

# R Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School  
Tuesday, February 5, 2008



**Congratulations to Riptide Robbie Zimmerman**  
Robbie will be honored at the Manhattan Beach City Council Meeting next Tuesday, February 5th, at 6:30, as Robinson's Citizen of the Year. Robbie is an amazing young man, well beyond his years in thoughtfulness and compassion. In a quiet, unassuming way, Robbie observes his environment. He never speaks an unkind word to another. He will be the first and sometimes the only one to stand up for the underdog, the mistreated.

Two weeks ago Robbie showed incredible maturity and wisdom. He recognized that two students were having trouble getting along over time. He came to Mrs. Doyle and asked if he could help her help them to get along. She agreed and they all met. He confidently shared the mistreatment he had observed. With infinite wisdom, Robbie came to the meeting with a plan in mind to heal the feelings between the boys. He created a game which required that they help each other in order to make a scoring goal. The boys played successfully together and thanks to Robbie...this world and our playground is a better place because of him! Way to go Robbie!

**Sign Up To Get Your Tuesday Bulletins On-Line**  
As of today, we are only sending the Tuesday Blue Bulletin and flyers via email. Students will no longer be bringing home a Tuesday envelope. If you haven't already done so, sign up at [mbusd.org](http://mbusd.org), click "subscribe to elists", and select RB-info list. Once you have completed this, RB-info will email you back immediately asking you to "REPLY". You must reply to the message. Then you will receive another email saying "welcome, you are added to the list". Sign up today so Robinson will "save a tree" every three weeks. If you have problems with signing up, please email [swunderwood@yahoo.com](mailto:swunderwood@yahoo.com) or [lorikeenan@verizon.net](mailto:lorikeenan@verizon.net).

**Robinson's Nickels for Nails Fundraiser**  
Thank you to everyone that participated in the Nickels for Nails campaign which helped contribute towards a new home for a very deserving family. Congratulations to our Riptides for coming through again for a great community service need.



**Message From Our Principal**  
Bravo for our Riptide spirit of participation! 99.6% of Robinson families have joined MBEF. Thank you for being an example to your children that participation for the greater good of all is one of the most important things we can do in life!  
Warmest thanks! Mrs. Doyle

**MBEF- Riptides Reach All-time High!!!**  
There is really no other way to say this other than **RIPTIDE PARENTS ROCK!!!**  
The MBEF Annual Appeal ended last Thursday, January 31st. Robinson reached an all-time high of **99.6% participation**. The smile that you see on your child's face when they talk about one of the programs/people that is funded by the MBEF (P.E., Instrumental Music, Science, Computer Lab, Library, Reading Specialist & the Health Assistant) should say it all. Your amazing support and generosity will help the MBEF support programs that enrich all children's education in the year to come.  
Thank you very much!



**Spelling Bee Finals**  
Once again, the true Robinson Riptide spirit was on display for all to see at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Spelling Bee on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. We are proud to congratulate **ALL** of our spellers!

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ryan Demarest
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Leyton McNamara
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Garrett Smith
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Sammy Buchta
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Allison Lanigan
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Laurel Behrens
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Allyssa Zucker
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jennifer Porter

A huge Riptide "Thank You" to Courtney Rice and her committee for their time in coordinating and decorating for this event. We appreciate the great job you all did.

## Care Grams



Make someone's day special, send them a Care Gram! Look for your Care Gram pre-sale form on line today. This year all proceeds from Care Gram sales will go to The Sam Nzima School in South Africa. Care Gram sales will be outside the cafeteria and will start Monday, 2/11 through Thursday, 2/14.

See times sale times below:

Monday, 2/11	11:30-1:00
Tuesday, 2/12	11:30-1:00 2:00-3:00
Wednesday, 2/13	11:30-1:00 1:00-2:00
Thursday, 2/14	11:30-1:00

## Neptunian Student Art Contest



Entry forms for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Art Contest sponsored by Neptunian Woman's Club of Manhattan Beach, are in the office now. The deadline to submit your artwork in the Robinson office is February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All students are eligible.

## After School Program

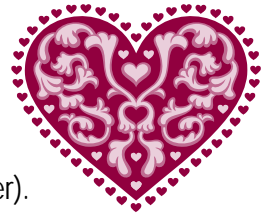
We are now in the second week of the winter session and some classes still have availability. Please note that the new **Speed Stacking** class will be offered on Thursdays from 3:50-4:40, and is open to children in grades 2-5. Also, the very popular Musical Theatre class, **High School Musical**, is being offered for a second class at 3:50-4:40 on Mondays. This class is open to enrollment for children in grades 1-5. Finally, the mid day kinder class, **Reading Party** will not be held on February 7 or 14, but will be offered for the remaining Thursdays, ending on April 3. Please call Nancy at 376-6115 if you would like to enroll in this or any other class with space available. Thanks to all Riptide families for your continuing support of the Enrichment Program.

## The Wiz & High School Musical LIVE on stage!

Come see some of Robinson's own fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> grade actors LIVE on stage! Yes, our very own 4<sup>th</sup> graders Beth Scott, Grace Durham, Emily Kim, and Caitlin Kelly will be in these upcoming plays at the **Hermosa Beach Playhouse**. Go to [robinsonelementary.org](http://robinsonelementary.org) for more details.

# SCRIP NEWS

Valentine's Day is Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to use scrip when buying something for your sweetie. Check out the scrip flyer for gift suggestions. The scrip table will be open this Wednesday after school. The Friday morning scrip table will be discontinued until further notice. Please feel free to drop off an order form in the office. Most orders will be available for pick up in the office within 72 hours (or sooner).



## Dates to Remember

### February

- 11-14 Caregrams
- 13 Orchestra Festival (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> gr. Strings only)  
6:30 p.m. - MBMS Gym
- 14 Valentine's Day 
- 15 Spirit Assembly 10:20 a.m. (Caring)
- 18-22 District Recess – No School

## State Testing

Dates:

May 5 – 16

(Grades 2-5)

Please do not plan vacations  
or appointments during  
these dates.