

R Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School
Tuesday, September 22, 2009



Celebrating Barbara Dow's Life

On Wednesday, September 23rd, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a celebration in honor of Barbara Dow. The gathering will take place outdoors in the "reading garden" of our school. Barbara was part of our EDP program for many years. Please come to share memories, music and refreshments.



Havana Nights Traveling Party

All RSVP's are due. We are selling out quickly. Shuttle Service is on sale now. Service is round trip and will be on sale after school on Wednesday, 9/23.



Chips for the Havana Casino will also be on sale after school on Wednesday 9/23.

It's going to be a great night see you there!

Teacher Raffle

It's that time of the year again...the Teacher Raffle! Don't miss out on some AMAZING activities the teachers have planned to do with the lucky winners! Be sure to look at the activity list attached to this Bulletin, fill out the form, and drop it in either the office or at the Raffle Table. Don't forget...the raffle is one of the biggest fundraisers for Robinson and we need *your continued support*.

Gift Wrap



Our gift wrap fund raiser is going on now. Robinson receives 50% on every item. All orders are due Tuesday 9/29. Please bring voucher and check to the office. Don't forget to add a sweet treat to your order for our Troops.

Questions? Contact:

Claire Barberi-Gift Wrap Chair clairebearmb@aol.com

Please Consider School Site Council

We need three parent members and one alternate member to join our Robinson School Site Council Team. We meet one Tuesday each month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. See the attached flyer to complete for your input on the ballot. Just submit it to the office.

Make a Get Well Card for Julia Tedesco

Julia has offered instruction in art in our community for many years. She is currently ill with leukemia and is in treatment at Torrance Memorial Hospital. If you or your child would like to write a card or note to Julia, you may leave it in the office to be delivered to her.

Dismissal Reminders: QUIET!!!

Please proceed home after school each day. Classes are in session until 2:45 and the campus MUST be quiet. We are sorry that we can not accommodate parents, students and siblings on the playgrounds, in halls or on school grounds before 2:45. Thank you!

Traffic Safety Reminders - Let's Keep Our Kids Safe

We have Safety Volunteers helping us with our drop-off area this week. Please be respectful of their reminders. Thank you to all Robinson Families for working together to get our kids safely to and from school. Here are some tips for using the loading zones safely:

Driving Through Circle

1. NO parking in the circle area - including kinder drop off
2. No left hand turn into or out of the circle
3. No turns in front of school
4. Move all the way forward when using white loading zones
5. No exiting on driver's side - unload from the curb side only
6. Use left lane in circle for passing slower cars
7. Watch closely for small children walking and crossing near the circle

Additional Traffic Safety Tips

1. No drop off at the 1st Street teachers' parking lot
2. Avoid heading west on 1st Street, use Francisco instead
3. No parking in the middle of the street or in the white loading zones
4. Always use crosswalks when walking to school
5. Do not park in neighbors' driveways
6. Walk to school, ride a bike, or carpool when you can
7. Leave 5 minutes early to ensure a safe and relaxed drive

Thank you for paying attention while driving!

Robinson Riptide Spirit Day is Friday

Riptide gear will be sold after school on Wednesdays at 1:30 for the next few weeks. If you haven't purchased a Riptide t-shirt for your child yet, you can do so on Wednesday.





Message from the Robinson Health Office

We are in need of tissue! If you would like to help, just drop off a box of tissue in the Health Office. We would greatly appreciate it!



Please be watchful of head lice. If your child's head is itching, come in to have Nelly check for lice. All cases of lice must be reported to Nelly, in the Health Office.

School Picture – Make Up Day

School Picture Day was last Friday, September 18th. If your child missed photo day, be ready on Friday, October 23rd for Photo Make Up day.



Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help! Please contact Ann Marie Johnson if you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities. Just call 310 283-9927 or email Ann Marie AnnMarie100@mac.com.

Robinson Hometown Fair Booth

This year, the Riptide booth will be staffed by some of the Chivas players! We need 1 or 2 families to run the booth (shorter hours Saturday). Additional volunteer sign ups will be posted by the office (1 hour shifts).

