



# Robert Down Principal's Update

December 1, 2022

## Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

### Holiday Program Plans

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. The days seem to be speeding, and soon we will be celebrating holiday traditions from around the world at our annual performance. Earlier this week, the 14-day forecast listed thunderstorms, so we have a contingency plan just in case Tuesday, Dec. 13th brings inclement weather like today. More recent forecasts have provided better weather.

**Plan A: Tuesday, Dec. 13th** - Holiday Program at Pacific Grove High School's Breaker's Stadium (Corner of Sunset Drive and Congress Ave.). Several information sheets are below to provide families where to park, student drop off locations, classroom sitting locations on the track, and pick up. There are other pictures to help families with locations of drop off and pick up from last year.

**Plan B: Tuesday, Dec. 13th (Alternate Location if it rains)** - Holiday programs at RHD starting with Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades at 5:00 P.M. and 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at 6:30 PM. This will only occur if we have inclement weather. Audience members will be limited to parents/guardians. A zoom feed will be provided for other family members/friends that want to watch the program (It is unsure if a Zoom simulcast will be available at Breaker's Stadium).

Regardless of the location, our program will be lots of fun, so make plans to attend and be prepared for cold weather if we are at the stadium.

### **Make Waves for Odder Campaign**

I wanted to give a shout out to our marvelous librarian, Anne Scanlon, for leading the "Make Waves for Odder" fundraiser for aquarium research and support of otters. Our school raised \$511.48. Ms. Scanlon met students at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and fed the fish from the tank. See the picture below of the check and student participants that will be published in an upcoming aquarium magazine.

### **Don't Let Your Student's Items Be Lost Forever - Find Them Soon!**

Please come by the Lost and Found as it is once again overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, and water bottles. All items left after Dec. 16th will be donated to charity.

### **Can Food Drive**

Please remember to donate to our annual food drive. Many county residents are in need this holiday season, so let's show the food bank how much our Ohana cares. For more information about the food bank please visit: <https://foodbankformontereycounty.org/>

### **Parents' Night Out Fundraiser for PGHS Prom**

For parents wanting to have some time for holiday shopping or an opportunity for a date night, support the PGHS junior class this Saturday as they hold a Parents Night Out to raise funds for the PGHS prom. Former BASRP Director and current PGHS Office Manager, Jill Houston, PGCHS Office Manager and former RHD PTA President, Luciana Morgan, and one more adult will be on site as junior class officers provide arts and crafts, pizza, and snacks from 6:00-9:30 PM - all for \$15. See the flier below.

### **A Great Gift for the Holidays!**

The RHD Brick Fundraiser is now selling bricks offline only. Families can print out the attachment or come to the RHD lobby to pick up the updated fliers - also a black and white version of the flier was sent home in your student's folder two weeks ago.

Prices have increased since the spring due to the cost of installation, but all 4 x 8 or 8 x 8 bricks are still under \$100. Tell your local business to contact me if they are interested in purchasing a brick.

In Otter Ohana,

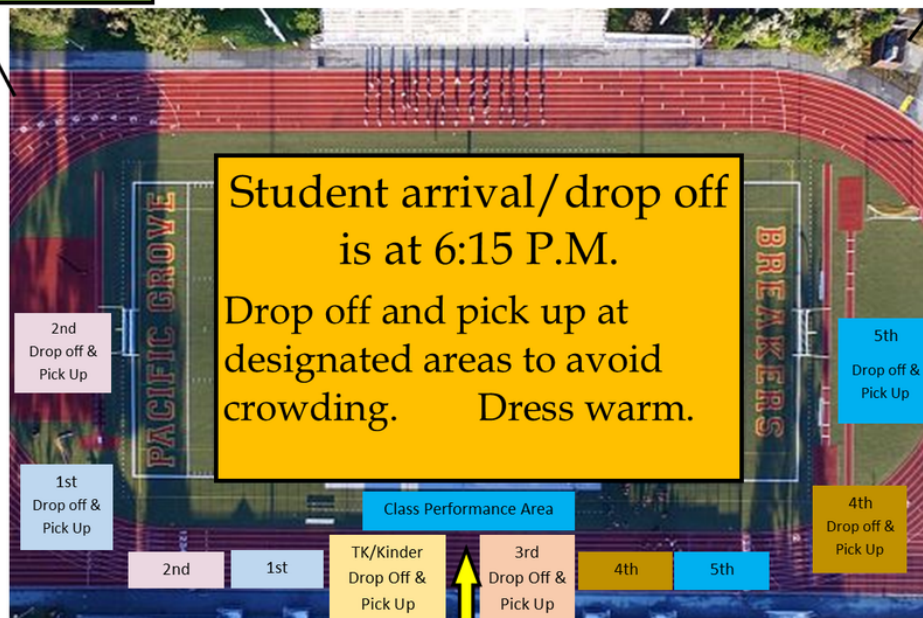
Sean Keller, RHD Principal  
Google Voice (831) 275-0083  
[skeller@pgusd.org](mailto:skeller@pgusd.org)



