

# Robert Down Principal's Update

November 16, 2023

#### Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families.

Thank you to the 100+ students and parents that participated in the **2023 RHD Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.** We would not have had this event if it were not for the efforts of site council member Dr. Heloisa Junqueira last year who connected us with AAA's efforts



to bring the annual walk to schools nation-wide. Appreciation goes out to Heather Zunguze, Jennifer Lauchaire, Anne Hober, Erica Chavez, Sonda Frudden, and countless other staff and parents for helping with organization and support for road safety during the walk. Thank you all for helping spread the message that bullying and racial bias is not welcomed at RHD. An additional shout out goes to Heather Zunguze for presenting her personal story of being an inaugural staff member of Ruby Bridges Elementary School in the East Bay to the students of Forest Grove.

Watch Mr. Keller's reading of *Ruby Head High: Ruby Bridges First Day of School* that he purchased at the Norman Rockwell Museum during Fall Break:

https://watch.screencastify.com/v/sFKhFzR8MBPK5yKroMEk

Please do not forget that next Wednesday, November 22nd, is a minimum day with a release at 12:10 PM to allow for travel for the Thanksgiving Weekend.

#### **MONTERY COUNTY FOOD BANK - FOOD DRIVE**

Robert Down is participating in a Food Drive for the Food Bank for Monterey County. We have several collection barrels on campus for your student to drop off canned and non perishable food items. Please deliver items between now and December 19. Thank you for your donation! For more information please see their website: <a href="https://foodbankformontereycounty.org/">https://foodbankformontereycounty.org/</a>

#### **NEW WINTER PROGRAM DATE**

Mark your calendars! Our school wide Winter Program has been changed from December 5 to **December 21**. This event will take place at the PGHS Stadium at 6:00 PM.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**: School photos were sent home a few weeks ago. If you're missing anything, or have a question, please call Premier Studios directly at 888-274-3686 or 559-274-9231. Picture retake day will be January 18, 2024.

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



#### **Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day**

Click on the KION News video below

RHD Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day 11-14-2024.MOV

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#### **RHD Upcoming Events**

November 16 - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

November 21 - Cocoa with Keller, 6:30 PM

November 22 - Minimum Day, 12:10 dismissal

November 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

December 13 - PTA Dine Out, California Pizza Kitchen, 4:00-9:00

PM

December 21 - Winter Program, PGHS Stadium, 6:00 PM

December 22 - Minimum Day, 12:10 dismissal



#### 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 **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.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:bnehring@pgusd.org">bnehring@pgusd.org</a>

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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# CINCERDREAD HOUSE HOUSE WICHT OUT

Join us for this sweet gingerbread house workshop! Each participant will decorate their own gingerbread house and enjoy winter themed crafts and activities. Individual gingerbread house supplies and a kid friendly dinner will be provided.



YOUTH: 3-12 YEARS DEC. 9, 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

PROGRAM FEE: \$25
PACIFIC GROVE RESIDENT FEE: \$23



Pacific Grove Youth Center 302 16th Street www.cityofpg.org/recreation 831.648.3134



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#### **ÁFRO-LATIN JAZZ DANCE**

2024 Winter/Spring Classes

Afro-Latin Jazz Dance 1, 2 & 3 Ages 7-19 years

> H.E.A.T. Ages 12-19 years

No auditions required for Level 1
Auditions required for Levels 2, 3 & H.E.A.T

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#### 19907







Location: Robert Down Elementary School -E-2

Sponsor: CEF NorCal Central Coast Contact: Janice Hare 831-601-2974

To Register: Pick up a registration form in the office and bring to

the club meeting.

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#### Parent Workshops

Guidance and Support from the Elementary School Counseling Team - Zoe Roach, MEd, PPS, Sonda Frudden, PPS and Cori Rosenberg, LCSW,RN

#### Parent Toolbox Talk

- Wed Sept 6 | 6pm Robert Down
- Thurs Sept 7 | 9am Forest Grove



#### Executive Functioning (EF)

- Wed Jan 31 | 9am Forest Grove
- Thurs Feb 1 | 6pm Robert Down



- graders Wed May 1 | 9am Robert Down

Transitions for parents of 5th

• Thurs May 2 | 6pm Forest Grove



Coffee and pastries will be available Questions? Please contact Cori at the morning sessions and snacks in the evening sessions

Rosenberg: crosenberg@pgusd.org or (831) 632-9551

These talks are a collaboration between FG and RD and parents are welcome to attend any session at either school ©

