



# ROBERT DOWN PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

October 27, 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

Lots of information and reminders this week:

- Tomorrow, October 28th, is the last day for our Book Fair. I want to thank Heather Lazare for organizing and for all the parents that have helped with their time and effort to make this a successful event with the best outcome of having students with new books.
- We will also be gathering for our annual PTA Halloween Party tomorrow night from 6:00-9:00 PM (Flier below). The Book Fair will be open until 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.
- Next week we will have a costume parade on the intermediate blacktop on Monday, October 31st, from 9:00-9:30 AM. Parents are welcome to watch our students celebrate this chance to dress up.
- All week we will have Parent/Guardian Conferences with a dismissal at 12:10 PM each day. Any students not picked up within 10 minutes will be checked into BASRP.
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ZiyfO98w57jvUk34dAwYqqlv6DpE2NE/view?usp=sharing>

- On Wednesday, November 2nd, we will celebrate Dia de los Muertos with one of our parents performing a traditional Mexican Folk Dance from the State of Veracruz then answering questions from students about the tradition. Any student is welcome to honor a lost loved one with a picture with or without their name and bring it to the cafeteria to pin it on our display board. It is recommended that the picture is printed and not an original.
- A reminder that any armed forces veteran or active member may be recognized on November 10th at our annual Veteran's Day recognition. If the weather is cooperative, we will hold an assembly outside from 9:00-9:30 AM. If it is raining, we will host in the Ottertorium. Please send Principal Keller three to four pictures with the name, rank, and name of the armed forces your friend or family member served.
- Attached is a informational letter for 5th grade families inviting their students to participate in the annual CA Healthy Kids Survey. The survey questions are also included in the attachment. 5th graders will be bringing home the permission slip to participate in November. This survey only has 5th grade participants and RHD has been averaging 70%-79% participation the last few years. Our Site Council uses these anonymous survey results to make important financial decisions for our school, so please read the attachment and consider approving your student's participation.
- For families that would like to participate in the CA Healthy Kids Survey, please use the following link: <https://wested.ugam-apps.com/wed/ts/og8v> If you send me an email or text with a screen shot of your finished survey, I will enter you in a raffle to win two free tickets (on me) to the Taste of PG in the spring (or dinner to a local restaurant if the event does not take place). Please make sure to identify yourself in the email or text. Thank you in advance for providing our Site Council with this important information.
- On Monday, November 14, from 8:00-8:30 AM RHD will be joining thousands of students from across the nation to honor Ruby Bridges and her courage to attend school in the segregated South in 1960. Participants should meet near the lunch tables and students will receive a beanie, wrist band, or button to commemorate this event. After all the items have been passed out, we will ceremoniously walk up the steps of RHD and watch a video in the Ottertorium. Students will be released from the Ottertorium to attend class. Parents are welcome to join.

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 6-9PM**



## RHD Upcoming Events

**Oct. 24-28** - Fall Book Fair

**Oct. 28** - PTA Halloween Party, 6:00-9:00 PM

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

**Oct. 31** - Halloween Parade, RHD Blacktop, 9:00-9:30 AM

**Nov. 1** - PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Zoom info: [Recurring link for board and general meetings](#)

Password: 688756

**Nov. 10** - Veterans Day Assembly

**Nov. 10** - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Nov. 11** - Veterans Day, No School

**Nov. 14** - Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

**Nov. 16** - PTA Dine-Out, Islands

**Nov. 17** - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Nov. 19** - PGUSD PTA's Mix & Mingle Event, adults only

**Nov. 23** - Minimum Day, Dismissal 12:10 PM

**Nov. 24-25** - Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

**Nov. 29** - Cocoa with Keller, 6:30 PM, Zoom: <https://pgusd.zoom.us/j/83377375436>

ID: 833 7737 5436





# PLEASE JOIN US (Remotely)

## Tuesday, November 1, 630pm

Zoom:

<https://stanford.zoom.us/j/97183689596?pwd=eGpmaEtzNnBiMzFyN3UrTW42eW9pUT09>

Meeting ID: 971 8368 9596

Password: 688756

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### RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of October 27 :

None

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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





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 \***

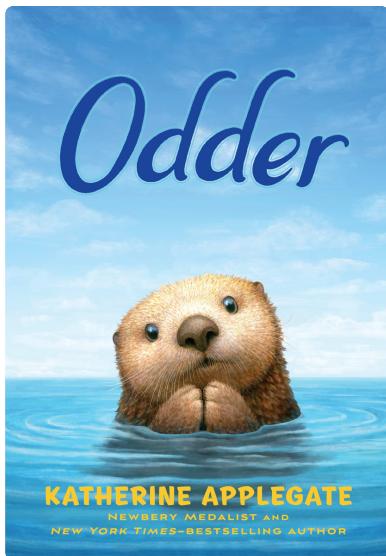
1) ParentVUE app

2) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663

3) Email Carey O'Sullivan at [cosullivan@pgusd.org](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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### **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!!!

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### **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>

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RUBY BRIDGES  
**WALK**  
to SCHOOL DAY

NOVEMBER 14

Robert Down Birthday Books



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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## ToolboxParentWkshopHandout.pdf



# PTA Corner

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

# Otterly Adorable













## Robert Down Elementary School

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