



September 14, 2023

# Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

I hope to see you all this Saturday at the annual Walk with P.R.I.D.E. fundraiser at Lover's Point and the Recreation Trail from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. It's always fun and great to see our students walking, running, or riding their bikes/scooters. I'll be there with one of my dogs.

Next week I'll have a longer message regarding Butterfly Bazaar Bakery Donations. Until then, if you are willing to consider providing food allergy free options, please check out the links below.

#### **Butterfly Bazaar Cakewalk Donations**

- <u>https://theprettybee.com/category/desserts/</u>
- https://www.eatingwithfoodallergies.com/allergy-friendly-dessert-recipes
- <u>https://www.justwhatweeat.com/15-amazing-top-8-allergy-free-dessert-recipes/</u>
- <u>https://www.allergicliving.com/recipe-category/baking-course-food-type/</u>
- https://mykidslickthebowl.com/allergy-friendly-cookies/

## Site Council Begins this Monday with Officer Selections

Please join us for our first official Site Council meeting for 2023-2024 this Monday starting at 3:30 PM. These are mini-versions of our district Board meetings, and help guide RHD with our Site Plan and budget expenditures. We're looking for some new participants, so please consider attending:

#### Parents are needed to help organize the following events.

Please email Socorro at socorrovaldez33@gmail.com

- Bike Rodeo (September 23rd)
- Butterfly Bazaar all PGUSD PTAs help with this event (October7th)
- Halloween Party (Late October)
- Read a Thon/Book Week (February)
- Book Swap (March 7th Get Donated Books/Students bring one get one)
- Book Night (March 8th Contact Guest Readers, like me!)
- Art and STEM Night/STEAM Night (April TBD)
- Diversity Night (TBD)
- Bingo Night (TBD)
- Movie Night (TBD)
- 5th Grade Campout (May, TBD)
- 5th Grade Sunset (May, TBD)

#### Reminders:

 Thank you to the Pine Ave. drop off parents/guardians for doing a great job so far in helping to speed up the transitions out of vehicles and not parking or getting out of the car to help your student out - which truly slows down the flow of vehicles in a very tight window during drop off.
 If you want to take some time to say goodbye, please park in front of the cones or across the street and use the crosswalk.

#### From the PGUSD Nurse

Please contact our health clerk if your child has a severe allergy and has emergency medication to manage them. Cindy Waznis / <u>cwaznis@pgusd.org</u>

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

# **RHD Upcoming Events**

September 16 – PG PRIDE, Walk with Pride Event, Lovers Point 9:00 AM–12:00 PM September 19 - Virtual PTA Meeting, <u>https://stanford.zoom.us/j/97183689596?</u> pwd=eGpmaEtzNnBiMzFyN3UrTW42eW9pUT09



October 5 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

October 7 - Butterfly Parade and Bazaar, 10 AM

October 11 - PTA Dine Out, Michael's Taqueria, 4:00-8:30 PM

October 16-20 - Fall Break, No School

October 26 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM



# **Office Reminders...**

 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

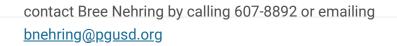
b) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663

c) Email Annie Deis at adeis@pgusd.org

Please make sure to relay afterschool plans with your child <u>PRIOR</u> 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.

# **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. To make an appointment at the District Office please



Before coming to campus to volunteer, please check with your child's teacher to schedule a time that works best for them.



# **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.

<u>Here is how it works</u>: 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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# **SmartSocial**

# Screen Time Events from SmartSocial

 Avoiding Strangers, Drugs, and Dangerous Situations Online - VIP Event, September 26th & 27th

- Navigating AI Tools To Prep A Student For Their Future College & Career VIP Event, October 24th & 25th
- Using Screen Time to Support Positive Student Behaviors on Campus and At Home VIP Event, November 14th & 15th

# **Virtual Parent Night Event**

In today's digital world, screens are an integral part of our lives, offering boundless opportunities for learning and leisure. But how can we ensure that screen time is a source of joy and not a thief of it?

This event is designed for parents, students, and educators. We will be sharing insights, tips, and tools to make the most of screen time while reducing its potential downsides.

# Making Screen Time Fun

while reducing the negative impact

Live Virtual Event Taught by Students & Experts

Instagram, & YouTube

#### **AI Parent Training For Students**

The SmartSocial Parent, Teacher & Counselor forum will teach you the hidden safety features of TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Fortnite, Netflix, YouTube & More

☑ smartsocial.com

# **Flyers**

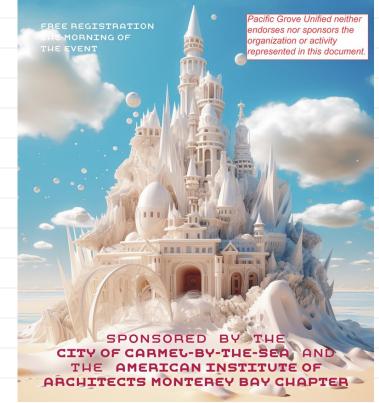


ROBERT DOWN SIGN UP LINK

# **Click HERE for Lego Robotics!**

# THE GOTH ANNUAL SANDCASTLE CONTEST

THEME: "TIME TRAVEL - INTO THE FUTURE" DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 BAM - 2PM (JUDGING AT NOON) PLACE: CARMEL BEACH BETWEEN 10TH & 12TH



