

R Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School
Tuesday, November 17, 2009



Parent/Teacher Conference Week
November 30th – December 4th
Minimum Days for Grades 1-5
8:15 to 12:40
All kinders are on regular schedule

ROBINSON FAMILY ICE SKATING DAY!



Please join us for a Spirit Ice Skating day at the Toyota Sports Center on Wednesday, December 2nd from 2:45pm to 5:15pm.

Start the holiday season off with some family fun. Please see the enclosed flyer and RSVP today!

Robinson Lost & Found Round Up

Please stop by the café Wednesday to view our display of Lost & Found items. If these items are not found by this Friday, November 20th, they will be donated to charity over the Thanksgiving break.



PTSA Reflections Art Contest

Completed art work entries must be received in the Robinson office by the end of today, Tuesday, November 17th. Winners will be announced shortly. Call Dora Seiffer if you have any questions at 301-486-6611 or



seiffergirl@yahoo.com

The Book Fair is Coming

Robinson's book fair will be held November 30th – December 4th, the week immediately following Thanksgiving vacation. Book fair hours will be 8-2 all week (minimum day/conference week). Family night will be Thursday, December 3rd, 5-7 p.m. It will be a fun evening, with a screening of "Spy Kids" movie, a book signing by a local author & a bake sale. If you'd like to volunteer to work at the fair, please sign up on the board in front of the office. We'd love help with setup this Friday, November 20 from 10-2 as well. Please contact Lauren Schwake (310-701-2835 schwakes@verizon.net) with any questions.



MBEF **Haven't Pledged???** **Forms in the office!**

Thanks to all of you who stepped up to pledge to MBEF. Pledge Day at Robinson and across the entire Manhattan Beach school system was a rousing success. Our participation percentage at Robinson jumped from 25% to well over 50%. So many of you heard the message and took action! Each and every one of you who made a pledge or donation is making a difference. A diverse, high quality public education is necessary for our children to learn and achieve. You understand strong schools make for a better community. On behalf of MBEF, we thank each and every person who stepped up and contributed. You have helped us on the way to our goal of over \$4.1 million by January 31, 2010. Continue to voice your support. Encourage other people to pledge or donate either online at www.mbef.org or with a pledge form today! Let's keep what has been saved. As William Shakespeare wrote in The Tempest, "'How far this little candle throws his beam!' And how far reaching each and every donation is. Thanks for your generosity Riptides!

Volunteer of the Week

This special person is a self-starter volunteer.. She not only assists with various school activities but also finds time to help very deserving individuals and groups. Allisen Patel (1st – Karina, kinder – Kevin) recently organized food and candy drives to support our troops over seas and less fortunate families in the Philippines. She is truly one of those parents that volunteers for everything! We look forward to her help again with our official Riptide Adopt-a-Family project organized by Hilary Mahan and Katie Garrison. Let's keep that philanthropic spirit alive through this busy holiday season. Thanks again Allisen!

Volunteer Opportunities of the Week

Reading is a special gift to cherish and celebrate. The Great Books program is a wonderful way to enhance your child's overall education and offer them the chance to discuss their ideas with other classmates. If you are interested in volunteering for the Great Books Committee, please contact Jen Berlinger at jenberlinger@gmail.com.

Scrip News

Getting ready for Thanksgiving dinner? Don't forget to use scrip for Wholefoods, Vons, Bristol Farms, Grow, and Manhattan Meats. Stop by the table on Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 or pick up and drop off an order form in the office. We'll have your order ready for pickup in the office by Friday.

We also have four new vendors. **Beehive, Chipotle, Fresh Brothers Pizza and SuperSports!** Just fill out the new attached Scrip Order Form.

