



# Robert Down Principal's Update

November 10 , 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

- Today RHD celebrated current and former military members with our annual **Veterans Day presentation**. Thank you to all of our service members representing the USA and allied countries. Please enjoy the video if you did not have a chance to attend. I can't thank RHD parent, Brice Gamble, who continuously provides AV support each year:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n3vEyHO2iyiNpF0iXY\\_3k94brh01-rsq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n3vEyHO2iyiNpF0iXY_3k94brh01-rsq/view?usp=sharing)
- **PGUSD Parent/Guardian Advisory Committee:** Any parents/guardians interested in providing feedback on the district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) are invited to attend a meeting with Director of Curriculum, Buck Roggeman, Wednesday, November 30, in the Forest Grove Library, 6:00 PM. Other meetings will take place at different campuses each month with dates to be determined. Feel free to contact Mr. Roggeman and myself to share your interest:  
[broggeman@pgusd.org](mailto:broggeman@pgusd.org) and [skeller@pgusd.org](mailto:skeller@pgusd.org).
- **Robert Down School 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/>

- The **RHD Holiday Program** has been solidified to occur back at **PGHS Breaker Stadium** on **Tuesday, December 13th** starting at 6:30 P.M. Make plans to dress warm and have plenty of blankets as we celebrate holiday traditions from around the world.
- 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.
- This 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/>

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## RHD Upcoming Events

**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>

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## RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

### As of November 10

4th grade - Brockmeyer - 1 student

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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.

#### **\* Ways to report a student absent \***

a) ParentVUE app

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

c) 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.

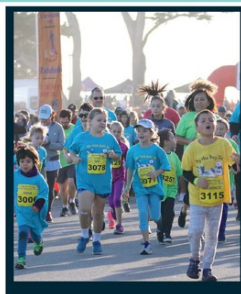


**JOIN US SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH!**

There's weekend fun for the whole family at the Monterey Bay Half Marathon, 5K & 3K on November 12th and 13th! Saturday's 3K & 5K distances at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove are perfect for kids and runners and walkers who prefer shorter race distances. Plus, all participants get a shirt and medal!



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**LET'S GET MOVING!**

**SIGN UP TODAY AT  
MONTEREYBAYHALFMARATHON.ORG,  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW!**



**3K Kids - \$15  
3K Adults - \$25**

**5K Kids - \$30  
5K Adults - \$40**





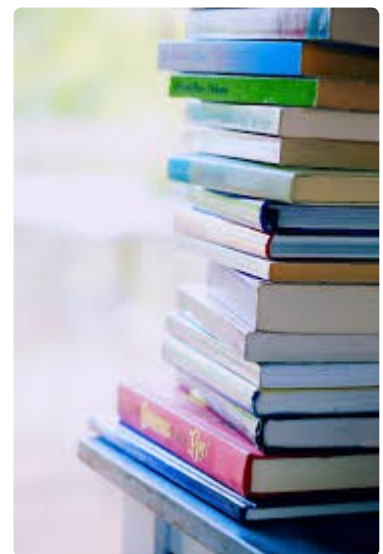
# RUBY BRIDGES WALK to SCHOOL DAY NOVEMBER 14

## 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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## ToolboxParentWkshopHandout.pdf

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[CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear](#)

## RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS

**AUGUST**

**PIZZA**  
*My*  
**HEART**

**AUGUST 24**

4pm-9pm

**SEPTEMBER**

*Pacific* **Thai** *Cuisine*

**SEPTEMBER 20**

All day

**OCTOBER**

*Michael's*  
Grill and Taqueria

**OCTOBER 19**

All day



**NOVEMBER**

**ISLANDS**  
*Food, Fun, and Friends*

**NOVEMBER 16**

Dinner

**DECEMBER**

 **california**  
PIZZA KITCHEN

**DECEMBER 14**

All day



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*Mix & Mingle - November 19*

## A stylized illustration of a VHS tape. The tape is dark grey with a yellow label area in the center. The label area is divided into three vertical stripes: teal, yellow, and red. A large, red, distressed 'SOLD' stamp is overlaid on the bottom right of the tape. The stamp has a white border and a speckled texture.

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## Pacific Grove Unified School District

### NOVEMBER 2022 Elementary School Menu



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

## Otterly Adorable



### Native American Month

3rd grade student Nolan's mom, Nizhoni, did a wonderful presentation on the Navajo for Native American month.

### Build a Shoebox Organization





Third grade student Eli is participating with the "Build a Shoebox" organization and has a goal of collecting 20 boxes!

If your family is interested in supporting, please click on the links below:

**Build a box:** <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/my-goal/a26a7443-a749-42e0-b3f6-6de533c4cccc/6779bd88-16d3-4230-9b0e-ab6beab3e868>

**Affiliate church:** <https://monterey.church/occ>

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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



### 2022-23 Pricing Letter to Households.pdf

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