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SUPPORT PGUSD SCHOOLS BY RAISING MONEY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM, TEAM, OR CLUB! PARTICIPANTS WALK, RUN, BIKE OR SCOOT ALONG THE REC TRAIL BETWEEN LOVER'S POINT AND THE AQUARIUM, AND GAIN PLEDGES FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON



START @ THE LOVER'S POINT REC TRAIL

# DONATE NOW @ WWW.SUPPORTPGPRIDE.COM

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM - DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR!

PG P.R.I.D.E. PRESENTS:

PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEITHER ENDORSES NOR SPONSORS THE ORGANIZATION OR ACTIVITY REPRESENTED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

# **RHD PTA Dine out Fundraiser**



# WEDNESDAY, September 20th Lunch and dinner.

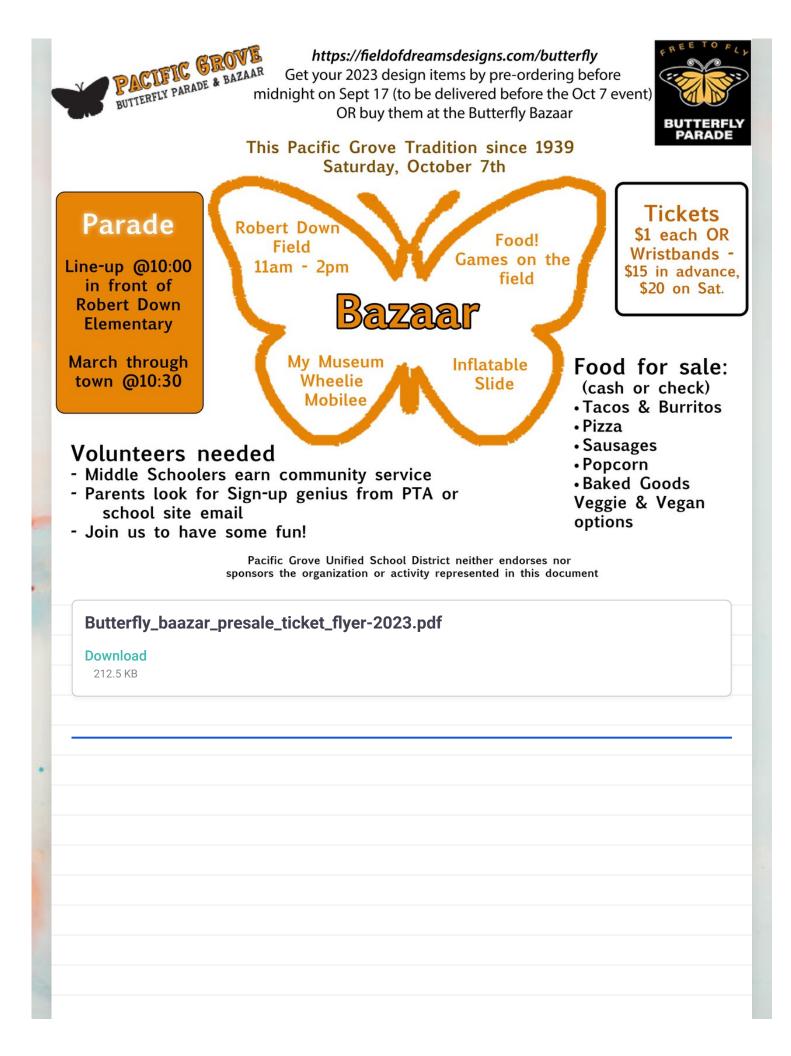
Hours: 11am-2pm 4:30pm -8:30pm

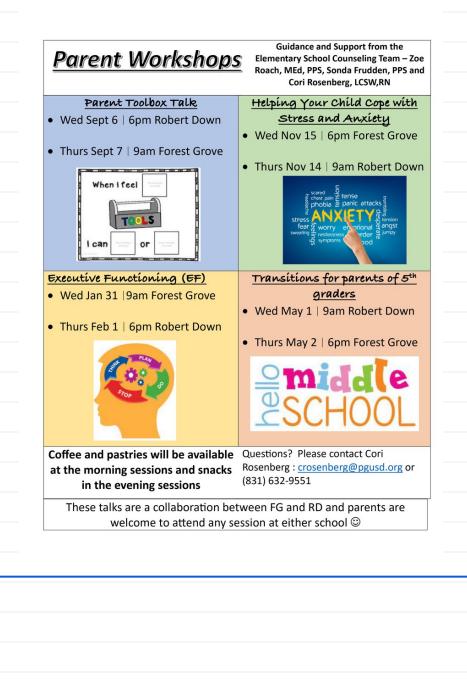
663, Lighthouse Avenue - PG (831)646-8424