Holiday Scrip Hours (OPEN MONDAY – FRIDAY):

Monday Nov 30th – Thursday Dec 3rd 12:30-1:15, Friday Dec 4th 11:15-11:45 & 12:30-1:15

Monday Dec 7th 2-3, Tuesday Dec 8th 2-3, Wednesday Dec 9th 1-2, Thursday Dec 10th 2-3, Friday Dec 11th 11:15-11:45 & 2-3

Monday Dec 14th 2-3, Tuesday Dec 15th 2-3, Wednesday Dec 16th 1-2, Thursday Dec 17th 2-3, Friday Dec 18th 11:15-11:45 & 2-3

Grades of Green Earth Tip: Locally Grown Thanksgiving Meal

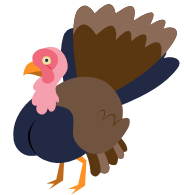
This year, start a new tradition, and eat like the pilgrims did: locally. Do as much of your Thanksgiving Day shopping as possible at local farmers markets and farms. The eco-benefits of eating locally? Food grown or raised in your region has fewer food miles, meaning the carbon emissions associated with local foods are smaller. The plus for you is that local fruits and veggies usually taste better because they've been picked at the peak of freshness, rather than produce shipped from thousands of miles away that had to be picked before ripening.



Mira Costa Drama Performance

The Mira Costa Drama Department will present *The Apple Tree*, a musical play featuring classic stories told with a twist, November 19 and 20 at 7:30 pm. and November 21 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Presale tickets are available at Hillside Pharmacy or online at: www.miracostadramaboosters.org.

Dates to Remember



November

- 20 Report Cards Go Home
- 23-27 No School – Thanksgiving District Recess
- 30 Book Fair Starts (11/30 – 12/4)

December

- 11/30-12/4 Book Fair
Parent/Teacher Conference Week
Grades 1-3 8:15 to 12:40
Kinders Regular Schedule
- 2 Family Ice Skating Party 2:45 – 5:15 p.m.
MBUSD Board Meeting 6:30
- 3 Family Movie Night 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 14 After School Enrichment Drama Show 3:00 cafe
- 16 Winter In Manhattan –1st Grade Show 9:00 cafe
- 17 Kinders' Winter Sing 8:20 a.m. cafe

December 21 through January 1, 2010 ~ Winter Break

January

- 4 School Resumes
- 8 Spirit Assembly ~ Responsibility





Robinson Family Ice Skating Day

TOYOTA SPORTS CENTER
(LA Kings Training Center)

555 N. Nash Street

El Segundo, CA 90245

(Proceeds Benefit Robinson Elementary School)

Wednesday, December 2, 2008

(Minimum Day)

2:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

\$10.00 Per Person (Includes Skate Rentals)

Limited Capacity (150 People) So Get Your Order Form in Early!

Dress for cold weather including long pants, socks, gloves and a jacket. Helmets are highly recommended, but not provided.

Also...as you go through your closet in search of your favorite winter coat, please take a look to see if you have an old winter coat or jacket that you would like to donate to the Robinson Girl Scouts "One Warm Coat Drive." All donated coats and jackets will be collected at the Toyota Sports Center.

Your Name _____ Child's Name _____

Phone # _____ Teacher _____

No. of Tickets _____ Room # _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (\$10.00 Each)

Make Checks Payable to Robinson PTSA

Questions? Contact Kelly Wedbush at 310-614-2252 or kwedbush@mac.com



ROBINSON ELEMENTARY

REGULAR \$CRIP ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: (CHECK ONE)
 CHECKS DECREASE CREDIT CARD FEES

CHECK (ROBINSON PTSA) PLEASE ATTACH
 CHARGE VISA/MC ON FILE (\$250 MIN)
 CHARGE NEW VISA/MC (\$250 MIN)

