

R Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School
Tuesday, January 26, 2010



Fun Run T-Shirt Design Contest Ends February 2nd
Ready, set, DRAW! All Riptides, please submit your Robinson Fun Run t-shirt design on the attached page and turn it in to the office by Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Be sure to put your name on the attached cover sheet only as the contest is anonymous. FYI: the 2010 Robinson Fun Run will be on Saturday, March 20. Please use the attached entry form. Extra copies are in the office.

Community Service

DOLLARS FOR DISASTER!

Help your class raise the most money for Haiti by bringing in \$1 bills to add to your class bucket by Friday, January 29th. Don't forget if you bring in larger bills (\$5, \$10, \$20), you can reduce another class total by that amount when you drop it in their bucket. It is just like the penny wars but with dollars.



We have chosen to send our contribution to **Partners In Health** (www.PiH.org). PiH has been working on the ground in Haiti for over 20 years delivering health care to residents and currently operates nine locations throughout the country. The history of Partners in Health is recounted in Pulitzer Prizewinner Tracy Kidder's bestselling book, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* and the website provides wonderful educational information for your family. Each dollar donated goes directly to the relief efforts in Haiti. Thanks so much for your support!

Heal the Bay Beach Clean-Up

Keep our ocean safe by helping your fellow Riptides clean-up the beach. The recent storms make our clean-up more important than ever!



When: Saturday, January 30th

Time: 9-11 AM

Where: 8th Street Life Guard Stand

Heal the Bay Assemblies this Thursday

All students will be attending Key to the Sea, a Heal the Bay assembly given by Grades of Green, on Thursday, January 28th. Learn why it's important to keep our beaches clean, and even more, how we can help. Parents welcome!

9a.m. K, 2nd, and 5th grades

10:20a.m. 1st, 3rd and 4th grades

MBEF

Only 1 Week Left to Donate to MBEF!

Please support Manhattan Beach schools and give today! Nearly 90% of Robinson Families have already supported the 2010/2011 annual Appeal. Thank you! Thank you to all of those families that are striving to keep our schools strong. Together we can make a difference. We hope everyone will participate. Family donations of \$50 or more can help our teachers at Robinson to receive from \$300-\$500 for classroom supplies. The following rooms have reached 100%: Asano, Kundrat, Whalley, Yerke and Holz!! Five classrooms are at 96%! Thank you for showing the amazing school spirit you always show as we work together to make our schools the most enriching environment for students to grow and learn. Go to www.mbef.org to learn more about the current Appeal status and the latest news regarding our district.

Spelling Bee News

Buzz, Buzz, Buzz!

The classroom elimination rounds will begin next week and the finals will be held on Friday, February 5th in the Robinson cafeteria. All parents and friends are welcome. So, mark your calendar and buzz on over to cheer on our Riptide Spellers!

2nd - 3rd grades: 9:10- 10:00 A.M.

4th - 5th grades: 8:20- 9:00 A.M.



Volunteers of the Week

It takes a lot of work to keep our library up and running on a daily basis. We are so grateful to have Yukari Matsuyama at the helm! We are also thankful to have so many helpful 4th & 5th grade parent volunteers that assist with all the library needs. Thank you to Shelley Theodore (Will - 5th, Ryder - 2nd), Susan Underwood (Alexa - 5th, Samantha - 3rd, Nicole - 1st), Alice Davis (Eliza - 5th), and Renee Whitcombe (Alexandra - 5th, Sydney - 3rd), Ellen Rosenberg (Max - 4th), Lisa Levin (Alexander - 4th), Susan Tomaro (Micaela - 4th, Luca - 2nd) for the many hours you spend sorting books, guiding students to various reading options and supporting our school. If you would like to volunteer in our library, please contact Yukari directly at x4211. Thanks again everyone!

Robinson Yearbook – Order Yours NOW

Only FOUR days left to order your copy of the Robinson 2009/2010 yearbook. The price is \$26 payable to Robinson PTSA. This is the last week to order.

After School Enrichment Classes (REP)

The After School Enrichment Program classes begin this week. Early Tides and students in grades 2 and 3 should report to the play structure for check-in. Late tides and students in grades 4 and 5 should report to the cafeteria tables. On Wednesdays, all students report to the cafeteria tables. Please pick up your child **on time** at the cafeteria tables. No child will be released from a classroom. Confirmation lists are on the website at psmanhattan.org. Enrollment continues with availability in most 3:00 and 1:50 classes. P.M. Kinders still have time to enroll in Lego Building and Little Click Club! For all questions, please contact Gina Marcarelli at 310-415-6883 or gcmb56@aol.com.

Neptunian Women's Club Annual Art Contest

Pick up an entry from in the office if your student would like to participate in this annual art contest. Art winners can go on to District and State Competitions. Deadline for art work is February 4th. See entry form for details.