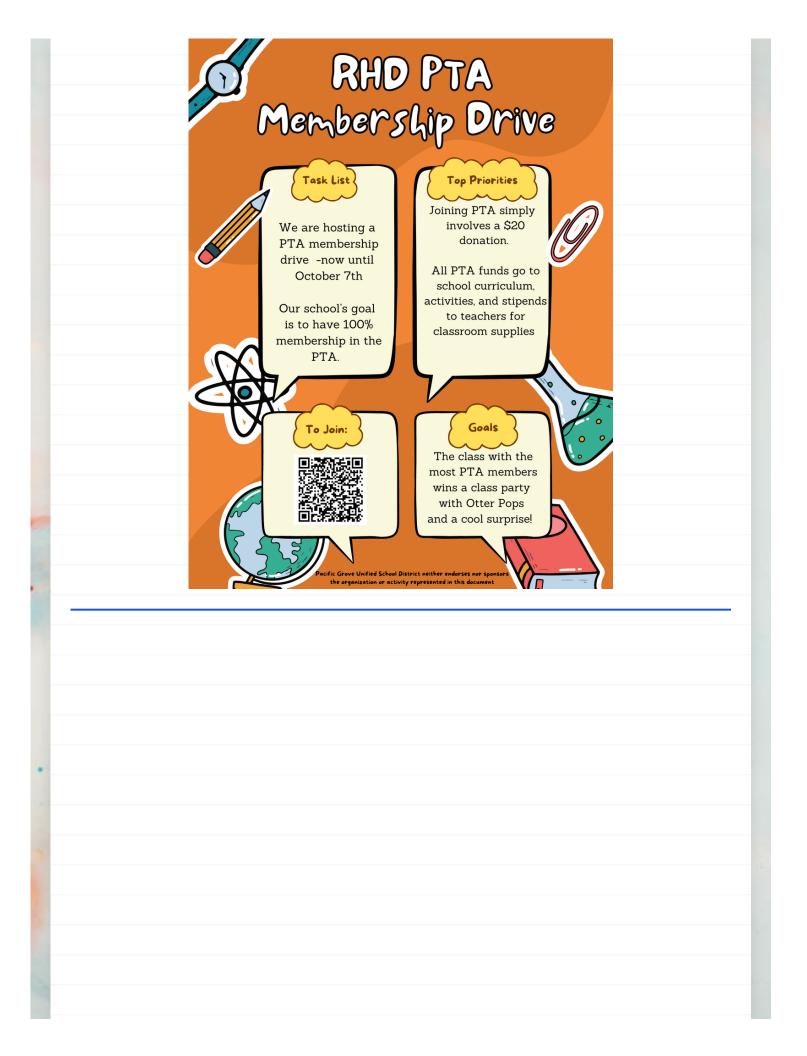
20% of your purchase will be donated to RHD. Don't forget to mention our Fundraiser!

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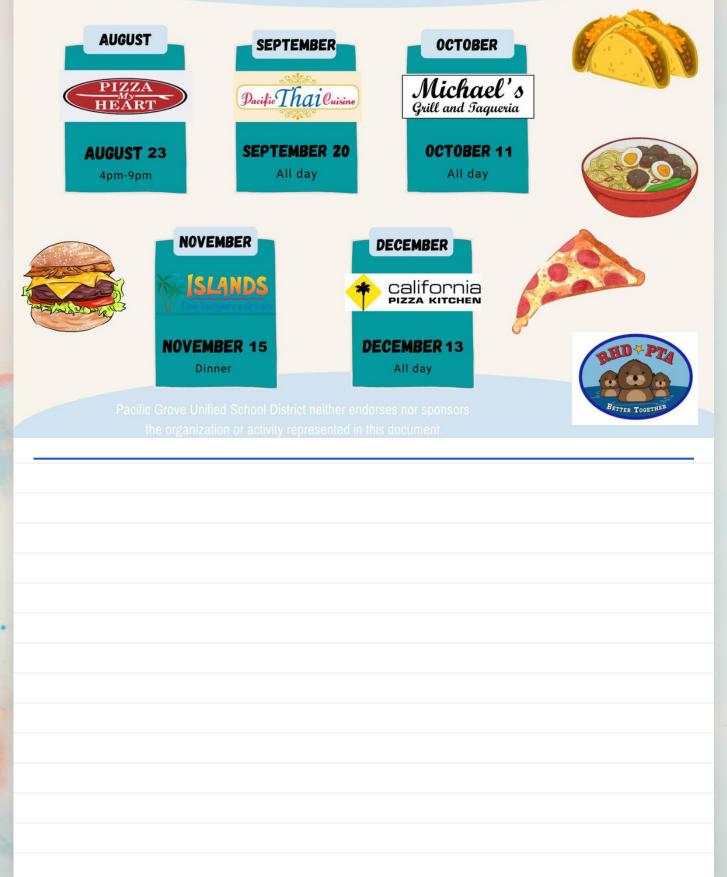








# RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS





## **Pacific Grove Unified School District**



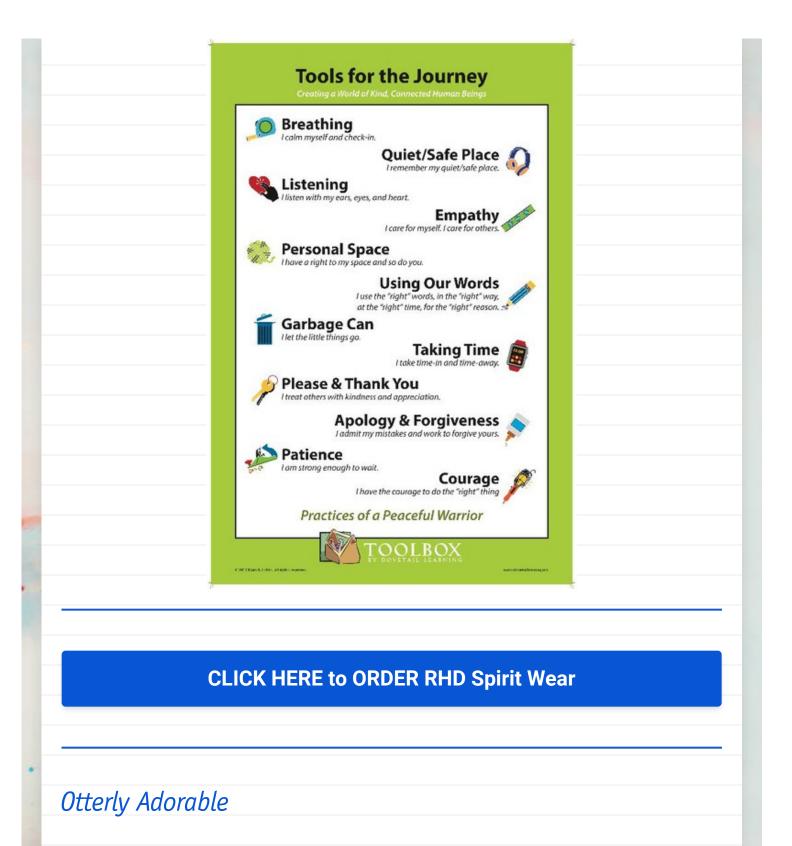
## September 2023 Elementary School Menu

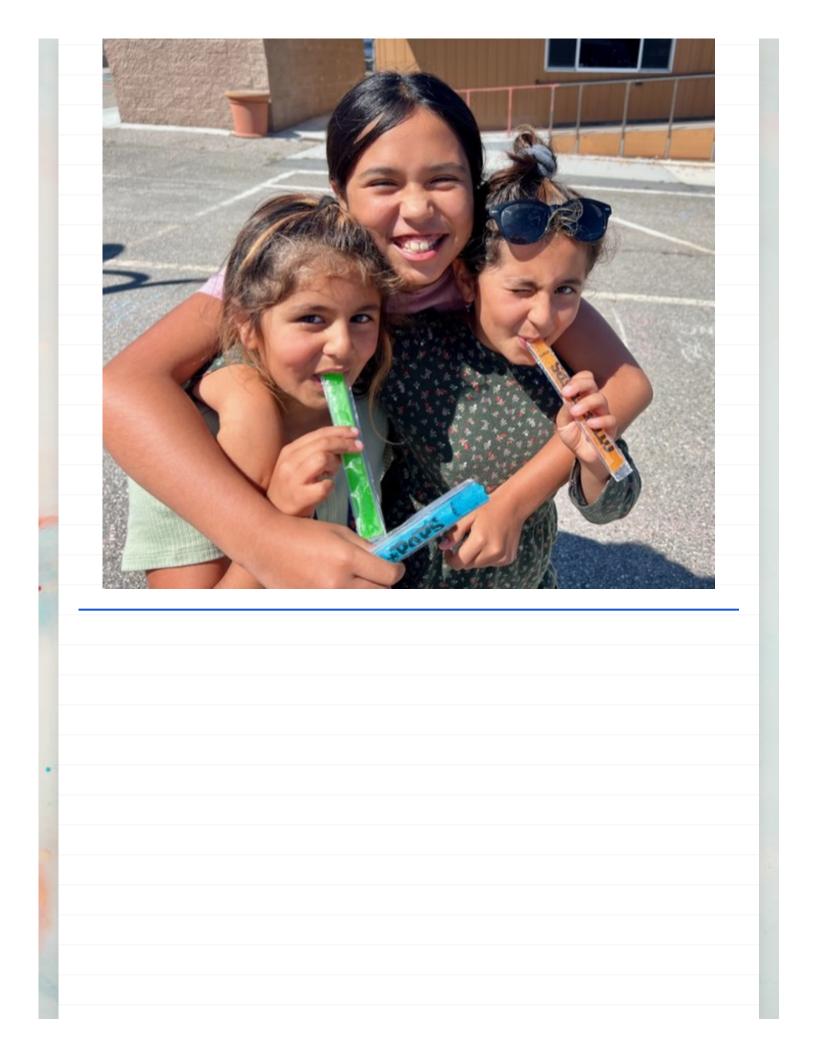
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
Cereal Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps	Mini Cinnis Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps	Concha/Pan Dulce (Mexican sweet bread) 100% Fruit Juice	Cereal Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Muffin 100% Fruit Juice			
		Lunch					
Monday 9/4	Tuesday 9/5	Wednesday 9/6	Thursday 9/7	Friday 9/8			
FRIDAY 9/1 PIZZA FRIDAY MONDAY 9/4 Labor Day Holiday	Grilled or Crispy Chicken Sandwich Carrots Fruit Cup	Miller's Beef Hotdog (uncured, no nitrates) Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit	Burger Day (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit			
Monday 9/11	Tuesday 9/12	Wednesday 9/13	Thursday 9/14	Friday 9/15			
Bean & Cheese Papusa Garlic Breadstick Green Beans Fresh Fruit	Chicken 8 Waffle (NAE chicken served with syrup) Corn Fresh Fruit	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Grilled or Crispy Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Sweet Potato Tater Tots 100% Fruit Juice	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit			
Monday 9/18	Tuesday 9/19	Wednesday 9/20	Thursday 9/21	Friday 9/22			
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks with marinara sauce Green Beans Applesauce	Grilled or Crispy Chicken Sandwich Carrots Fruit Cup	Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit	Burger Day (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit			
Monday 9/25	Tuesday 9/26	Wednesday 9/27	Thursday 9/28	Friday 9/29			
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aily Vegetarian Option includes Sur	nbutter & Jelly Sandwich & Bean & Chee						
1% White & Fat Free Chocolate Milk Available at each meal service		*ALL MEALS ARE FREE!!! www.pgusd.org/Departments/Food-Services					

