Coin Drive

Katherine Applegate's newest book *Odder* is based on the work of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Sea Otter Research and Conservation (SORAC) program. In concert with the book's release the publisher is sponsoring a nation-wide coin drive, **Make Waves with Odder**, to raise funds for this program.

**Make Waves with Odder** is designed to inspire the next generation of conservationists. Otters are a keystone species, meaning they play a critical role in maintaining the ecological health of the



places where they live. Understanding how otters contribute to the health of the Earth will lead to a greater appreciation for the importance of biodiversity and conservation overall.

All schools hosting a Make Waves with Odder Coin Drive are eligible to be entered in a sweepstakes to win a visit with Katherine Applegate, either in-person or virtual, whatever works best for your school.


We will have containers for donations at the library door and in the front lobby of the school during the month of October, if you would like to contribute to the fundraiser.

Let's go Make Waves with Odder!!!

## *A Message About Monarchs from the PG Museum of Natural History*


PACIFIC GROVE  
MUSEUM  
of NATURAL  
HISTORY

# Monarch Butterflies




**Plant a garden**

The best way to observe butterflies and other pollinators is to plant a garden with native, pesticide-free, nectar plants. Milkweed should only be planted 5 miles or more from the coast, and should always be the milkweed native to the area. In overwintering areas like Pacific Grove, fall, winter, and early spring bloomers (non-milkweed) are a great choice!



**Avoid raising butterflies in the classroom**

A scientific collecting permit is required to raise western monarchs in the classroom. Raising any butterflies could endanger wild populations. Hand-reared butterflies should NEVER be released into the wild.



**Find resources for your classroom**

The Museum has Monarch Classroom Kits full of curriculum, models, specimens, photographs, activities, and more for 2-week check out. Your class can also come to the museum for a field trip program on monarchs, or a guided visit to the Monarch Sanctuary.

Visit the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History website for more information on monarch butterflies and opportunities for your class.

<https://www.pgmuseum.org/monarch-viewing>

<https://www.pgmuseum.org/class-field-trips>

## **Literati Online Book Fair is Now Live!**

The RHD Literati Online Book Fair is now live and families can feel free to shop there now. The in-



now available! Go to <https://efairs.literati.com?school=robert-down-elementary-school-pacific-grove-ca>

# ◆ OUR ◆ ONLINE FAIR IS OPEN!

Browse books at  
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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.

- 1) ParentVUE app
- 2) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663
- 3) Email Carey O'Sullivan at [cosullivan@pgusd.org](mailto:cosullivan@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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## Robert H. Down Library Birthday Book Club

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Thank you for your participation in this great **voluntary** program. Please print below:

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Please indicate an alternative month for presentation if your child's birthday is in June, July, or August \_\_\_\_\_

Please check 3 or 4 areas in which your child has an interest:

\_\_\_\_ Art/Drawing  
\_\_\_\_ Animals/Nature – Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Biography – Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Early Reader/Picture Book \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Fantasy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Favorite Author - Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Fiction \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Historical – Time Period \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Music – Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Mystery \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Poetry \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Science Fiction \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Sports – Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Other – Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Librarian's Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Scanlon will select a book based on your child's interests and the needs of the library.

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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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BY DOVETAIL LEARNING

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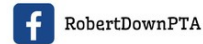
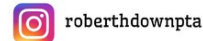
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# PTA Corner

Follow Us!



## WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!

**Membership:** \$20 annual fee (per person). Please donate more (\$50? \$100?) if possible as previous 2 years of fundraising fell short due to COVID.



**Scan the QR Code to join today!**

### PTA Funds Go Towards:

- Classroom enrichment (over 50% of our budget)
- School-wide software licenses (e.g. BrainPop)
- Education enrichment activities
- Site upgrades (e.g. PE shed replacement, garden upgrades)
- Social events that unite our community (e.g. movie nights)

**Classroom Liaisons:** Please let your child's teacher know if you can attend the 4 PTA meetings this year & report back to the class!