Inside Stadium Parking . This area will be reserved for families with disabled placards and obvious need to park close to event. Entrance off Congress for Forest Grove Elementary

# PGUSD Elementary Holiday Program

Fire/Ambulance  
Entrance. No Parking  
available.



Primary classes will sit on track to the left of the 50 yard line (Field House Side).

Intermediate classes will sit on track to the right of the 50 yard line (Snack Shack Side)

Parents walk their student(s) to track entrances from stadium (TK/K/3rd at 50 yard line, 5th at Snack Shack Gate, 4th at 5 yd line gate, 1st at 5 yd line gate, and 2nd at Field house gate), RHD or FG staff will escort students to their classroom sitting area on the track. Dress warm, bring blankets, and stay for entire performance.

Main Entrance  
Off Sunset  
Drive



# PGUSD Elementary Holiday Program

## Holiday Program Parking

- PGHS parking lot off Sunset near the baseball field
- **Sunset Drive and Congress Ave.**
- Off Forest Lodge Road in the shared parking lot between PGHS and Forest Grove Elementary
- **We ask that the stadium parking (access through Forest Grove/Congress) be saved for the Disabled and family members with walking concerns.**
- **Forest Grove staff parking will be reserved for FG & RHD employees.**

### A few things to remember for that night:

- The PGHS track does not support high heels so please wear flats or pumps if you plan to come onto the track for student pick up.
- Students will sit on the track with their grade level in their homeroom class. Students may want to use a jacket or small blanket to sit on.
- Students will need to stay until the end of the performance. All grades will perform on Monday, Dec. 12th (Forest Grove) and Tuesday, Dec. 13th (Robert H. Down) Weather forecast is mid 50s to low 60s.
- Photo opportunities will be available but please bring that zoom lens if you have one. There may be folks in wheelchairs watching from the track level - no one should stand in front of these attendees. Families are welcome to bring folding chairs if it is difficult to climb the ramp or stairs into the stadium seats.
- This will be a time for our Otter Ohana to come together safely to celebrate our shared holiday traditions along with learning from each other about different cultural celebrations. Please keep a safe distance from each other in the stands and work together while selecting seating arrangements. Be warm with each other in spirit and remember that we all need to be supported.