#### Helping Your Child Cope with Stress and Anxiety

- Wed Nov 15 | 6pm Forest Grove
- Thurs Nov 14 | 9am Robert Down



#### Parenting with Purpose Workshop: Childhood Stress & Anxiety



Guidance from the Elementary School Counseling Team – Zoe Roach, MEd, PPS, Sonda Frudden, PPS & Cori Rosenberg, LCSW, RN

Wednesday, November 15 @ 6pm – Forest Grove
Thursday, November 16 @ 9am – Robert Down
All parents are welcome to attend at either school, day & time

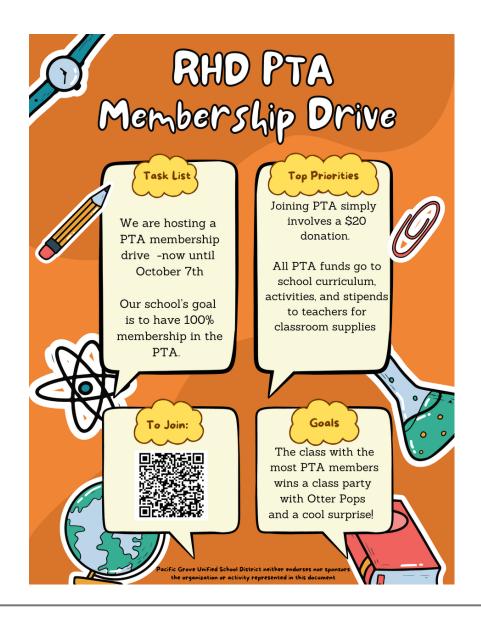
Join the counseling team for a discussion of childhood anxiety

Learn to identify the signs of childhood anxiety

Explore parenting strategies to support children with anxiety

Questions or comments? Contact Cori Rosenberg @ crosenberg@pgusd.org





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

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### Please Read: Allergy Alert Letter



Allergy Alert Letter August 2023.docx.pdf

Download 520.1 KB 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>compulsor</u>, egg, tree nut, and peanut-free classrooms. We ask that all Second Grade classroom similes 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 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**



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

FACT: For someone with a food allergy, even a small amount of a food allergen can cause a serious allergic reaction.

#### 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.

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.



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	<u> </u>	24,3	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Cheese Quesadillas	Deli Sandwich
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Pinto Bean Fresh Fruit	Side Salad Fresh Fruit
Pacific Grove	Chicken Tamale	7 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	8 Orange Chicken & Rice	9 Cheeseburger/ Hamburger	10
Unified School	Crunchy Beef Tacos	Cheese Lasagna	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Bean & Cheese Nacho	NO SCHOO
District Elementary Menu	Refried Beans Fresh Fruit	Roasted Carrot & Tomato Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Tater Tots or Corn Fresh Fruit	
<u>BREAKFAST</u>	13 Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Marinara	14 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	15 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	Cheeseburger/	Domino's
Cereal Variety Offered Daily  Monday: Mini Maple Pancakes	Chicken Drumstick & Mashed Potato	Macaroni & Cheese	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Hamburger Cheese Quesadillas	Cheese or Pepperon  Deli Sandwich
Tuesday: Cinnamon Bun	Corn Fresh Fruit	Carrot Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Pinto Bean Fresh Fruit	Side Salad Fresh Fruit
Wednesday: Muffin Tops	20 Chicken Tamale	21 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	Orange Chicken & Rice	23	24
Thursday: Breakfast Granola Round	Crunchy Beef Tacos	Cheese Lasagna	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOO
Friday: Concha	Refried Beans Fresh Fruit	Roasted Carrot & Tomato Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit		
Served with Whole Fruits or 100 %	Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Marinara	28 Crispy Chicken Sandwich	29 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice	Cheeseburger/ Hamburger	
Fruit Juice All Meals FREE for ALL Students	Chicken Drumstick & Mashed Potato	Macaroni & Cheese	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Cheese Quesadillas	
Gluten Free Alternative Breads & Items Available at Each Site as Needed 2002 Simply Good Food, LLC	Corn Fresh Fruit	Carrot Fresh Fruit	Broccoli Fresh Fruit	Pinto Bean Fresh Fruit	· 300 N
nis institution is an equal opportunity provider	. Menu is subject to change. A va	ariety of milk is offered each day.			1



**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	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			
<b>W</b> 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			
<b>I</b> 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			
<b>M</b> 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 members providing direction 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			
<b>S</b> 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			

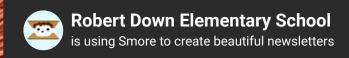


#### **Robert Down Elementary School**

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