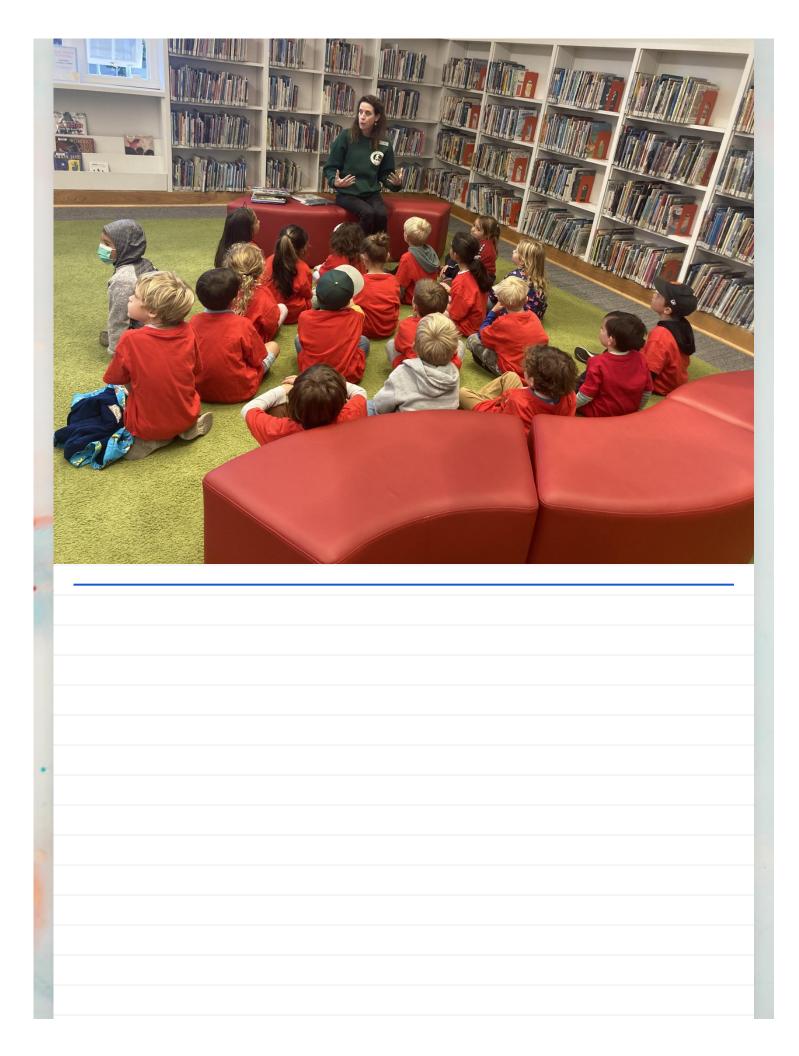
*Every Otter SWIMS - RHD Behavior Expectations* 

