



ROBERT DOWN PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

October 20, 2022

Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

Our PTA is in need of help with next week's Book Fair and also is searching for members to organize fun PTA events for the remainder of the year. Our Book Fair begins this Monday in the RHD cafeteria and will be open before school and after school each day, including Friday during the Halloween Movie Night. To help with the Book Fair, please contact Heather Lazare at heatherlazare@gmail.com and for interest in helping with any PTA events like Bingo Night, Art Night, Celebrating Cultures from Every Continent during Diversity Night, another possible Movie Night, and the parent/guardian night Mix and Mingle. If you have not had the opportunity to help out or want to meet some awesome members of our Otter Ohana, reach out to Lucie Hazen at ljhazen@gmail.com or Heloisa Junqueira at hjunqueira25@gmail.com (Diversity Night only)

For any English Language Development (ELD) parents who have their students supported by Chantelle Cafferata, please attend the first annual ELAC Playdate at Caledonia Park this Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00-10:30 AM.

This Monday and Tuesday, our district is hosting two Fentanyl Information nights. Please see the flier below and attend to help your family understand how this drug can affect community members and how we all can help save lives.

I will be hosting the October Cocoa with Keller this Tuesday and will be covering the updates in the RHD Safety Plan that was introduced this past Monday to our Site Council (and shared in the last Site Council Smore). Please come with any questions or concerns that cover any topic covering academics, school activities, safety, etc.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pgusd.zoom.us/j/83377375436>

Meeting ID: 833 7737 5436

A reminder that we will have a costume parade on October 31st from 9:00-9:30 AM on the intermediate blacktop. Costumes should be elementary-age appropriate with no masks or props - these may be worn to the Halloween Movie Night on Friday, October 28th.

Our First Trimester Parent Conference Week is from Monday, October 31st to Friday, November 4th. Please remember that all students have minimum days all week. All students will be dismissed at 12:10 PM. Those that are not picked up within 10 minutes will be escorted to the lunch tables to join BASRP.

A message from PTA Fundraising Chair:

Friends and family of Robert Down PTA,

Our most important fundraiser of the year has kicked off and is running from October 17th through November 4th. Take a sneak peek at some of the great items available this year. Get ready and jump on holiday shopping, share with friends and family.

Let's get started, read through the flier below to help you get registered for our fundraiser today! It's super easy and goes a big way in helping us reach our goals!

Shop from now until November 4th.

Thank you for your support!


Sarah Fontecchio

In Otter Ohana,

Sean Keller, RHD Principal

Google Voice (831) 275-0083


skeller@pgusd.org



Robert Down PTA
REGISTER NOW FOR OUR FUNDRAISER


Organization ID:
19907

3 EASY STEPS




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1# REGISTER
Register participant at
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to access our handy invitation
tools in the Participant
Portal-Very important!




2# SHARE
Invite friends and family to
support! SHARE a link to the sale
via **TEXT & EMAIL** using our
invitation tools. Don't forget to
share with your followers on
SOCIAL MEDIA, too!




3# SHOP
Go online to SHOP and help us
reach our GOAL today! With
over 2,500 gift ideas there is
something for everyone!





Sharing &
supporting
is quick and
easy!



With over 2,500 gift ideas, check-off your holiday gift list and invite friends & family to support our important cause, too!

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RHD Upcoming Events

Oct. 20 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

Oct. 22 - PGHS Movie Night, Leadership Fundraiser, 6:30 PM PGHS Library

Oct. 24-28 - Fall Book Fair

Oct. 24 - Fentanyl Town Hall, (RHD & FG Parents) PGMS, 6:30 PM

Oct. 25 - Fentanyl Town Hall (PGMS & PGHS Parents), PGMS, 6:30 PM

Oct. 31- Nov. 4 - Parent Teacher Conference Week, All Students Minimum Day All Week

RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of October 20 :

None

Join PGUSD, Montage Health & Your PTAs

Fentanyl Town Hall Meeting

AT THE PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER (PGMS AUDITORIUM)
835 FOREST AVENUE
6:30 - 8:00PM



A 1.5 Hour
Discussion

MONDAY, 10/24:
**Forest Grove &
Robert Down
Parents**

TUESDAY, 10/25:
**PG Middle & High
School Parents**

Counterfeit prescription pills containing deadly chemicals are widely available across the country and Monterey County.

Some pills, laced with Fentanyl and now made to look like rainbow candy, have the power to cause death within minutes.

Join us for a town hall to discuss fentanyl and Narcan, and learn what to look for and how to respond to drug abuse.

