

R Robinson Elementary School

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Tuesday, October 23, 2007



Literacy Night – A night we'll never forget!

LaSalle's Literacy Night was an amazing success! A huge Riptide thank you to Ann Marie Johnson, Vikki McMahon, and our 5th grade Community Service Commissioner, Meghan McMahon, for a wonderful community service opportunity. We could not have done it without the help of Troop 404 run by Jill Scott and Mary Bartlett, Troop 661 run by Martha Doornink and Susan Heisler. The girls worked tirelessly throughout the evening, guiding the LaSalle families through the classrooms, running bookmark crafts, serving them delicious snacks and assisting them with their book choices. Robinson donated over 1,200 books which allowed the event attendees to take home 3 books each with remaining books to be given away during teacher conferences. The quality of the book choices was exceptional and the donated raffle prizes were perfect! Everyone, from the LaSalle families to the Robinson children readers got a lot out of this experience.

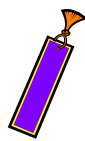
Special thanks goes to Troop 404 and Troop 661 (Troop 404: Elena Bartlett, Laurel Behrens, Caprina Benson, Gaelen Byrnes, Alexa Clark, Grace Durham, Talia Gerard, Raquel Gerard, Caitlin Kelly, Rachel Kerner, Ally Lanigan, Jazlyn Seidel, Sarianna Miller, Beth Scott, Madison Silver, Samantha, Snyder, Renee Ventura, Katherine Yogi, Lily Zuker and Charlotte Zuker. Troop 661: Brooke Stroyke, Cody Gunderson, Megan Kim, Hannah Daly, Katie Kidder, Sara Curran, and Leah Doornink, Kjahna O and Miranda Carr.)

Robinson Volunteers that assisted with setup, reading to children in the library, working throughout the night and cleanup: Mary Athens-Barlett (Elena), Cathy Lanigan (Ally, Kirsten, John), Zo Byrnes (Gaelen), Ellen Rosenberg (Joe, Max, Jack), Holly Smith (Tori, Mandy, Lauren), Loretta Summers (Tyler, Josh Gillam), Melanie Williams (Ali & Marina), Rick Smith, Lori Keenan, Melanie Williams (Ali & Marina), Wendy Greenberg (Harrison, Chase, Mackenna), Ann Marie Whitney (Mia) and Meghan & Riley McMahon. Thank you to Claire Barbari for the donated raffle baskets all the generous donors that gave books and raffle donations. THANK YOU!

Bookmark Contest Entries Due

The Manhattan Beach Public Library's bookmark contest ends this Friday, October 26th.

Bookmark drawings must be done in black ink (no color). Entry forms are available in the Robinson Library, if you have misplaced yours. Only one entry per person is allowed. Please turn in entry forms to the Robinson Library by this Friday.



Sally Foster Gift Wrap



It's a wrap! Way to go Riptides!!!

Congratulations to Ms. Tanita's 2nd grade class and Ms. Dreiling's 5th grade class for winning the participation contest. Each student will receive a certificate for a Wednesday frozen treat. Thank you so much to everyone who participated.

If you have ordered yet, you can still do so online. Go to www.Sallyfoster.com, enter Robinson's account #0400186 and we still earn 50%. Catalog orders will be delivered Friday, November 9th, and available for pick up in your child's classroom. Online orders will ship direct.

Thank you to committee members Katie Brodtkin, Lorie Chaykowski, Janna del Valle, Erin Keller and Leslie Tanquary.

Halloween Parade October 31st

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.



PTSA Membership Update

Way to go Riptides!! We are well on our way to 100% PTSA participation and the membership forms are arriving daily. Reward your teachers and children by joining PTSA by October 31st. Forms are in the office. All classrooms achieving 100% participation will be given \$100 to spend on classroom supplies. Our campaign ends October 31st.

Home Fire Evacuation Plans

Be sure to return your Home Fire Escape Plans to the office. A member of the Manhattan Beach Fire Department will be picking them up. Thank you.

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.

Robinson Family Portraits by J W Party Pictures



Thank you to everyone who signed up for this wonderful fundraiser. For those of you who missed, there is a make up date on November 4th. Just call Audrey Judson to schedule a sitting (310) 902-3234.

Let the Good Times Roll – Pumpkin Races

Come down to the Manhattan Beach Pier on Sunday, October 28th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and bring your Pumpkin RaceCar. Everyone is welcome to participate in the Manhattan Beach Pumpkin Races.

For more information see the flyer enclosed in the Tuesday envelope. Visit www.manhattanbeachpumpkinrace.com to learn about the race rules and how to build a Pumpkin RaceCar. Contact Ann Marie Whitney at amwhitney01@yahoo.com with questions.



Mrs. Nelson's Books Are Coming!

There is nothing better than to cuddle up with a good book when it's chilly outside! The Winter Wonderland in

Manhattan Book Fair is coming to town on the week of November 13th to the 16th. Family Night is on Thursday, November 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ed Foundation Update

Many families ask whether their gift to MBEF will be used for their own child's school. MBEF funds EVERY school in the district, assuring a diverse high quality education for all. Our children will go to the middle and high school together, and we must make sure everyone is equally prepared to learn and achieve. A strong middle and high school will be waiting for your child, thanks in part to the generosity of families like yours. Every dollar donated to MBEF through the Annual Appeal goes directly back to the schools. All administrative costs are fully covered by the interest earned on MBEF's general fund. **Please, step up!** (Visit www.mbef.org.) Thank you very much to the families who have stepped up and to those who wish to remain anonymous:

Abel, Alder, Anthony, Asano, Averch, Bennett, Brodtkin, Brown, Caskey, Chabner, Chaplin, Civale, Demarest, Drandell, Farber, Figel, Forbes, Geiser, Gerwin, Giery, Greenburg, Griffin, Hacohen, Harry, Harvey, Hill, Howorth, James, Johnson, Kazamek, Keenan, Kim, Lee, Levin, Littrell, Lucas, Lyter, Mahan, Marasco, Markland, McDonald, McMillan, Memmo, Naylor, Pachtman, Pappas, Parsa, Rosenberg & Rosenberg Grandparents, Rosenfeld, Sloves, Smith, Solomon, Stadvec, Stone, Stroman, Suh, Syverson, Tell, Tiedemann, Ullman, Wall Grandparents, Williams, Worch, Wright, Yates

Reflections Program

Ponder this, Riptides! This year's National PTSA 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 with questions.



SCRIP NEWS

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Thanks to all who are signing up/renewing their grocery loyalty cards & credit cards on eScrip & at Ralphs! If you haven't yet, please do so by the **November 1st deadline**. It's an easy, no-cost way to earn money for Robinson.

For eScrip, log onto 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. Already supporting another school? eScrip allows you to support up to 3 schools with your participation. Can't find your card number? Call 1-877-SAFEWAY and they'll give it to you.

Ralphs shoppers log onto www.ralphs.com, click "Community Contribution" then "Participant." Register/Renew your Ralphs Club Card using Robinson's NPO # 84329. Questions? Contact Abby Hacohen at 798-4704 or hacohens@verizon.net.

Dates to Remember

October

- 29 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 Halloween Parade 10:30 a.m.

November

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