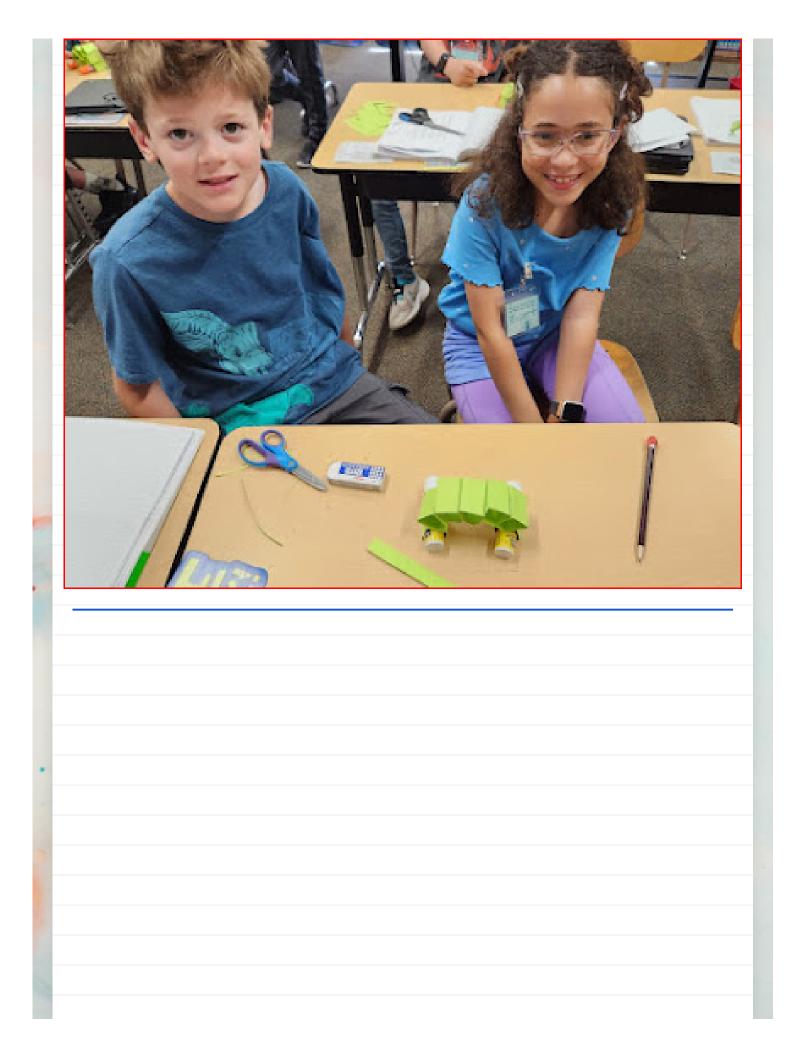
Robert H. Down Elementary Behavioral Expectations Every Otter SWIMS									
	Hallways/Restrooms	Cafeteria/Lunch Area	Playground/Field	Arrival/Dismissal	Classroom/Ottertorium	Toolbox Tools			
<b>S</b> how Respect	<ul> <li>Walk Slowly on the right side</li> <li>Use positive words with others</li> <li>Respect the space and needs of others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stay Seated</li> <li>Stay in a single file line while waiting</li> <li>Keep your hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>Ask permission</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Show good sports- manship</li> <li>Use appropriate language</li> <li>Respect the space and needs of others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Arrive on time</li> <li>Follow the rules if riding the bus/using bike/scooter</li> <li>Use crosswalks</li> <li>Be safe on sidewalks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speak and listen carefully</li> <li>Clean up work areas and desk area</li> <li>Let the little things go</li> <li>Show gratitude</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Please and Thank You</li> <li>Using Your Words</li> <li>Garbage Can</li> <li>Be Safe</li> </ul>			
Work Hard Increase	<ul> <li>Be quiet while in transition</li> <li>Make good decisions</li> <li>Keep school clean</li> <li>Voice Level: 0</li> <li>Go directly where you need to be</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use manners</li> <li>Sit with others and get to know new people</li> <li>Keep school clean</li> <li>Voice Levels: 0-2</li> <li>Raise your hand for assistance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Walk on blacktops at all times</li> <li>Be a problem solver</li> <li>Try all games/areas</li> <li>Voice Level: 3</li> <li>Admit when it is not</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wait outside with patience</li> <li>Enter building quietly and in your line</li> <li>Voice Level: 0-2</li> <li>Have all your needed materials</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Embrace academic struggle</li> <li>Listen with your eyes, ears, and heart</li> <li>Voice Level: 0-2</li> <li>Be engaged during instruction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patience</li> <li>Listening</li> <li>Breathing</li> <li>Perseverance/Grit</li> <li>Apology &amp;</li> </ul>			
Integrity	<ul> <li>Be honest and respectful with peers and adults</li> <li>Keep restrooms clean</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be prepared to eat &amp; don't leave any items inside building</li> <li>Cleanup after yourself</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Your turn or are out</li> <li>Follow game rules and do not make up new ones</li> <li>Praise others for their play</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Be prompt, prepared, and ready to learn</li> <li>Do your own work and not depend on AI/ technology</li> </ul>	Forgiveness Empathy Be Kind			
<b>M</b> ake a Difference	<ul> <li>Keep hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>Show genuine care for RHD</li> <li>Respect the space and needs of others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eat all your food to reduce waste</li> <li>Separate food scraps, recycling, &amp; waste</li> <li>Respect all staff members providing direction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Walk away from a conflict and inform an adult</li> <li>Show genuine care for others—look out for the Buddy Bench</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respect all staff mem- bers providing direc- tion</li> <li>Make safe decisions while walking/riding to and from school</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Care for equipment and supplies</li> <li>Clean up work areas and desk area</li> <li>Take risks and learn new things</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Taking Time</li> <li>Personal Space</li> <li>Quiet Safe Place</li> <li>Be Your Personal Best Every Day</li> </ul>			
<b>S</b> tand Up for Yourself and Others	<ul> <li>Do the right thing</li> <li>Share if someone is making a mess or does not flush</li> <li>Respect others' stuff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do the right thing when no one is watching</li> <li>Bring food that does not cause allergic reactions, especially PB &amp; J</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tell the truth and accept the results</li> <li>Seek assistance to resolve problems: Stop, Walk, Talk</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Walk and be safe inside or outside buildings</li> <li>Ask an adult staff member for help if someone needs a ride</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Include all students in groups and activities</li> <li>Give your best effort on homework</li> <li>Try new ways to learn</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Courage</li> <li>Be an Upstander</li> <li>Looking Out (for Others) Tool</li> </ul>			