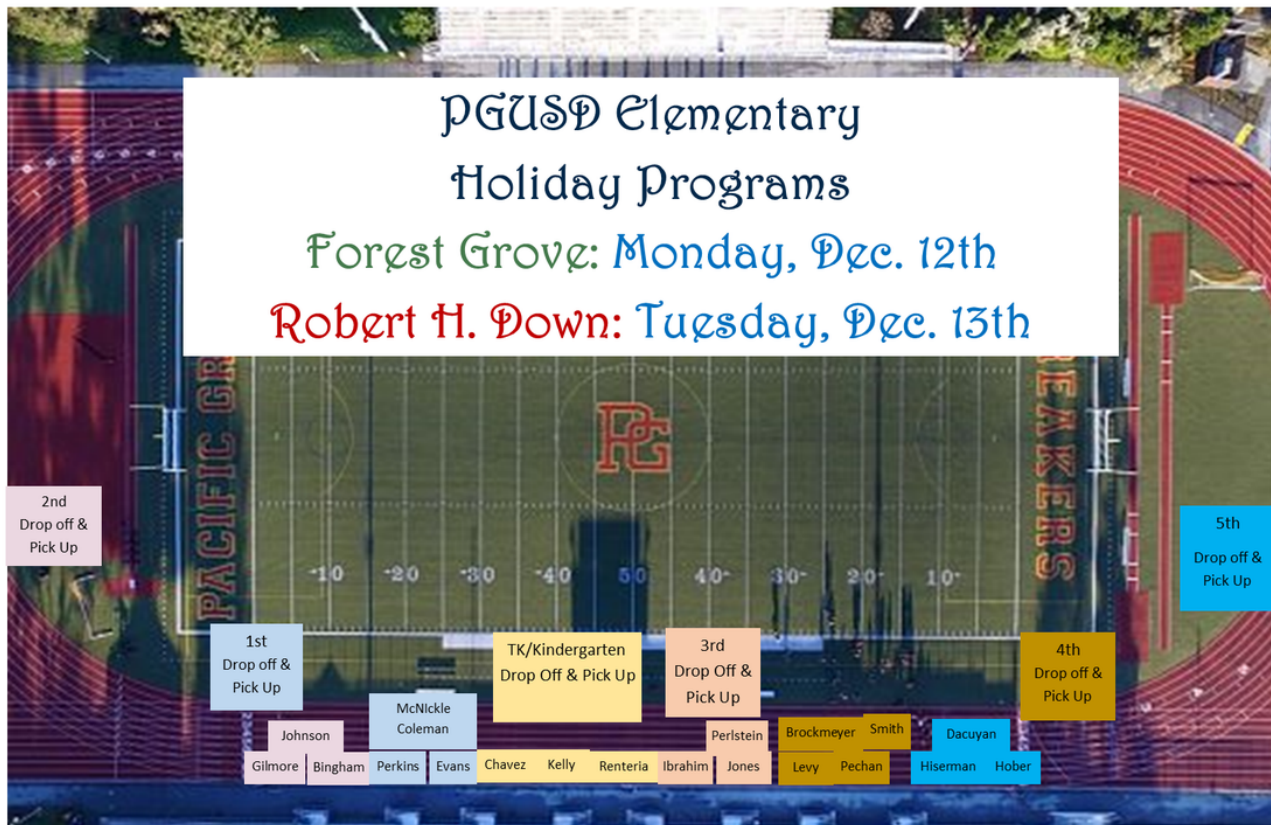
# PGUSD Elementary Holiday Program

## Estacionamiento del programa de vacaciones

- Estacionamiento de PGHS en la calle Sunset cerca del campo de béisbol
- Calle Sunset y avenida Congreso.
- Fuera de Forest Lodge Road en el estacionamiento compartido entre PGHS y la primaria Forest Grove
- Pedimos que el estacionamiento del estadio (acceso a través de Forest Grove/ Congress) sea reservado para los discapacitados y los miembros de la familia con problemas para caminar.
- El estacionamiento del personal de Forest Grove estará reservado para los empleados de FG y RHD.

### Algunas cosas para recordar esa noche:

- La pista de PGHS no admite tacones altos, así que use zapatos planos o de tacón si planea venir a la pista para recoger a los estudiantes.
- Los estudiantes se sentarán en la pista con su clase principal junto con el mismo nivel de clase. Los estudiantes podrían usar una chaqueta o una manta pequeña para sentarse.
- Los estudiantes deberán quedarse hasta el final de la presentación. Todos los grados se presentarán el lunes 12 de diciembre (Forest Grove) y el martes 13 de diciembre (Robert H. Down) El pronóstico del tiempo es entre 50 y 60 grados.
- Habrá oportunidades para tomar fotos, pero traiga una cámara con lente si tiene una. Puede haber personas en sillas de ruedas mirando desde el nivel de la pista; nadie debe pararse frente de estos asistentes. Las familias pueden traer sillas que se doblan si es difícil subir la rampa o las escaleras en los asientos del estadio.
- Este será un momento para que nuestra familia Otter Ohana se reúna de manera segura para celebrar nuestras compartidas tradiciones festivas, y aprender unos de otros sobre las diferentes celebraciones culturales. Mantengan una distancia segura entre ustedes en las gradas y trabajen juntos mientras eligen sus asientos. Permanezcan cálidos el uno con el otro en espíritu y recuerden que todos necesitamos apoyo.