CARD # _____

EXP. DATE _____ SECURITY CODE _____

MERCHANT	%	FACE VALUE	AMOUNT	MERCHANT	%	FACE VALUE	AMOUNT
AMAZON.COM	4%	\$25		MAN. BREAD & BAGEL	10%	\$5	
AMAZON.COM	4%	\$100		MANHATTAN MEATS	5%	\$25	
BARNES & NOBLE	9%	\$10		MASSAGE SPOT	10%	\$25	
BARNES & NOBLE	9%	\$25		MICHAELS	4%	\$25	
BASKIN ROBBINS	9%	\$2		MURAD SPA	15%	\$20	
BECKER'S BAKERY	10%	\$25		PACIFIC THEATRES	10%	\$5	
BEEHIVE	10%	\$20		PATTERSON'S CLEANERS	10%	\$20	
BLOCKBUSTER *	7%	\$10		PEET'S COFFEE	8%	\$20	
BRISTOL FARMS	8%	\$20		POMODORO	10%	\$25	
CALIF. PIZZA KITCHEN	4%	\$10		POTTERY BARN/WM SON	8%	\$25	
CHIPOTLE	10%	\$10		POTTERY BARN/WM SON	8%	\$100	
COFFEE BEAN	9%	\$25		ROUNDTABLE PIZZA	10%	\$10	
COLD STONE CREAMERY	8%	\$10		SEPULVEDA WINE	10%	\$10	
CVS/PHARMACY	6%	\$25		SLOOPY'S	10%	\$5	
DEBONAIR CLEANERS	20%	\$20		SMART & FINAL	3%	\$25	
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DICK'S SPORTING GOODS	8%	\$25		SPORTS AUTHORITY	8%	\$25	
DOOR/DOOR CLEANERS	10%	\$10		SPYDER SURF	10%	\$20	
EL GRINGO	10%	\$10		STARBUCKS	7%	\$10	
EL SOMBRERO	10%	\$20		STARBUCKS	7%	\$25	
FLEMINGS/ROYS	5%	\$25		STRAND CLEANERS	10%	\$20	
FONZ'S	10%	\$20		SUBWAY	3%	\$10	
FRESH BROTHERS PIZZA	10%	\$10		SUPER SPORTS	5%	\$25	
GALLERIA *	4%	\$25		TABULARASA	10%	\$25	
GAP/O. NAVY/BAN. REP.	9%	\$25		TOY JUNGLE	5%	\$20	
GROW	5%	\$25		TRILOGY SPA	5%	\$25	
ISLANDS	8%	\$25		VONS (CHECKS ONLY)	4%	\$100	
ITUNES	4%	\$15		WAHOO'S	5%	\$20	
J. CREW	13%	\$25		WHOLE FOODS	5%	\$100	
JAMBA JUICE	7%	\$10		GIFT CARD HOLDER	1 FOR	\$1	
THE KETTLE	15%	\$10		GIFT CARD HOLDER	8 FOR	\$5	
MACY'S	10%	\$25					
MACY'S	10%	\$100					
MAMA D'S	20%	\$20					
* WHILE SUPPLIES LAST						TOTAL	

TO PLACE OR PICK UP AN ORDER:
 SUBMIT FORM OR PICK UP ORDER IN THE OFFICE OR STOP BY THE
 SCRIP TABLE WEDNESDAYS 1:15 - 2:00
 PLEASE CONSIDER WRITING A CHECK. THANK YOU!

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

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Harvest of the Month

Persimmon Fun Facts

- The persimmon is Japan's national fruit. It's nickname is the "Apple of the Orient"
- Persimmons are an excellent source of soluble fiber shown to protect against heart disease and lower blood sugar levels.
- Persimmons are excellent sources of vitamin A, C, B6, manganese and potassium
- Fuyu (say Foo-yoo) is the firm variety that can be sliced and eaten like an apple, and used in salads
- Hachiya is the variety that is tart until soft and is great for eating, adding to smoothies or baking.



Tuesday's noon – 4:00 PM
13th Street at Morningside Drive
www.mbfarmersmarket.com

GrowingGreat thanks **ARNETT FARMS** at the Manhattan Beach Farmers Market* for the Persimmons sampled at the November Harvest of the Month Tasting.

Students in grades 1-5 will sample fresh, seasonal produce from the Farmers Market each month as part of the GrowingGreat Farm to School program. Keep an eye out for a flyer detailing the food sampled, along with a family friendly recipe.

A portion of sales from each week's Manhattan Beach Farmers Market supports GrowingGreat.

Visit Secil from Arnett Farms at Manhattan Beach's Farmers Market and taste seasonal fruit!

“Pumpkin Pie Spice” Persimmon Smoothie

1 Persimmon diced, either variety works!

1 ripe banana

1 Cup Hempseed milk, kefir, yogurt or “milk” of choice

1 Tbs. unrefined coconut oil

1 Tbs. raw honey or agave

1 Tsp. Spice Hunters Pumpkin Pie Spice

Blend all ingredients together in a blender or hand held blender.

Great “brain food” breakfast smoothie or afterschool snack!