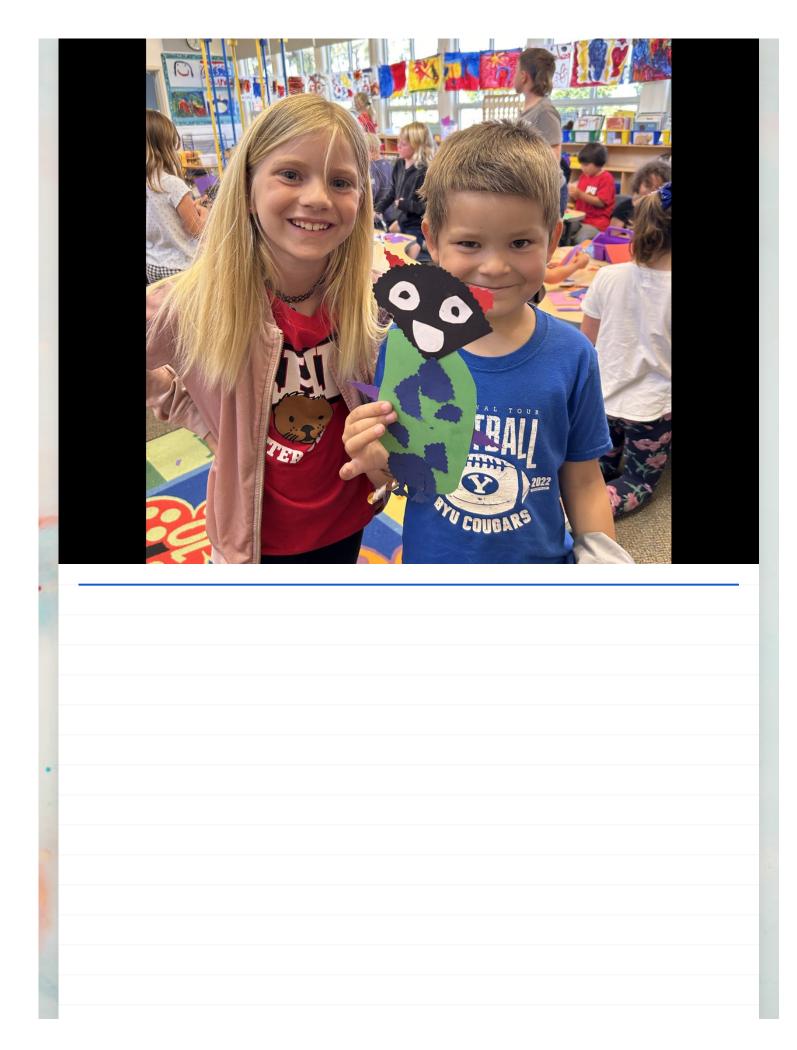
Mr. Keller will be discussing the RHD Behavior Expectations with students during our first Toolbox Assemblies on Friday: Primary grades (TK, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd at 10:10) Intermediate grades (3rd, 4th, and 5th at 10:30). Parents who have been cleared as a volunteer may attend (fingerprinted and cleared).

