

R Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School
Tuesday, March 18, 2008



Fun Run



HUGE thanks to all who helped to make the Fun Run a success in every way! The day was beautiful, everyone was smiling, the SWAT team ran in rhythm, Splash made a

surprise visit, and the crepes, oranges, bagels, and coffee were a big hit. Special thanks to Lisa Chu and Linda Geoghegan and their amazing committee for the extraordinary organization.

I Am a Scientist Day

WOW! WHAT AN EXPLOSIVE DAY OF LEARNING!

The Bug man arrived at 8:30 to kick off our day for any budding etymologists. His lively presentation was followed by wonderful science based workshops. These included the Astronomy Club, the Robotics Club, Science Center, Roundhouse, parent physicians, neurobiologists, and more ...all bringing science to life through their work and through experimentation. Thanks to all our young scientists for dressing the part and showing their Riptide curiosity and wonder! Special thanks to Dianna Poh, Kathy Crawford, Nancy Cho and Mrs. Syverson for the tremendous efforts to create a memorable day for all.



Protecting Instructional Time

In order to protect instructional time (8:15 to 2:45) every day, please pick up your child and leave campus promptly. It is disturbing to classes in session when people are talking and allowing their younger children to play in the amphitheatre, in the hall ways, and on the playgrounds during school hours. Thank you for being mindful of our instructional environment.

Lost & Found

We have a tremendous amount of lost clothing and lunch boxes in our Lost & Found bin located in the Robinson cafeteria. You may drop by the cafeteria anytime to see if your lost items are there.

CAMP & VACATION EXPO Saturday, March 22nd
Stop by the 12th Annual Camp & Vacation Expo on Saturday, March 22nd at the Manhattan Beach Middle School, 1501 Redondo Avenue in Manhattan Beach from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

There will be over 50 summer camps and programs represented to help you plan your summer and find the best deals. Programs include everything from sports and recreation camps to art, science, reading, music, and more. There will even be prizes, a silent auction, food and entertainment
Admission is FREE! Presented by the Meadows Elementary School PTA.

2008/2009 PTSA Board Positions Available

If you are interested in being on the PTSA Board next school year, contact Ann Marie Johnson at 310-374-0929. She can give you more information.

Visitors Sign In Please

This is a reminder that anyone on the Robinson campus for any reason during our school hours (8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.) must sign in at the office and wear a visitor badge. The only time it is not necessary to sign in is during drop off and pick up times before and after school. Thank you.

Library website

The Robinson library now has a website. The site provides general information about the library, links to reading lists, and a blog that highlights current library activities and events. To get to the site, go to www.robinsonelementary.org and find the link "Welcome to the Library" under the heading "Thank You from the Library"; or the site can also be accessed from the list of links on that site, under "Links," then "Library Links," then "Welcome to the Library." The direct website address is <http://web.mac.com/barbarasb/iWeb/Robinson%20Library/Welcome.html> so you can go there, then add the site address to your list of bookmarks, to access the site easily in the future. Hope you enjoy it!



Family Art Night



Children of all ages and their parents are invited to learn about the artist, Marc Chagall, then create their own masterpieces using his techniques. Family Art Night is Friday, March 28th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Return your Art Night forms to the office to reserve your family's spot today. Space is limited.

Asthma Education Program

We are pleased to announce that the American Lung Association is hosting an asthma education program for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at no-charge to MBUSD students. The program, Open Airways for Schools (OAS), is conducted in six sessions, each about 40 minutes. OAS has a proven track record for helping children become more aware of how to recognize and avoid their triggers, understand their medicines and become better able to self-monitor their asthma symptoms. Each session includes written communication with the parents. If you are interested and have not received a letter already, please contact your school's District Nurse for more information. District Nurses are: Tami Simmons RN (ext. 6525) and Colleen Egan RN (ext. 6520).

Planet Pals Earth Tips

Take a Step: Dispose of your left-over medications properly

Did you hear an Associated Press investigation reports that a vast array of pharmaceuticals have been found in the drinking supplies of at least 41 million americans. According to a report in the *Daily Breeze*, the presence of so many prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines in so much of the nation's drinking water is heightening concerns among scientists about the potential long-term consequences to human health. Even users of bottled water and home filtration systems don't necessarily avoid exposure since bottlers don't routinely treat or test for pharmaceuticals.

While there are several contributing factors to this situation, disposing of leftover or expired drugs properly, rather than flushing them down the toilet and into our nation's water supply can help. Next time there is a Household Hazardous Waste clean-up day, include your left-over meds, along with nail polish, batteries, paints and other chemicals for proper, non-toxic disposal. Don't want to wait 'til the next event? Go to www.888cleania.com or call 1-888-CLEAN LA for alternate collection events and disposal instructions.

Absences From School

Please be sure to call the Robinson office if your child is going to be absent from school. The number is 310-318-5120. This greatly reduces the time and paperwork for us in the office. We need to report a reason for each student's absence. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

March

- 19&20 4th Grade GATE
- 21 No School - Local Holiday
- 28 Family Art Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

April

- 2&3 4th Grade GATE
- 7-13 Spring Break – No School
- 16 Kinder Field Trip to RB Performing Arts Center
- 16&17 5th Grade GATE
- 19 Earth Day Celebration at Polliwog Park 11-4
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 5th Grade Student Tour/Student Orientation at MBMS from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- 25 Spirit Assembly 10:20 a.m.
- 28 Staff Appreciation Week
- 28 5th Grade Parent Orientation at MBMS Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 p.m.

State Testing Dates:

May 5 – 16
(Grades 2-5)

Please do not plan vacations
or appointments during
these dates.