



ROBERT DOWN PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

November 3 , 2022

Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

I want to thank all the parents who attended the recent costume parade. We had a lot of fun, and it was great to see our students sharing their wears once again on campus. A second a HUGE thank you goes out to Heloisa Junqueira, Sandra Jones, Senora Nunez, and Socorro Papadakis for organizing our first annual El Dia de los Muertos celebration. Socorro performed two beautiful dances and the students truly enjoyed the question and answer discussion afterward. I look forward to next year's festivities.

If your family has a cultural celebration you would like to share with RHD, please let me know how we can organize an educational event.

- **Tomorrow, November 4th**, we celebrate the life of our long-time PE teacher, Jen Hinton, with **Aloha Dress Up Day**. Please bring your best Hawaiian spirit to school as we remember an outstanding member of our Ohana. Me Kei Aloha!
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- Robert Down is helping collect shelf stable food items on behalf of **Food Drive for Monterey County**. If your family is able to donate, please send food items to school with your child to put in a food barrel on campus. For more information about this organization please visit: <https://foodbankformontereycounty.org/>
- 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. Only four parents have contacted me so far so the odds are WAY better than the Powerball lottery! 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. Please click on this link to learn more, <https://rubybridges.foundation/>

In Otter Ohana,

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

Message from PTA

Our fundraising deadline is 11/04/2022 and we need your help now!

Haven't had time to get involved with our fundraiser yet?

It's not too late to do your part and help us reach our goals - but, we need your help TODAY! RIGHT NOW!

Register your participant online by going to registercw.com, if you havent already. (Our Organization ID is 19907)

Attached to this email, you'll find an instruction letter that you can use to ensure you are registered properly for the fundraiser and that all of your purchases are linked to our organization.

Also, it's not too late to spread the word to friends & family which will help us reach our final goal!

to family & friends (break out your contact list). Can we count on you to send at least 10 emails?

* Share! Use the social media sharing tool to spread the word about our fundraiser.

* Text! Use the handy texting feature to quickly share our link with family & friends.

* Shop! Your holiday and everyday gift purchases will help us reach our goals.

Thank you for your support!

Charleston Wrap Letter.docx

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RHD Upcoming Events

Nov. 10 - Veterans Day Assembly, 9:00 AM

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, Dinner Only

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

Nov. 19 - PGUSD PTA's Mix & Mingle Event, Holman Building Lauren's Lounge, 6:00-10:00 PM

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

RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of November 3 :

3rd Grade - Jones - 1 student

4th Grade - Brockmeyer - 1 student

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...

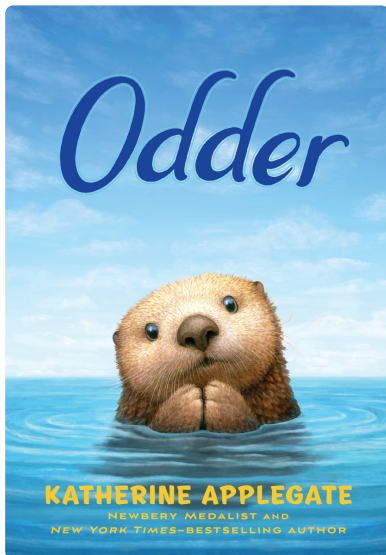
1) Please have your child to school on time. Gates open at 8:30 AM. Warning bell rings at 8:40 AM. **Final bell rings and instruction begins at 8:45 AM.** When a student is tardy it is disruptive to the office and classroom. In addition, students miss important information and announcements from their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

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>

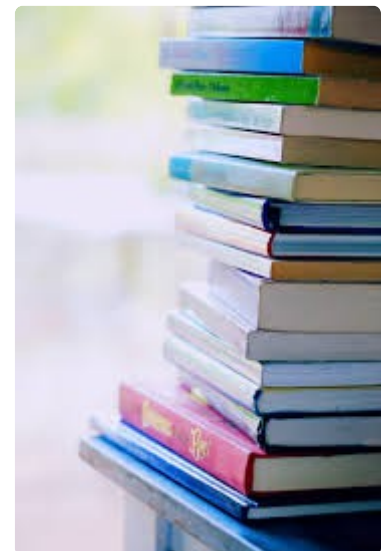


Robert Down Birthday Books

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.

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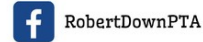
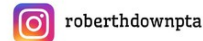
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PTA Corner

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!

CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear

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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Mix & Mingle - November 19



MIX & MINGLE

JOIN US FOR RETRO 80'S
THEMED ATTIRE
ENCOURAGED, BUT
OPTIONAL

TICKETS:\$30 IN ADVANCE
\$40 STARTING NOV. 19TH
AND AT THE DOOR

MUSIC,DANCING, SILENT AUCTION, AND
MORE...

PRICE INCLUDES: DRINKS AND DESSERTS
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

6PM 8:00PM

LOCATION: LAUREN'S LOUNGE @ THE
HOLMAN BUILDING 542 LIGHTHOUSE AVE.
PACIFIC GROVE- ENTRANCE OFF
FOUNTAIN AVE. IN REAR PARKING LOT

EVENTBRITE TICKETS:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3GHJPIJ](https://bit.ly/3GHJPIJ)

An adult 21+ only event

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A PTA Fundraiser for all PG Schools



Pacific Grove Unified School District
NOVEMBER 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				
	Tuesday 11/1	Wednesday 11/2	Thursday 11/3	Friday 11/4
	Turkey & Cheese Cracker Kit Fruitables Juice Fresh Fruit Milk MINIMUM DAY	Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Edamame Fruit Cup Milk MINIMUM DAY	Sun/Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich (strawberry/grape) Sunflower Seeds Fruitables Juice Apple Crisps Milk MINIMUM DAY	Italian Combo Sandwich (cured turkey deli meat) Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk MINIMUM DAY
Monday 11/7	Tuesday 11/8	Wednesday 11/9	Thursday 11/10	Friday 11/11
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Side Salad Fruit Cup Milk	Chicken & Waffles (NAE chicken served with syrup) Hash Browns 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (chicken meatballs) Texas Toast Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15	Wednesday 11/16	Thursday 11/17	Friday 11/18
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Cucumbers Fresh Fruit Milk	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes served with syrup Turkey Sausages Hash Browns Fresh Fruit Milk	Turkey Taco Nada Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 11/21	Tuesday 11/22	Wednesday 11/23	Thursday 11/24	Friday 11/25
Macaroni & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Cucumbers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich (NAE whole-muscle breaded filet) Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich String Cheese Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk Graham Crackers MINIMUM DAY	Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Monday 11/28	Tuesday 11/29	Wednesday 11/30		
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Meatloaf & Garlic Toast Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Edamame Fruit Cup Milk		

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



2022 Zombie Run Winner - Sawyer Boyle!

Robert Down's own - Sawyer Boyle - won the 2022 Zombie Run - (2K - Under 12) in Pebble Beach over the weekend. This is the second year in a row that he has won the 2K race....We are so very proud of Sawyer!







RHD Kindergarten











Robert Down Elementary School

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