

# **R** Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School  
Tuesday, March 4, 2008



## **Kindergarten & New Student Registration Begins**

**At 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten packets are available in the Robinson office. New student registration will be done on a first come first served basis beginning on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in the Robinson cafeteria. You must live in the Robinson neighborhood in order to register at Robinson. You will need to bring the originals and one copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and 3 different utility bills with your name and address on them in order to register here at Robinson.

## **Siblings**

Board Policy does give preference to new students with siblings currently attending Robinson. Siblings do not need to stand in line, but we would like all siblings to register by 4:00 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, please come into the office to put your child's name on our sibling list and be sure to let us know when turning in your packet that you have a sibling at Robinson. You will need to bring the originals and one copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and 3 different utility bills with your name and address on them in order to register here at Robinson.

## **Kinder/New Student Parent Orientation Mtg.**

All new parents are invited to attend Robinson's Kinder/New Student Parent Orientation Meeting on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. There will be lots of valuable information given.

## **Sign Up To Get Your Tuesday Bulletins On-Line**

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 to receive Robinson's Tuesday Bulletin packets 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. If you have problems with signing up, please email [swunderwood@yahoo.com](mailto:swunderwood@yahoo.com) or [lorikeenan@verizon.net](mailto:lorikeenan@verizon.net).

## **Another Visitor Policy Reminder**

Please adhere to our district visitor policy which is posted on signage and in our school directory/handbook. Visitors/parents must sign in at the office for scheduled classroom visits. Also, a reminder to not interrupt classroom teachers at the start of each day by entering classrooms or attempting to meet with teachers at this important time. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Readiness Academy May Be Cut**

At their February 27, 2008 meeting, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees reviewed the budget and fiscal impact of all mandated and non-mandated programs. At that time, it was determined that the Readiness Academy has a potential fiscal impact on the General Fund. In light of state budget reductions, the Board determined that the district cannot continue to operate any non-mandated programs with direct fiscal impact on the General Fund. The Board, therefore, directed the Executive director, Student Services, to add the discontinuation of the program to the agenda for their next meeting, which will be held on March 5, 2008.

## **I Am a Scientist Day**

Save the Date: March 14, 2008

Robinson's first I Am a Scientist Day.



This day is devoted to bringing in specialists with hands on scientific knowledge to give lessons for our students.

## **It's almost time to vote...in the library!**

Our students are once again participating in the California Young Reader Medal contest.



During their library visits, all students are hearing nominees for the picture book categories. Students in grades four and five are urged to read the nominees in the "intermediate" category, since only those who have read (or heard) all three are permitted to vote on that category. Voting must be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, and winners will be announced shortly thereafter. For more information, go to the California Library Association's site (<http://www.cla-net.org/awards/cyrm.php>).

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. Forms are due in the Robinson office by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## The Show Must Go On!

The Talent show date has changed. The show will be Friday June 13 at 6:00 in the Mira Costa Auditorium. Dress rehearsal will be Wednesday June 11 at 1:30-4:00. Look for sign up forms in the next Tuesday e-bulletin! Looking forward to another great Riptide show!



## Scrip News

**New Merchants:** We've just added two new merchants, brought an old one back and added an additional denomination to an online merchant. . . Do you need some craft supplies? Michael's gift cards are available in \$25 denominations. Do you need some new music? Download some tunes for your iPod with iTunes \$15 gift cards. Valentino's Pizza scrip is back in stock - \$10 certificates with 10% to Robinson. Amazon.com gift certificates are now available in \$25 and \$100 amounts. Certificates do not expire. Any unused balance will be placed in a "gift certificate account" on Amazon.com and is not transferable to another person or account.

**Vacation Planning?** – There are a number of travel related merchants that offer scrip. Since we do not stock it regularly, it just requires a little advance planning. If you are considering a trip using any of the following, contact us via email or phone, and we will special order it.

American Airlines (8%), Best Western (12%), Carnival Cruises (8%), Fairmont Hotels (12%), Hyatt Hotels (9%), Marriott Hotels (12%) Ritz-Carlton Hotels (12%)

**Attention Team Mom's & Dads:** It's time to start planning that season end basketball party! Be sure to use scrip for any of the following: Roundtable Pizza, AdventurePlex, Baskin Robbins, Cold Stone, and Becker's Bakery. Scrip gift cards also make a great thank you gift for your basketball coach: Amazon.com (\$25/4%), Flemings (\$25/5%), Fonz's (\$20/10%), LA Food Show (\$25/5%), Mama D's (\$20/25%), and Sports Authority (\$25/8%).

The Scrip Table will be open this Wednesday from 1:15 to 2:00 p.m.

## Dates to Remember

### March

- 4 CST Writing Test – Grade 4
- 5 Kinder/New Student Registration 8:00 a.m.
- 6 Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting 9 a.m.
- 5&6 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE
- 7 Environmental Defenders Assembly
- 10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Photo 10:20
- 14 "I Am a Scientist Day"  
Report Cards Go Home
- 15 Fun Run
- 19&20 4<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE
- 21 No School - Local Holiday
- 28 Family Art Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### April

- 2&3 4<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE
- 7-13 Spring Break – No School
- 16 Kinder Field Trip to RB Performing Arts Center
- 16&17 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE
- 19 Earth Day Celebration at Polliwog Park 11-4
- 23 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation at MBMS Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 p.m.