**Volunteering:** Particular help wanted for organizing and putting on events, even just one!

**Box Top Apps:** Download the Box Top for Education app for an easy way to submit your Box Top donations.

**AmazonSmile:** Shop through AmazonSmile in order to donate a percentage of your Amazon purchases back to our school!

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**CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear**

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**RHD PTA**  
**Dine Out/ Take Out**  
**Fundraiser**

*Michael's*  
 Grill and Taqueria

**Wednesday, October 19th**  
**10am - 8:30pm**

**1126 Forest Ave, PG**  
**(831) 647-8654**

10% of your purchase will be donated to RHD.  
 Don't forget to mention our Fundraiser!

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## RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS

**AUGUST**



**AUGUST 24**

4pm-9pm

**SEPTEMBER**



**SEPTEMBER 20**

All day

**OCTOBER**



**OCTOBER 19**

All day



**NOVEMBER**



**NOVEMBER 16**

Dinner

**DECEMBER**



**DECEMBER 14**

All day



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**RETRO 80'S**

# MIX & MINGLE SAVE THE DATE...

A PTA Fundraiser for all PG Schools

**November 19, 2022**

An adult only event

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# Pacific Grove Unified School District

## OCTOBER 2022 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 Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Chocolate Muffin 100% Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch				
Monday 10/3	Tuesday 10/4	Wednesday 10/5	Thursday 10/6	Friday 10/7
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks <i>with marinara sauce</i> Cucumbers Fruit Cup Milk	Crispy Chicken Bites & Biscuit Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk	Turkey Taco Nada <i>(taco-seasoned turkey &amp; cheese empanada)</i> Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger <i>(all-beef or veggie patty)</i> <i>plain or with cheese, lettuce &amp; pickles</i> Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 10/10	Tuesday 10/11	Wednesday 10/12	Thursday 10/13	Friday 10/14
Fall Break  NO SCHOOL	Fall Break  NO SCHOOL	Fall Break  NO SCHOOL	Fall Break  NO SCHOOL	Fall Break  NO SCHOOL
Monday 10/17	Tuesday 10/18	Wednesday 10/19	Thursday 10/20	Friday 10/21
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Milk	Meatloaf & Garlic Toast Corn Fresh Fruit Milk Goldfish Grahams	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes <i>served with HFCS-free syrup</i> Turkey Sausages Hash Browns Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Tater Tots Fresh Fruit Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 10/24	Tuesday 10/25	Wednesday 10/26	Thursday 10/27	Friday 10/28
Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Cucumbers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich <i>(NAE whole-muscle breaded filet)</i> Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit Milk	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Corn Fruit Cup Milk	Build-a-Burger <i>(all-beef or veggie patty)</i> <i>plain or with cheese, lettuce &amp; pickles</i> Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 10/31				
Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich String Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk Graham Crackers 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



## Cub Scout Pack 125 Calendar 2022–2023

8.12–14.2022	Cub-ON! family camp @ Boulder Creek Scout Reservation (optional)
8.25	<b>Pack Night</b> (meeting) & <b>Stomp Rockets</b> @ RHD blacktop (6:15 PM)
9.2–4	Family Camp @ Camp Chesebrough (optional)
9.9	Splash-O-Rama (swimming) @ Monterey Sports Center
9.17	California Coastal Cleanup (community service)
9.22	<b>Pack Night</b> @ RHD athletic field (6:15 PM)
9.22–9.24	Overnight Campout @ Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk (optional)
10.27	<b>Pack Night</b> @ RHD cafeteria (6:15 PM)
10.28–30	Cub-ON! family camp @ Boulder Creek Scout Reservation (optional)
10.29	Trick-or-Treating @ Downtown PG
11.17	<b>Pack Night</b> & nonperishable food drive @ RHD cafeteria (6:15 PM)
11.19	Train Ride & Panning for Gold @ Roaring Camp Railroad
12.2	Christmas Party @ PG Youth Center
1.28.2023	Pinewood Derby @ Chautauqua Hall
2.24	Blue & Gold Banquet @ PG Youth Center
3.18	Trekkers Hike @ TBA
3.23	<b>Pack Night</b> @ RHD cafeteria (6:15 PM)
4.22	Biking by the Bay @ Lovers Point
4.27	<b>Pack Night</b> @ RHD cafeteria (6:15 PM)
TBA	Good Old Days Parade
5.12–14	Cub-ON! family camp @ BCSR (optional)
5.20	Packactivity (TBA)
5.25	<b>Pack Night</b> @ RHD cafeteria (6:15 PM)
5.27–29	Family Camp @ Camp Chesebrough (optional)
6.2	Crossover Picnic @ Lovers Point