# PGUSD Elementary Holiday Programs

Forest Grove: Monday, Dec. 12th  
Robert H. Down: Tuesday, Dec. 13th

2nd Drop off & Pick Up	1st Drop off & Pick Up	TK/Kindergarten Drop Off & Pick Up	3rd Drop Off & Pick Up	4th Drop off & Pick Up	5th Drop off & Pick Up
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	Bingham Perkins	Evans	Chavez Kelly Renteria Ibrahim Jones	Levy Pechan	Hiserman Hober

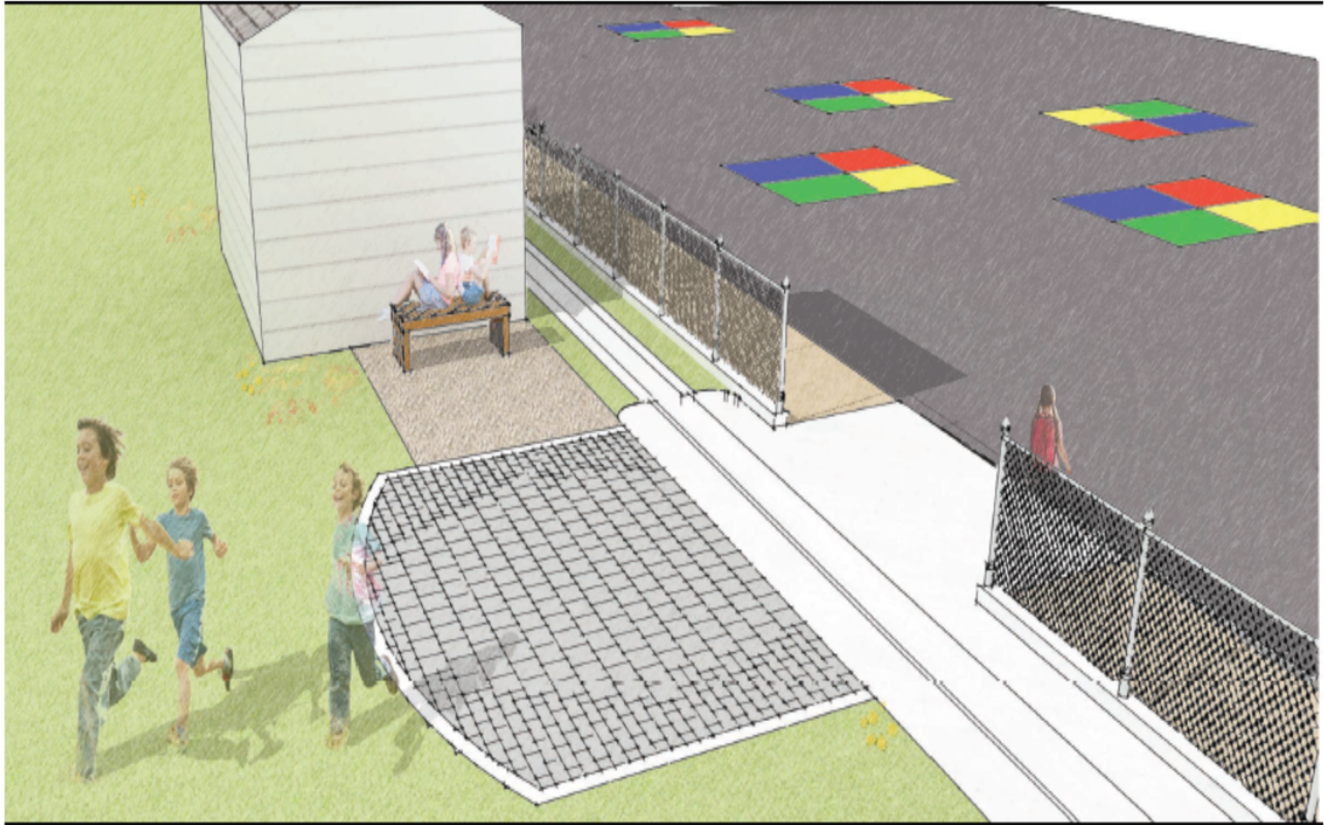








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## **RHD Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 1-14** - Food Drive for Monterey County Food Bank

**Dec. 4** - RHD Drama Club presents, "Storytime Revue", 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM

**Dec. 13** - RHD Winter Concert, PGHS Breaker Stadium, 6:30 PM

**Dec. 14** - PTA Dine Out, California Pizza Kitchen, 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

**Dec. 16** - All Lost & Found items will be donated

**Dec. 16** - Minimum Day, dismissal 12:10 PM

**Dec. 17-Jan. 2** -- Winter Break, no school

**Jan. 3** - Welcome Back!

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## **RHD - Active Student COVID Cases**

**As of December 1**

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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.