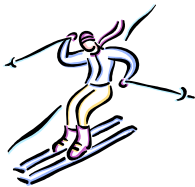
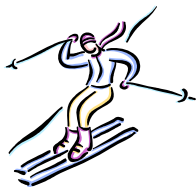
New Riptide Wear for Sale



We have received a new shipment of exciting new and stylish riptide gear!! Cool baseball tees, lots of girly tees and warm sweatshirts. So stop on by on Wednesdays to outfit all your little riptides. For you Kinders, we will be outside the classrooms on the first Friday of the month. If you know what you want we would be happy to get it to you. Just email, Tracy Phillips at tphillips4@verizon.net. Happy Shopping!

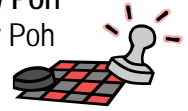
Shop at Grow in January – Robinson will Benefit

The produce store, Grow, has added a wonderful on-line home delivery site. For every \$50.00 dollars you spend in January, they will contribute \$10.00 to Robinson.



Congratulations to Riptide - Matthew Poh

Congratulations to 3rd grader, Matthew Poh for winning 1st place in the Scholastic Reserves section of the 2010 Century West Open Chess Tournament held at LAX Hilton. Way to go Matthew!



Scrip News

The scrip table will be closed during the month of January. To order this month please pick up and submit your scrip order form in the office. Orders will be filled weekly and available for pick up in the office.

Community

Hercules Theater Production

Come see Sunset Theater Company's production of Hercules featuring Robinson's own Darby Dayton and Robinson alum Natalie Rice. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 28, 29 and 30 at 7:30pm at El Camino College Campus Theater. Tickets are \$10 presale and \$15 at the door. For tickets or questions please contact Mindy Dayton (mindy.c.dayton@aero.org or 310-529-6326).

Dates to Remember

January

- 25 – 29 Dollars for Haiti Disaster
- 28 Heal the Bay Assemblies
- 30 Beach Clean Up Day 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- 31 MBEF Drive ends! Thanks for your generosity!

February

- 1 School Site Council Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 2 5th Grade Field Trip – House of Blues
- 3 MBUSD Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Spelling Bee Finalist Assembly
- 12 Spirit Assembly 11:00 a.m. ~ Please join us.
- 15-19 District Recess
- 22 3rd Gr. Kick Ball League Begins - Lunch Recess

Important Community Service Projects This Month



Dollars for Disaster!

Bring in your dollars for a good cause – support the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

January 22 – 29

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Formally Planet Pals, Grades of Green is a parent run organization at school that brings environmental awareness to students and parents.

OUR VISION:

Making environmental protection second nature in young minds.

OUR MISSION:

To inspire and empower kids and the broader school community to care for the environment.

Join us Thursday, January 29th, in the cafeteria for a "Key to the Sea" assembly where we will discuss water conservation, pollution prevention & our storm drain system.

9a.m.	Kindergarten, 2 nd and 5 th grades
10:20a.m.	1 st , 3 rd and 4 th grades

H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Public Health department of the County of Los Angeles will be offering a free H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic in Manhattan Beach.

WHEN: Thursday, January 28, 2010, 12:00–8:00 pm
and Friday, February 5, 2010, 12:00–8:00 pm

WHERE: Manhattan Beach Unified School District
BOARD ROOM – First Floor
325 South Peck Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

WHO: The U.S. Department of Health now considers the H1N1 vaccine to be safe for all ages

PREPARE: In the interest of time, please bring a completed Vaccination Consent Form and Vaccine Screening Form with you for each family member to be vaccinated. The forms are available on the Flu Watch page of the MBUSD website, www.mbusd.org.

FEBRUARY BASEBALL CAMP

MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL

CAMP DATES: February 18, 19, 20 2010 (Thu, Fri, Sat)

Ages: 8 to 13 **CAMP HOURS:** 9:00AM TO 12PM

CAMP LOCATION: Mira Costa High School Baseball Field (Meadows Ave.)

COST: \$110 (including t-shirt and snack). Camps fill fast, so please sign early. Checks payable to Mira Costa Baseball Booster Club. Mail to 1560 5th St. Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

Questions? Call Liz or Ian Neal @310 947 5446 or email Leeofba@verizon.net

BE THE FIRST CAMPERS TO USE THE NEW VARSITY TURF INFIELD

HITTING - FIELDING - PITCHING - BASERUNNING

CAMP DIRECTOR VARSITY COACH CASSIDY OLSON. TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR NEW COACHING STAFF AND OUR ELITE PLAYERS

PLAYER'S NAME: _____ AGE _____ DOB _____ current grade _____

ADDRESS: _____ City/Zip _____ T-shirt size _____

Parent's names _____ Parent's home number: _____

Parent's cell numbers: _____

EMAIL _____ we will send confirmation by email

Names of others authorized to pick up your child: _____

One friend I would like to team with _____

I hereby authorize the staff at Mira Costa High School Baseball Camp to act on my behalf according to their reasonable judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention for my child. I understand that efforts will be made to contact me, but that medical treatment will not be withheld if I cannot be reached. I hereby waive any and all claims against and release the camp, and all persons involved in conducting the camp, from any and all liability for any injury or illness which may occur while my child is participating in the camp. I agree to indemnify and hold free and harmless all persons involved with conducting the camp against all claims arising out of my child's participation in the camp. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment that would be affected by my child's participation in the camp program. No refunds for cancellations due to weather. We will do our best to accommodate the camper on the next camp if camp cancels because of weather.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____