ROBERT DOWN PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

October 12, 2023

Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families,

October 16th-20th is Fall Break. School is not in session.

• Enjoy the time off and rest up for the busy holiday season coming our way!

BUS ZONE MESSAGE:

• Please do not park in the bus zone during pick up and drop off. Today the bus could not pull into the area since there were cars in the area or double-parked on Pine Ave.

FROM PTA:

- Thank you to all who volunteered and assisted the incredible Butterfly Bazaar Committee this past Saturday! It was great to see all the new faces helping with new leadership. It was a great time with fantastic weather.
- Look below for the Halloween Movie Night and Trunk Or Treat Flyer. Just above is a Sign Up Genius for 15 vehicles to give out treats on Friday, October 27th. Please be aware of Food

Allergies for choices of treats and think about alternative fun gifts like pencils, erasers, and ghoulie stickers!

- The annual costume parade will occur at 9:00 AM on October 31st on the intermediate blacktop. Families are welcome to come and watch behind classrooms but some of the best views will be from the field. Please remember no full masks and elementary-appropriate dress without too scary costumes. Props may not be carried around the school, but may be used in the parade, but no weapons are allowed in any costumes.
- The Annual RHD PTA Charleston Wrap Fundraiser will occur from 10/23-11/10, look out for more information to come!
- Our second annual Dia de Los Muertos crafts and altar will occur the week of 10/23 with a schoolwide assembly on 11/1. Provide your student(s) with a picture of a loved one who has passed to celebrate their time with us.
- We are adding a Diwali celebration this year on November 9th during lunch time to celebrate the India New Year.

RHD Site Council

• We still are in need of more parents for Site Council. Please join our next session on Monday, October 23rd from 3:30-4:30: Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://pgusd.zoom.us/j/86934823877</u>

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



Robert H. Down Trunk Or Treat

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

☑ signupgenius.com





RHD Upcoming Events

October 16-20—Fall Break, No School October 23—RHD Site Council, 3:30 PM October 26—PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM October 27—PTA Halloween Trunk or Treat & Movie Night, 5:30 PM October 29-November 10—PTA Charleston Wrap Fundraiser October 30-November 3—Parent Teacher Conferences, Minimum Day

October 31-Halloween Parade

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 Annie Deis at <u>adeis@pgusd.org</u>

3) 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 contact Bree Nehring by calling 607-8892 or emailing <u>bnehring@pgusd.org</u>

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.

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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Flyers



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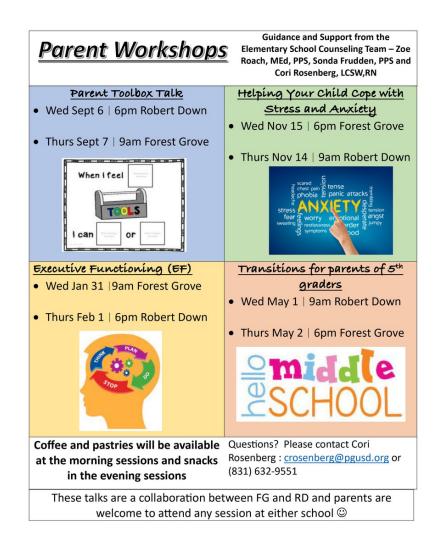


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Dine-In or Take-Out. Order online at www.islandsrestaurants.com