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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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## 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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**CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear**





Please join us for



# THE 41ST ANNUAL WINTERFEST

FREE ADMISSION

Children's store, silent auction, activities, crafts,  
baked goods & refreshments  
\$2 tickets interchangeable across event

Winter Concert with Mary Lee Sunseri  
Visit from Santa & the Snow Queen!

SAT. DEC. 3RD



11 AM - 2 PM

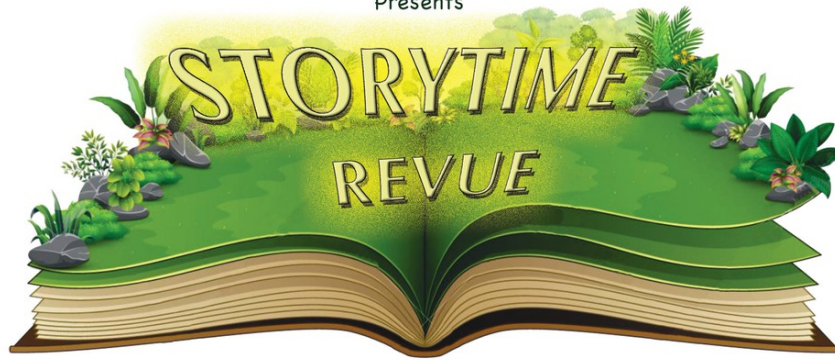
PG Adult Education Meadow,  
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Presents



Fables, Fairytales, and Outlandish Stories...  
Brought to Life on Stage

Featuring

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Oliver Reyes   Sawyer Corcoran   Stella Saich   Taylor Lippert   Hadley Konrad   Jade Perry  
Ezra McGuffey   Ella Devine   Iris Fedele   Juneau Kenny   Maddie Medawar   Madison Sherrod  
Anna Sherrod   Edden Helfont   Mia Papadakis   Olivia Jones   Jaslyn Atkins   Mateo Montez

Sunday, December 4th at 12pm and 3pm  
in the Robert Down Ottertorium

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pizza kitchen

# PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below  
on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will  
**DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES**  
on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include  
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Fundraiser in support of:

**Robert H. Down PTA**

**Wednesday 12/14/22**

**11am - 9:30pm**

Valid at the following location

**CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN**

**1100 Del Monte Center**

**831-375-4975 for carryout expect longer wait times**

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# 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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## Pacific Grove Unified School District



### DECEMBER 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				
			Thursday 12/1	Friday 12/2
			Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/6	Wednesday 12/7	Thursday 12/8	Friday 12/9
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Side Salad Fruit Cup Milk	Chicken & Waffles (NAE chicken served with syrup) Hash Browns 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (beef meatballs) Texas Toast Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Carrots w/ Ranch Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 12/12	Tuesday 12/13	Wednesday 12/14	Thursday 12/15	Friday 12/16
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks with marinara sauce Green Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich (NAE whole-muscle breaded filet) Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit Milk	Turkey Taco Nada Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Sun/Soybutter & Jelly Sandwich String Cheese Fruitables Juice Apple Crisps Milk <b>MINIMUM DAY</b>
Monday 12/19	Tuesday 12/20	Wednesday 12/21	Thursday 12/22	Friday 12/23
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Monday 12/26	Tuesday 12/27	Wednesday 12/28	Thursday 12/29	Friday 12/30
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

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

## Health Department Announcement

### Health Department and Area Hospitals Urge Monterey County Residents to Take Preventative Measures Against Winter Respiratory Viruses

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Mee Memorial Healthcare System, Natividad Medical Center, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, and the Monterey County Health Department urge all residents to act now to protect themselves and their families against respiratory viruses circulating this holiday season, including influenza ("flu"), COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). An early wave of RSV and influenza activity in California has led to increased hospitalizations among children in many places across the state, placing stress on the healthcare system.

Monterey County hospitals are not Pediatric Intensive Care Unit hospitals and are working with regional hospitals to transfer critical care pediatric patients. These critical care hospitals are also near capacity.



