

# Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School  
Tuesday, October 16, 2007



## Give to MBEF Today!

Have you given yet? Please remember the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation's Annual Appeal. Why do we need MBEF? School financing in California is not up to par with other states. The best funded states in the nation spend more than \$10,000 a year per student, MBUSD receives only \$6,000 a year per student! Did you know that the state of California only provides about seventy cents per child, per school year for libraries? Without MBEF, our libraries would be closed. Did you know that MBUSD is the only unified school district among the top five best-performing districts in California that does not receive supplemental funding from a parcel or utility tax? All of the other top five districts also receive grants from education foundations similar to MBEF. The education we received as children no longer exists in our public schools without substantial private support. Please, step up! Visit [www.mbef.org](http://www.mbef.org).

## Community Service News

Join us this Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, for a fun evening of Safari Adventure. LaSalle Elementary, Robinson's sister school located in downtown LA, is having a Literacy Night on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We need volunteers for the event, books (new and gently used) for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade, and items to include in gift baskets which will be raffled off at the end of the evening. Gift basket items could include gift cards, school supplies or fun games. All donated books and items may be delivered to the office starting Monday, 10/8. Thank you for your support.

## Robinson Directory Almost Ready For Print

The Robinson Directory is just about ready to go to print. Please stop by the office this week to review your information to make sure that it is correct. You may write any changes on the proof sheet.

## Food Release Form

Please fill out the Food Release Form which is enclosed in this week's Tuesday Envelope. It is important that we know if your child is restricted in the foods he/she may eat at school.



## From the Health Office

Continue to be aware that lice remains an issue, especially now that Halloween is close and kids tend to try on lots of hats and masks. If you notice that your child's head is extremely itchy or irritated, you may come into the Health Office so that Nelly can rule out lice.

## Robinson Family Portraits by JW Party Pictures

It's not too late to schedule a sitting. There are still time slots available on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> between 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful fundraiser for Robinson and a great way to get professional portraits and holiday cards for a very reasonable price. The sitting fee is only \$35 of which \$12.75 goes to Robinson. The make up date for anyone who may have missed their sitting or who did not sign up is November 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms are in the office or call Audrey Judson at (310) 902-3234.



## Are You Ready to Vote!

On November 6<sup>th</sup> California will have a local election to elect board members for our local school district. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THIS ELECTION IS OCTOBER 22, 2007. If you haven't received your Official Sample Ballot in the mail already, then you are not properly registered. Forms are available at the Post Office and Public Library. You can apply to register by clicking on [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) and go to the Elections and Voter Information. You can also bank your vote by applying for an absentee ballot at this same website (or by using the application attached to your sample ballot when it arrives in the mail). Let your voice be heard! See you at the polls on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Reflections Program

Ponder this, Riptides! This year's National PTA Reflections program theme is "I can make a difference by...". This is a voluntary opportunity for students to create projects which reflect this theme. Possible categories for entries are: Photography, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Film/Video Production, and Musical Composition. Entry forms and rules are available in the office. Submittals will be due the last week of November. Contact Melanie Behrens, 310-379-7300 or [mdesigns12@aol.com](mailto:mdesigns12@aol.com) with questions.

## Save the Date!

It is that time of year again! Day light savings is ending, the air outside is cooling, and Mrs. Nelson's book fair is coming! Expect nothing less than a spectacular snowfall of great reading November 13-16.



Congratulations to Robinson Riptides, Ashley & Marni White for winning the 10k race in the Mother-Daughter division at the Hometown Fair. Way to go Ashley & Marni!

### Halloween Parade October 31<sup>st</sup>

We will have our annual Halloween Parade on the Robinson field at 10:30 a.m. Students are encouraged to dress up in costumes and join in the parade, however, participation is completely voluntary. We ask parents to carefully monitor costumes to avoid outfits that are morbid, suggestive or in poor taste. Costumes should be comfortable to wear during school and we discourage masks and paraphernalia. Let's have fun, but remember it is a school event, so let's keep the attire appropriate. Families are welcome to come out to watch the parade and join in the fun. Students are not allowed to bring candy to school.



## SCRIP NEWS

### Scrip News

Don't forget to register or renew with eScrip & Ralphs to continue earning money for Robinson at no extra cost to you. Already signed up? This year, both escrip & Ralphs require returning members to reregister all cards online by November 1st.

For eScrip, log onto [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to register any major credit/ATM cards, Vons Club Card & Macy's card using Robinson's Group ID # 136559143. To renew, click "Yes! Renew." Be sure to update any expired credit cards. Every time you use your cards at participating retailers (Bristol Farms, Whole Foods, Strand Cleaners, Baja Fresh, Pick Up Stix, and more), Robinson will automatically earn a percentage rebate of your purchase.

Ralphs shoppers log onto [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), click "Community Contribution" then "Participant." Register/Renew your Ralphs Club Card using Robinson's NPO # 84329. Each time you swipe your Club Card at the register, Ralphs will contribute up to 5% back to Robinson! Questions? Contact Abby Hacohen at 798-4704 or [hacohens@verizon.net](mailto:hacohens@verizon.net)



## Mustang Minute

### New Opportunities in the Arts at Costa

As part of the MBUSD Arts Plan, representatives from the District recently met with SCROC (Southern California Regional Occupational Center) and El Camino College to explore partnership opportunities. The result: an impressive array of new course options for Mustangs this fall. Through SCROC, students will be able to receive high school credit for expanded course offerings, including Graphic Design, Digital Pre-Press, Theatre Management, Video Game Design and Development, and Scientific Illustration. The El Camino classes, offered after school, give students the opportunity to earn college credit for free, while extending their experience. You can view the plan and an accompanying arts pathways brochure on the web at [www.mbusd.org](http://www.mbusd.org).

### Costa Cards

Costa Cards will continue to be sold after school on Wednesdays and in the Robinson Office. Cards are \$10 each and can save \$\$ at local businesses.

## Community News

### American Martyrs Parish Fair – October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Come join in the fun from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at American Martyrs Parish Fair located at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street & Laurel

## Dates to Remember

### October

- 20/ 21 Martyrs Parish Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 29 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 Halloween Parade 10:30 a.m.

### November

- 6 Election Day  
Meet the Masters
- 9 Gift Wrap Delivery
- 12 No School ~ Veteran's Day
- 19-23 District Recess/Thanksgiving Break