Great Books Chairperson

We want to continue our wonderful Great Books program this year. If you love to read and would love to share your love of reading with kids, this is the job for you!

REP: Robinson Enrichment Program

Enrollment continues for the fall session beginning September 29. Please note:

Please enroll online at psmanhattan.org or by hard copy ASAP so that classes can be confirmed and not canceled prematurely. Class confirmation lists will be posted online at psmanhattan.org by the end of this week.

Just to clarify, all classes on early dismissal Wednesday have an adjusted time with Snackivity beginning at 1:30 dismissal and the enrichment class beginning at 1:50. This is a slight change from last year's schedule.

Robinson after school enrichment program (REP) update – Little Click Club for KAM on Fridays from 11:35-12:25 is closed.

Take a look at some of our new options: Kids Kabaret, Lacrosse, Freshi Filmmaking and Movin' and Groovin'.

Please add a late enrollment fee of \$20 if enrolling after September 21.

For questions prior to the beginning of the session, please contact Nancy Rosenburg, Program Director at 376-6115 or nsrosenb@aol.com. We look forward to a terrific session of enrichment for the Riptides.

Scrip News

Scrip News (09-22-09)

Do you shop at the same places every month? (Vons, Starbucks, Wholefoods?) Participate in the **Monthly Standing Order (MSO) Contest** this month! A MSO is a scrip order that you place once and receive monthly. The class with the most MOS's this month will win cash for their teacher(s). Pick up and return your green MSO form in the office or visit the scrip table. Contest Ends Sept 30th!

In order to reduce credit card fees and INCREASE PROFITS, please consider writing a check for all scrip orders. Questions? Contact the scrip team at robinsonscrip@gmail.com or Nicole Tang at 310-892-7069.

Register Your Grocery Cards!

Earn rebates for Robinson every time you swipe your grocery cards!

Ralphs: Visit www.ralphs.com to register your Ralphs Rewards Cards.

Vons: Your Von's card can be registered on www.escrip.com.

Questions or need help, contact Anne Head at annehead@sbcglobal.net.

Community News

Join the Cub Scouts

If you have a son in the 1st through 5th grade interested in becoming a Cub Scout, there is an informational meeting regarding Manhattan Beach Pack 713 on Thursday, September 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Grand View Elementary School cafeteria. Afterward, feel free to join in the activities at the monthly pack meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, go to the Pack website at www.pack713.org or contact Dave Gamble at dgamble@farmersagent.com.

Dates to Remember

September

28 No School – Local Holiday

October

3	Robinson's Traveling Party & Silent Auction
7	Principal's Coffee 8:30 a.m. – STAR Testing
12	No School – Staff Development Day
15	The Great Shake Out/Earthquake Drill
16	Spirit Assembly – Respect 1:20 p.m.
17	MBEF/Chivas Soccer Night
23	Photo Re-Take Day
26-30	Red Ribbon Week
30	Halloween Parade (wear your costume)

Celebrating Barbara Dow

On Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a celebration in honor of Barbara Dow.

Barbara nurtured children and families within the Extended Day Program (formerly "CDC") of our district for 35 years. She passed away suddenly on August 19.

The gathering will take place outdoors in the "reading garden" of Robinson School, Morningside & 1st St., Manhattan Beach.

Please come to share
memories, music
& refreshments



Robinson Elementary School
Robinson School Site Council Parent Nominations



Dear Parents,

We need to add three parent members and one alternate to the Robinson School Site Council. You are invited to submit your name for balloting for the SSC. Each of the schools in the Manhattan Beach Unified School District belongs to the California State School Improvement Program. This program provides guidelines and information on creating and maintaining the excellence in education that we all want for our children. As an ongoing part of the School Improvement Program, elected parent representatives are invited to work with the school staff in developing and monitoring our education plan, through the SSC.

The SSC provides a means by which those affected by decisions can participate in making them. The Council develops a school plan with a yearly budget, reviewing how the school plan is being put into practice, assessing how the plan is working, and making agreed upon changes. We meet one Tuesday each month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If you would like your name to be considered for this special election, please fill in the form attached to this memo. Educational philosophy and intent must be listed to assist voting parents in making informed choices.