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Reb Close, MD

CHOMP Emergency Medicine
Monterey County Prescribe Safe
Initiative

Dr. Casey Grover, MD

CHOMP Emergency Medicine
Physician Champion for
Monterey County Prescribe Safe
Initiative



Únase con PGUSD, Salud Montage y sus respectivas PTAs

Reunión del Ayuntamiento de Fentanilo

EN EL CENTRO DE ARTES
ESCÉNICAS (AUDITORIO PGMS)

835 FOREST AVENUE
6:30 - 8:00PM



Una discusión
de 1.5 horas

Lunes, 10/24:
**Padres de Forest
Grove & Robert
Down**

Martes, 10/25:
**Padres de la
Escuela Intermedia
y Secundaria PG**

Las píldoras recetadas falsificadas que contienen productos químicos mortales están ampliamente disponibles en todo el país y en el condado de Monterey.

Algunas píldoras, mezcladas con fentanilo y ahora hechas para parecer dulces de arco iris, tienen el poder de causar la muerte en cuestión de minutos.

Únase a nosotros en un ayuntamiento para discutir el fentanilo y narcán, y aprenda qué buscar y cómo responder al abuso de drogas.

Invitados Especiales:

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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.



Office Reminders...

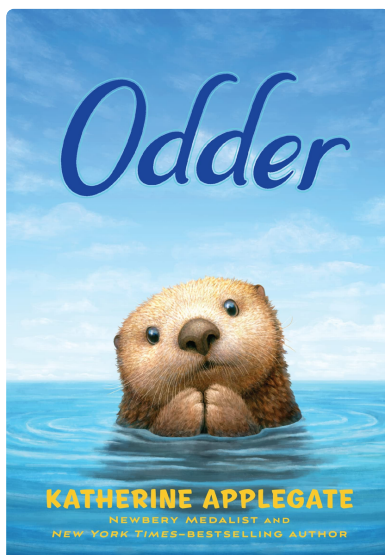
1) Please have your child to school on time. Gates open at 8:30 AM. Warning bell rings at 8:40 AM. **Final bell rings and instruction begins at 8:45 AM.** When a student is tardy it is disruptive to the office and classroom. In addition, students miss important information and announcements from their 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 ***

- 1) ParentVUE app
- 2) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663
- 3) Email Carey O'Sullivan at 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.



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

Monarch Butterflies

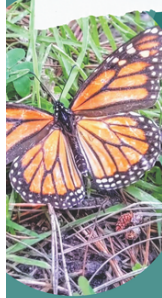


Plant a garden

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-person RHD Bok Fair will be held from October 24th-28th in the cafeteria, but online shopping is now available! Go to <https://efairs.literati.com?school=robert-down-elementary-school-pacific-grove-ca>

◆ OUR ◆ ONLINE FAIR IS OPEN!

Browse books at
EFAIRS.LITERATI.COM

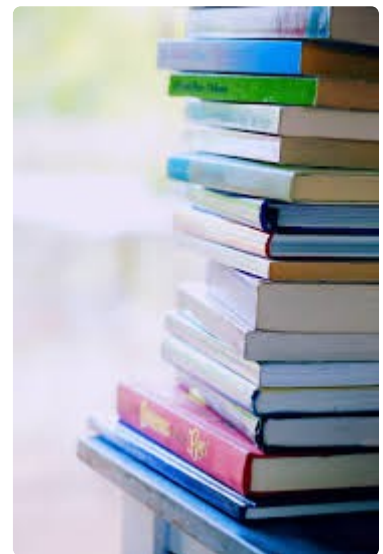


Robert Down Birthday Books

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

Dear Parents,

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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.

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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PTA Corner

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RobertDownPTA

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!

CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear

RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS

AUGUST



AUGUST 24

4pm-9pm

SEPTEMBER



SEPTEMBER 20

All day

OCTOBER

Michael's
Grill and Taqueria

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 & cheese empanada)</i> Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger <i>(all-beef or veggie patty)</i> <i>plain or with cheese, lettuce & 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 & 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	Pack Night (meeting) & Stomp Rockets @ 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	Pack Night @ RHD athletic field (6:15 PM)
9.22–9.24	Overnight Campout @ Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk (optional)
10.27	Pack Night @ 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	Pack Night & 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	Pack Night @ RHD cafeteria (6:15 PM)
4.22	Biking by the Bay @ Lovers Point
4.27	Pack Night @ 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	Pack Night @ 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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