- **Cub Scout Pack 125**, for K–5 boys, wants **you**!
- Come to the August Pack Night to make & launch **stomp rockets**!
- “Try before you buy”—visit us any time and check us out.
- Our fun-filled **Packactivities** attract families from all over the area.
- Want to learn more? e-mail us!

**pack125pg@gmail.com**

## Cub Scout Pack 125—Where Adventure Begins!

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### Message from District Nurse Katrina Powley

#### Daily Symptoms Checklist

Each morning prior to school departure, please monitor your child for the following symptoms and keep them home if they have the following, especially if the symptoms are new, are a sudden onset, and do not resolve within a short time period on their own without medication:

- Persistent headache and fatigue
- Elevated temperature
- Body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

All children should remain home until their illness has subsided and they are resolved of symptoms for at least 24 hours without the use of over-the-counter medications to relieve symptoms. Even if a child is ill with a negative COVID-19 test result, please ensure that your child's symptoms are resolved for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If a child arrives to school with or develops active illness symptoms at school, we will phone parents to pick up their children with instructions to keep them home until the illness has resolved

for at least 24 hours without the use of over-the-counter medication to relieve symptoms.

## **QUARANTINE and EXPOSURE PERIOD TIMELINES**

### **QUARANTINE FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT:**

**Day 1:** \_\_\_\_ (Start date of symptoms, or if no symptoms, date of COVID-19 test)

**Day 5:** \_\_\_\_ Test again if feeling better.

**Day 5 Negative Test Result:** End quarantine on day 6 (\_\_\_\_)

**Day 5 Positive Test Result:** continue to quarantine through day 10 (\_\_\_\_) OR until you test negative at anytime between days 6-10 (\_\_\_\_) to end quarantine anytime between days 6-10 if symptoms are resolved.

**Day 11:** (\_\_\_\_) End quarantine if feeling better. You do not need to test again in order to end quarantine on day 11 or later as long as symptoms are resolved.

\*\*If ending quarantine on day 10 or earlier, indoor masking is strongly recommended through the remainder of the 10-day quarantine period.

### **ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM CLOSE CONTACT EXPOSURE PERIOD:**

**As per PGUSD Board Policy on 3/17/2022, all elementary classroom close contacts must wear a mask indoors until testing by day 5 of the exposure period. Indoor masking would be discontinued on day 6 of the exposure period.**

**Day 1:** \_\_\_\_ (Day 1 starts 2 days prior to the date that the positive individual's symptoms began OR if asymptomatic, date of individual's COVID-19 test)

**Day 5:** \_\_\_\_ COVID-19 Testing received by day 5

**Day 6:** \_\_\_\_ Indoor masking not required although still strongly recommended as per CDPH.

**Day 10:** \_\_\_\_ Last day of exposure period

**Day 11:** \_\_\_\_ Exposure Period Over

\*\*Indoor masking strongly recommended through the remainder of the exposure period\*\*

### **OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL EXPOSURE PERIOD:**

**Day 1:** \_\_\_\_ (Day 1 starts 2 days prior to the date that the positive individual's symptoms began OR if asymptomatic, date of individual's COVID-19 test)

**Day 5:** \_\_\_\_ COVID-19 Testing strongly recommended.

**Day 10:** \_\_\_\_: Last day of exposure period

**Day 11:** \_\_\_\_ Exposure Period Over

\*\*Indoor masking strongly recommended through the remainder of the exposure period\*\*





## Robert Down Elementary School

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

Phone: (831) 646-6540



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