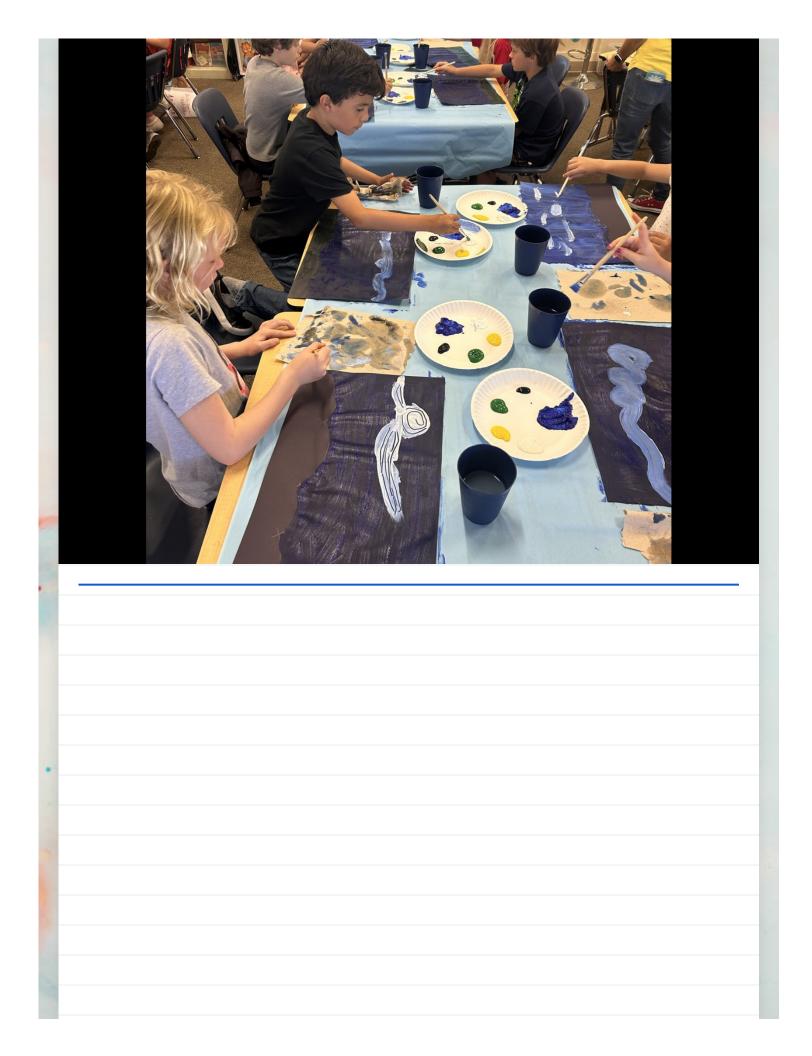














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Exciting Nurse - 1:1

# Allergy Alert Letter August 2023.docx.pdf

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#### Hello Robert Down Families.

This year, we have some schoolmates in grades 2 through 5 with life-threatening allergies to eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, and milk requiring Epi-Pen treatment if exposed to eggs and foods containing tree nuts, peanuts, and milk. To maintain the highest level of safety, all of the 2nd grade classrooms will be <u>compulsory</u> egg, tree nuts, ned neastrooms. We ask that all Second Grade classroom families not send foods to school with their child which contain tree nuts, peanuts, and eggs.

Mr. Keller will be discussing with all grade levels the importance of being safe at the lunch tables and not playing with milk cartons by purposely pouring liquids onto trays, onto the table tops or ground, and not stomping on cartons to hear them "pop". He will also share with students the importance of using hand wipes or washing hands after eating any food allergy products to keep playground equipment safe for all students.

The best way to determine if foods are allergy-free snacks is to read the label since most brands have a warning statement or allergen list. Be aware of phrases like this: • May Contain Peanuts • Processed on shared equipment with Peanuts • Manufactured in a facility that also processes Peanuts • Contains Peanut or Peanut Ingredients



In addition, we will encourage students to care for their food properly at school by not not sharing food with others, not throwing food, and not carelessly spilling food onto others in order to eliminate food allergy exposure and cross contamination in eating areas shared by multiple grade levels.

The following resource link and attachment can assist you in teaching your children how to support friends with allergies and how to keep them safe.

https nmunity.kidswithfoodallergies.org/blog/8-ways-to-teach-children-about-food-allergies

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you very much,

Katrina

Katrina Powley, RN, BSN, CSN District School Nurse Pacific Grove Unified School District kpowley@pgusd.org Google Voice: (831) 275-5396

# How To AVOID a Food Allergy REACTION

The only way to AVOID having an allergic reaction is to AVOID THE FOOD YOU'RE ALLERGIC TO. That's why it's important to follow these rules.



Wash your hands before eating.

Don't share food or drinks.

Read labels twice or ask an adult. NO LABEL? DON'T EAT IT!

Always tell whoever is making your food about your food allergy.



Don't take chances. If you don't know what's in your food, DON'T EAT IT.



# Food Allergy MYTHS



FACT: For someone with a food allergy, even a small amount of a food

allergen can cause a serious allergic reaction.

FACT: Any food can cause an allergic

reaction. No single food allergy is more dangerous than another.

MYTH: Eating a little bit of a food you're allergic to won't hurt.

#### MYTH:

Peanut allergy is the most dangerous food allergy.

MYTH: Food allergies are not serious.

FACT: Food allergies are VERY serious. People with food allergies must be careful about what they eat all the time and always be prepared for an allergic reaction.

MYTH: A food allergy always develops in childhood, then you're stuck with it for life.

FACT: A person can develop a food allergy anytime, even as an adult. Kids may outgrow a food allergy, especially allergies to milk, egg, soy, and wheat.



...but in the United States, the most common food allergens are...



# **Robert Down Elementary School**



Website: https://robertdown.pgusd.org/ Location: <u>485 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA, USA</u> Phone: (831) 646-6540

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