Please turn this form back into the office by September 25th, if you are interested in participating in this election. Thanks!

We hope that those of you who are interested will decide to submit your names for consideration. We are a lively, creative and proactive group which has made a difference at Robinson and we would love to have others join us in working for our children!

The School Site Council

Nancy Doyle
Principal

Kathy Crawford
SSC President

(Please return by Friday, September 25th)

School Site Council Candidate for Balloting

I would like to be a candidate for membership on the School Site Council.

- A. _____ As a regular member (one year term)
- B. _____ As a regular member (two year term)
- C. _____ As an alternate

Statement of Qualifications:

1. I am eligible for membership on the School Site Council.
2. I am not an employee of the MBUSD.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Educational Philosophy (One sentence, please.)

Reason for wanting to be on SSC (One sentence, please.)

TEACHER RAFFLE

ACTIVITY LIST

Kindergarten

- Ortega
- Asano
- McRae

- Asano#2

Spend the afternoon at Hermosa Valley park with your teachers on October 24th from 3-4:15...and enjoy a treat too!

Mrs. Asano has another surprise in store for a lucky winner and friend! On either October 18th or 25th, meet her at Dapplegray in Rolling Hills and spend an hour with her feeding and petting her horse, "Cody". Lunch is included. Parent to pick up.

1st Grade

- Kundrat
- Walsh
- Yerke
- Whalley

Walk to Toy Jungle and get a book for your teachers to read to you while enjoying ice cream at the Creamery. Yum!!! Bring along 1 friend

2nd Grade

- Henderson
- Herbert
- Tanita
- Whitt-Stopp/Carlin

Stroll downtown to the Creamery for an ice-cream treat with your teachers...and take a friend for added fun!

3rd Grade

- Stephens
- Lemmerman
- Holtz

Seen a good movie lately? The 3rd grade teachers haven't and are looking to seeing one with you and a friend!

4th Grade

- Young
- McDonald

Keep open Friday October 23rd! Your teachers want to take you and a friend for a fun filled afternoon at Chuck-E-Cheese Pizza! From 3-6:00 you'll enjoy pizza, soda, and 50 tokens Each! What great teachers you have!

5th Grade

- Dreiling
- Syverson

Like dogs? Like ice-cream? Then you'll love this combo: dog walking and ice-cream with your teachers and a friend. Good times!

TEACHER RAFFLE

ACTIVITY LIST (pg. 2)

Principal

- *Doyle*

Who wants to be principal for the day? You and a friend will get that chance and Mrs. Doyle will be your personal “how-to” guide. You don’t want to miss out on a chance like this!

Computer/Library

- *Johnsen*
- *Matsuyama*

Here’s a chance to do something AWESOME! You and a friend will see “Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief”, which comes out in February. But it doesn’t stop there! You will get a copy of a Percy Jackson book that you don’t already have – or a Barnes and Noble bookcard. Whoever wins this one is soooo lucky!

Psychology/Counselor

- *Ottaway*
- *Knell*

Who’s up for a trip downtown for some Coldstone Ice Cream? If that’s not enough, a trip to the library rounds up this fun afternoon. Bring along a friend to make it extra special! Ottaway/Knell’s trips will be taken separately due to their busy schedules.

Physical Education

- *Wood*

Up for a movie? Ms. Wood is itching to see a great movie and would love for you and a friend to come along!

THE
TEACHER RAFFLE
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IS ALMOST HERE!

Our teachers/staff have come up with great ideas for special times with our kids!

(see attached flyer)

Raffle tickets will be drawn at

HAVANA NIGHT

Robinson Annual Fundraising Party

October 3rd, 2009

EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO WIN!

(winner need not be present to win)



<i>CHILD(RENS) NAME</i>	<i>TEACHER/STAFF</i>	<i>#TICKETS PER TEACHER/STAFF</i>

_____ *1 for \$10 or 12 for \$100*

_____ **Total Tickets*

_____ *I am paying cash*

_____ *Charge to my credit card: _____Mastercard _____Visa Card#_____*

Expiration Date:_____ Signature_____

Turn form into the office or the raffle table after school