In at least two Monterey County hospitals, the number of pediatric patients with respiratory symptoms visiting the Emergency Departments has more than doubled. Local hospitals and the Health Department ask for everyone's help keeping our children and families safe heading into the winter season by following these five steps:

- **Get Vaccinated and Boosted.** Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide the best protection against severe illness and death. You can get both vaccines at the same time. Everyone 6 months of age and older should get up to date on their flu and COVID-19 vaccinations now.
- **Stay Home if You Are Sick.** When you are sick, avoid close contact with others to protect them and to take the time you need to heal.
- **Wear a Mask.** There is no vaccine for RSV. Wearing a mask can significantly slow the spread of RSV and protect babies and young children who do not yet have immunity. You can spread illness before you start feeling sick. Wearing a mask in indoor public places protects others who might be more medically vulnerable.
- **Wash Your Hands.** Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water is an easy way to stay healthy and keep from spreading germs.
- **Cover Your Cough** or sneeze with your elbow, arm, or a disposable tissue to help prevent the spread of winter viruses.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Mee Memorial Health Care System, Natividad Medical Center, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, and the Monterey County Health Department urge residents to take these measures to help our hospitals have the capacity to care for all Monterey County residents this winter.

**Upcoming free influenza and COVID-19 vaccination clinics for everyone 6 months of age and older:**

- November 17 from 4pm to 7pm: Bay View Academy, Lower Campus, 222 Casa Verde Way, Monterey
- November 19 from 10 am to 4 pm: County of Monterey Health Department, 1270 Natividad, Salinas

***El Departamento de Salud y los hospitales locales urgen a los residentes del condado de Monterey a tomar medidas preventivas contra los virus respiratorios del invierno***

El Hospital Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, el Mee Memorial Healthcare System, el Centro Médico Natividad, el Hospital Salinas Valley Memorial y el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Monterey urgen a todos los residentes a actuar ahora para protegerse a sí mismos y a sus familias contra los virus respiratorios que circulan en esta temporada de fiestas, incluyendo la influenza ("gripe"), el COVID-19 y el virus sincitial respiratorio (VRS). La primera ola de actividad del VRS y de la gripe en California ha provocado un aumento de las hospitalizaciones entre los niños en muchos lugares del estado, lo que ha puesto a prueba el sistema sanitario.

Los hospitales del Condado de Monterey no son hospitales de la Unidad de Cuidados Intensivos Pediátricos y están trabajando con los hospitales del área de la Bahía para trasladar a los

pacientes pediátricos de cuidados intensivos. Estos hospitales de cuidados intensivos también están cerca de su máxima capacidad.

En al menos dos hospitales del condado de Monterey, el número de pacientes pediátricos con síntomas respiratorios que visitan los departamentos de emergencia se ha duplicado. Los hospitales locales y el Departamento de Salud piden la ayuda de todos para mantener a nuestros niños y familias seguros de cara a la temporada de invierno siguiendo estos cinco pasos:

- **Vacúnate y ponte la vacuna de refuerzo.** Las vacunas contra la gripe y el COVID-19 siguen proporcionando la mejor protección contra las enfermedades graves y la muerte. Puedes ponerte las dos vacunas al mismo tiempo. Todas las personas de 6 meses en adelante deben ponerse al día con las vacunas contra la gripe y contra el COVID-19 ahora.
- **Quédate en casa si estás enfermo.** Cuando estés enfermo, evita el contacto cercano con los demás para protegerlos y para tomarte el tiempo que necesitas para curarte.
- **Utiliza una mascarilla.** No hay vacuna para el VRS. Llevar una mascarilla puede ralentizar considerablemente la propagación del VRS y proteger a los bebés y niños pequeños que aún no tienen inmunidad. La enfermedad se puede propagar antes de que empiecen los síntomas. Llevar una mascarilla en lugares públicos cerrados protege a las personas más vulnerables.
- **Lávate las manos.** Lavarse las manos con frecuencia con agua tibia y jabón es una forma sencilla de mantenerse sano y evitar la propagación de gérmenes.
- **Al toser o estornudar,** cúbrete con el codo, el brazo o un pañuelo desechable para evitar la propagación de los virus invernales.

El hospital Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, el Mee Memorial Healthcare System, el centro médico Natividad, el hospital Salinas Valley Memorial y el departamento de salud del condado de Monterey urgen a los residentes a tomar estas medidas para ayudar a nuestros hospitales a tener la capacidad de atender a todos los residentes del condado de Monterey este invierno..

**Próximas clínicas gratuitas de vacunación contra la influenza y COVID-19 para todas las personas de 6 meses en adelante:**

- 17 de noviembre de 4pm a 7pm: Bay View Academy, Lower Campus, 222 Casa Verde Way, Monterey
- 19 de noviembre de 10 am a 4 pm: Departamento de Salud del Condado de Monterey, 1270 Natividad, Salinas

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## Robert Down Elementary School

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