

R Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School
Tuesday, December 4, 2007



Robinson Family Ice Skating Day Tomorrow

Join us for our annual Family Ice Skating Day on Wednesday, December 5th, from 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the Toyota Sports Center. The cost is \$10.00 per person and all proceeds benefit Robinson. There is a limited capacity of 150 people, so get your order form in early! Questions? Call Kelton Durham at (310) 683-8584 or Jill Scott at (310) 937-9933.



One Warm Coat Drive – This Week Only

Robinson Girl Scout Troops 404 and 559 are collecting warm coats, jackets, and sweaters for people in need. You can drop them off in the box in front of the office or on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the circle.



Girl Scouts will also be collecting them at the ice skating rink this Wednesday afternoon as part your optional admission. Please consider visiting your closet, picking out a jacket or sweater that no longer fits, and donating it to our One Warm Coat Drive.

Taking Students Out of School for Appointments

If a child must be pulled out of school for a doctor or dentist appointment, please be sure they bring a note from the doctor or dentist upon the child's return to school. Thank you.

Yearbooks on Sale

Riptide 2007/08, the official yearbook of Robinson Elementary School is now on sale. Yearbooks will be available by preorder ONLY for \$24 each.

This year's Riptide yearbook will again be in full color and filled with photographs of the wonderful activities and smiling students and teachers. Don't miss out on this great keepsake of the year at Robinson. Look for the form in today's Tuesday envelope to order your copies.

The Robinson Directories are Here!

For everyone who joined the PTSA, you should have received your new Robinson Directory. Additional directories may be purchased in the office for \$10

After School Enrichment Program

As indicated on the registration packet, there will be no enrichment classes this week (Dec.3-7) due to teacher/parent conferences. Classes will resume Dec. 10 and end Dec. 17. Some classes will have make ups the week of Dec. 17 due to cancelled classes. Those days will be published next week. The winter session of the After School Program will begin the week of January 28.

Wednesday Ice Treats

No ice treats will be sold this Wednesday. Enjoy the ice skating day and we will resume sales next Wednesday. Remember ice treats are sold for \$1.00 after school on Wednesdays and all proceeds go towards the end of the year party and project for 5th grade.



Health Office Request for Sweat Pants

We could really use some more spare sweat pants in various sizes in the health office. Students can borrow them if they soil their clothes at school.

MBEF Annual Appeal Update

Are you one of the 160 families at Robinson that have stepped up and made their pledge to the MEEF? If you have over looked this, it is not too late. Please send in your donation to the Education Foundation ASAP. Remember you can pledge now and pay later. Thank you for your generous support.

Saturday Night Flights

Get ready for Saturday Night Flights on Saturday, January 12, 2008! This great community spirit event includes Lady Mustang basketball, the MCHS band, MCHS cheerleaders, half-time contests for kids and In-N-Out Burgers! It's a great family night and a great way to support our MCHS athletes! See the flyer for advanced ticket sales and In-N-Out meal order form.



Directory Change

New e-mail address for Vicki Unger, parent of Jackson Kopitz (4th grade): vrunger@gmail.com.

SCRIP NEWS

It's so easy to be a Scriptide at this time of year. Whether you're considering who's been naughty or nice, preparing for that Christmas vacation or shopping for your holiday party, scrip should be with you at all times!

Did you know that See's Candies are only sold in California? Send some See's Candies to your friends and relatives out-of-state and be a hero! Although the scrip team will not be selling See's Candies at school this holiday season, we do have 1-pound See's gift certificates in stock for \$14.50 each. Robinson earns 25%.

Holiday Special orders are due December 5th and will be available for pick up by December 12th. The light green forms are in the office.

Holiday gift card holders are now available for purchase at the scrip table. They come in a variety of holiday designs and are being sold for \$1 each or in packs of 8 for \$5.

In an effort to save a few trees and a little bit of money, we are not including all of the scrip order forms in this Tuesday's envelope. The teacher wish list and all scrip order forms are available in the office or at www.robinsonelementary.org.

Due to the minimum day schedule, the scrip table will be open Wednesday 12/5 from 12:30 – 1:15pm and Friday 12/7 from 8:00 – 9:00am.

Have a fun time shopping and don't leave home without scrip!



Mustang Minute

An unprecedented display of school spirit has erupted at Mira Costa this year with the formation of The Stampede, a "rooter crew" deployed at every sporting match to encourage positive cheering and support the high school's student athletes. Anyone can join The Stampede by purchasing a green Stampede t-shirt for \$7. Wearing your green shirt to any athletic event guarantees you admission to "The Corral", a designated cheering area. The Stampede t-shirts are available at most sporting events, or by emailing MCstampede@gmail.com.

How to Help With Homework

Here are some valuable tips to help your child through the school year with minimal homework hassles.

BE POSITIVE – Homework isn't always fun, but your attitude influences how your child views schoolwork. If you are encouraging, she's more likely to be positive about getting her work finished.

PROVIDE GUIDANCE, NOT ANSWERS - Everyone needs helps from time to time, but giving your child the answers won't help her learn the material. Sit down and work through problems together, but allow her to do the work.

ESTABLISH A ROUTINE – Set a specific time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child wait to do her work until bedtime, when she is physically and mentally exhausted.

CREATE A SPACE – It doesn't matter if it's a desk in your child's room, a seat at the dining room table, or a spot on the floor near the sofa. Just make sure the space is uncluttered, well lit, and free from distractions.

WATCH FOR SIGNS OF FRUSTRATION – Children don't do well when they feel overwhelmed. If you sense that your child is having difficulty, suggest a brief break before sitting down to assist her.

Dates to Remember

December

- 3-7 Parent Conference Week
1st – 5th Grades on Minimum Day Schedule
Kinders on Regular Schedule
- 4 MCHS Orchestra Holiday Concert at 7 p.m.
(at MCHS Auditorium)
- 5 Ice Skating Spirit Event 2:15–5:15
(at the Toyota Sports Center in El Segundo)
MCHS Choir Holiday Concert at 7 p.m.
(at MCHS Auditorium)
- 11 1A Kinders Field Trip to Roundhouse
- 13 1B Kinders Field Trip to Roundhouse
- 19 1st Grade Winter in Manhattan 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Kinder Holiday Sing 10:30 a.m.
3RD Grade Field Trip

December 24 - January 4 Winter Recess

School Resumes January 7