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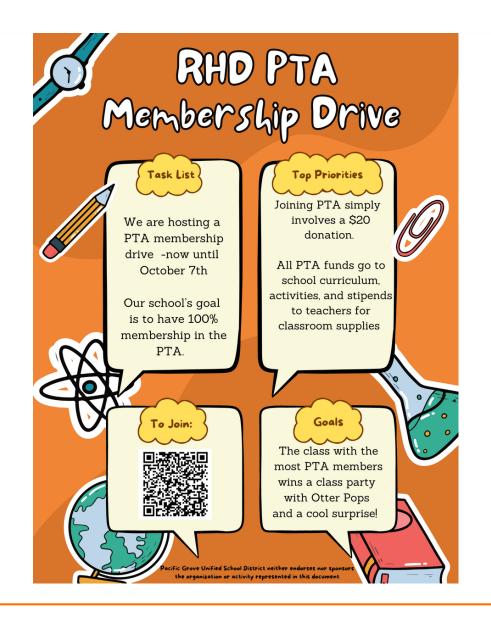
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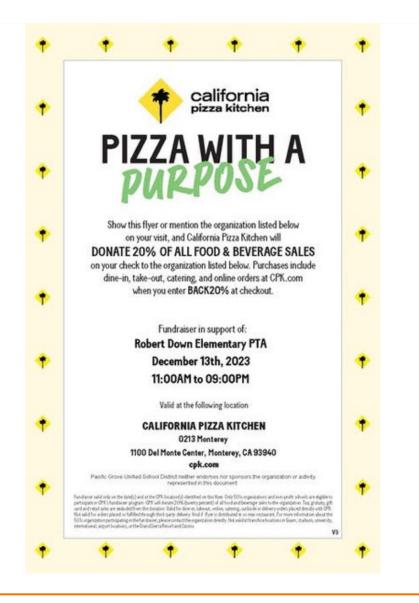
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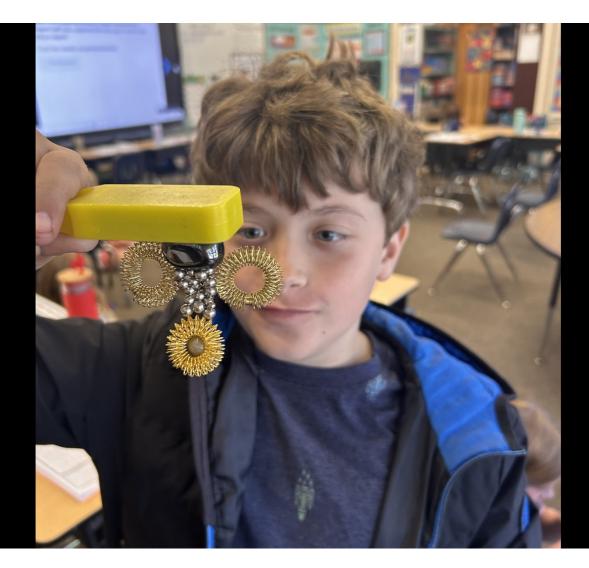












Please Read: Allergy Alert Letter



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 nut, and peanut-free classrooms. 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://community.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

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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

FARE FoodAllergy.org

small amount of a food

allergen can cause a serious allergic reaction.

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

MYTH: Peanut allergy

is the most dangerous food allergy. FACT: Any food can cause an allergic reaction. No single food allergy is more dangerous than another.

MYTH: Food allergies are not serious.

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

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.



SmartSocial

Screen Time Events from SmartSocial

- 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.



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

Making Screen Time Fun

while reducing the negative impact

Live Virtual Event Taught by Students & Experts

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pacific Grove	2 Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Marinara	3 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	4 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	5 Cheeseburger/ Hamburger	6 Domino's Cheese or Pepperoni
Unified School	Chicken Drumstick & Mashed Potato	Macaroni & Cheese	Mini Corn Dogs	Cheese Quesadillas	Deli Hoagie
District	Corn Fresh Fruit	Carrot Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Pinto Bean Fresh Fruit	Side Salad Fresh Fruit
Elementary Menu	9 Bean & Cheese Papusa	10 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	11 Orange Chicken & Rice	12 Cheeseburger/ Hamburger	13 Domino's Cheese or Pepperoni
DDEAWEACT	Crunchy Beef Tacos	Cheese Lasagna	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Bean & Cheese Nacho	Deli Hoagie
BREAKFAST Cereal Variety Offered Daily	Refried Beans Fresh Fruit	Grape Tomatos Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Tater Tots Fresh Fruit	Side Salad Fresh Fruit
Monday: Mini Maple Pancakes	16	17	18	19	20
Tuesday: Cinnamon Bun	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK
Wednesday: Muffin Tops					
Thursday: UBR Granola Bar				26	
Friday: Concha	23 Bean & Cheese Papusa	24 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	25 Orange Chicken & Rice	Cheeseburger/ Hamburger	27 Domino's Cheese or Pepperoni
Served with Whole Fruits or 100 %	Crunchy Beef Tacos	Cheese Lasagna	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Bean & Cheese Nacho	Deli Hoagie
Served with Whole Fruits or 100 % Fruit Juice	Refried Beans Fresh Fruit	Grape Tomatos Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Tater Tots Fresh Fruit	Side Salad Fresh Fruit
All Meals FREE for ALL Students	30 Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Marinara	31 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	YB	λ	1 Ta
Gluten Free Alternative Breads &	Chicken Drumstick & Mashed Potato	Macaroni & Cheese		33 0	
Items Available at Each Site as Needed	Corn Fresh Fruit	Carrot Fresh Fruit	the second second		
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Every Otter SWIMS - RHD Behavior Expectations

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



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