



Tuesday, December 13, 2011

The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of this holiday season.

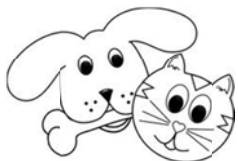


The Robinson Staff would like to wish everyone a pleasant & peaceful holiday and winter break. Warmest thanks to all those who have showered our office and staff with gifts. We are so grateful for your ongoing generosity and words of support.

♥ *Nancy, Joni, Carol, Erin*

Lost & Found Items to be donated to Charity

Everyone is invited to check our Lost & Found Bin located in the Robinson Café before leaving school for Winter Break. The bin is overflowing with jackets, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, etc. EVERYTHING will be donated to charity that is left at Robinson over the Winter Break.



Prints for Pets Fundraiser

Student Council will be having the 1st Annual Prints for Pets fundraiser on **Sunday, January 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at Robinson in the

Francisco parking lot. Please use street parking, as the parking lot will be used for the fundraiser. Bring your cats and dogs for our Student Council to create a unique piece of art for you to take home and cherish! The cost is \$5 per pet, and all funds raised will be going directly to our local Los Angeles County Animal Shelter. We will also be collecting items on the shelter's "wish list": cat litter, pet shampoo/conditioner, leashes (new and used), gently used towels and wash cloths, fleece blankets, peanut butter, and various other items (see Erin Allard in the Health Office for the complete wish list). To keep all pets and people safe, cats must be brought in a crate and dogs must be on a leash at all times. Wish list donations may be dropped off in the Health Office during school hours. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Allard 310-318-5120 x. 3263. Thank you for your support for our furry friends!

Thank You from MBEF

MBEF would love buy every one of our donors a cup of coffee to say thanks – but there are thousands of you! Thankfully, Manhattan Bread & Bagel has done the next best thing – donating \$8 gift cards to every donor who met the \$1,250 per child ask-for donation level. Thanks!

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Volunteers of the Month

The coveted Robinson directory has arrived with a spectacular new layout. Many thanks goes out to our Directory Chairperson, Victoria Zal for the many tedious hours she dedicated to this project.

Our first annual Turkey Trot was also a huge success. Thanks to chairs Sig Ward and Debbie Lazar for taking on this new event that had our students running the field for fun while raising money for the school.



**Student Store Apparel on Sale
This Thursday from 12:00 to 1:00**

The Student Store will be selling Riptide Apparel this Thursday for Holiday gift buying.

What's the Latest....With the PTSA?

Every month, the Executive PTSA Board meets to discuss Robinson business, programs and events. Please look for the attachment 'What's the Latest....With the PTSA?' in today's bulletin for a brief recap of the highlights from our Executive PTSA meeting on 12/7/11 with current updates.

Scrip News

Last Week to Order Scrip!

Gifts – Amazon, Barnes & Noble, iTunes, Macy's, Starbucks, Trilogy
Party Planning – Beckers, Bristol Farms, Grow, Vons, Whole Foods
Restaurants – MB Post/Simmzy's/Tin Roof, Fonz's, Flemmings and much more...



- Scrip Table is open Monday and Friday 8 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday 1 to 2 p.m.; Thursday & Friday 2 to 3 p.m.
- Pickup and submit order forms in the office We'll have your order ready by Friday
- Don't forget those wonderful teachers and Robinson staff. See Teacher/Staff Wish List

Special thanks to our Scrip Team & Supporters!

Thanks to all of the parents who have supported our Scrip program. A special thanks to the following wonderful scrip volunteers who have been working every week filling order after order: Courtney Black, Debbie Strock, Angela Bennett, Laura McIntire, Erin Fiorito, Nikki Reinholz, Lily Phillips, Cara Worley and Dora Seiffer.

Community News

EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD TO "THE WIZ"

Come enjoy Puttin' On Productions The Wiz at Vista Mar School Theatre in El Segundo! You are sure to recognize a few Riptide alumni in the cast, and you'll be humming the music for days after this amazing show! MLK weekend, Jan. 13 – 15, there are 2 matinees and 2 evening performances. Discounted tickets (\$15) are available from Robinson parent Renee Whitcombe (renee@buddingfamily.com) prior to show weekend. These make GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!



Riptide Congratulations

Ali, Marina, Tenley, Nora and Carmen are part of the Robinson Robonuts, a robotics team that won one the Core Values Presentation Award at Saturdays Los Angeles Regional First Lego League Robotics competition. (This award is one of the top 4 awards). As 9 year olds they competed against 26 teams, most are school teams, many from LAUSD, and most of the teams were comprised of teenagers (the age group is 9 to 14 year olds). They also scored 12th out of 26 teams in the Robot game, which requires hours of programming their robot. Way to go girls!

Dates to Remember



December

- 14 MBUSD Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- 15 1st Grade Winter in Manhattan 9:00 a.m.
MBMS Choir Performs 2:00 p.m.
- 16 All Kinders Early 8:00 to 11:20 a.m.
Kinder Winter Sing 9:30 a.m.
3rd Grade Field Trip - Knotts Berry Farm

December 19 – January 2 Winter Break

January


- 3 School Resumes






'Twas A Year Without Funding A visit from MBEF

**'Twas September 2011 when all through halls...
Some staff had gone missing; where's Mrs. Yukari? All were appalled!
The books were all stacked in the library with care;
There are new rugs and a chair, but no librarian there.**




**The computers were networked all snug in the lab
But the doors were locked and the students were sad.
Ms. Johnson was ready with the new programs she'd planned,
But without MBEF funding she had to be "canned".**

**We have no more science; the test scores are falling
Parents are angry and the children are bawling.
If we'd only known how bad it would feel,
We would have given more to the Annual Appeal.**




**When out in the zone there arose such a clatter,
We sprang from our desks to see what was the matter.
35 kids in a 1st grade classroom? Isn't that a pity?
Well our teachers were pink slipped and moved to another city.**

**When what to our wondering eyes should appear
But our amazing Robinson families who hold these teachers so dear.**




**With a great MBEF Board, so savvy and cool,
We knew in a moment our children would thrive at our wonderful school.
If more rapid than RIPTIDES, ALL families donate.
We are in this together. Making our schools great!**

**And then, in a twinkling, our spirits did lift
You told us you'd do it with a matching gift!
As we left for break and 2011 came around,
Our families gave to MBEF in abound.**



**So don't delay, Please help us out.
MBEF needs your support without a doubt
We ask that you give \$1,250 per child.
Your children will benefit all the while.**



**So spring into action, to your friends give a whistle,
Start sending your checks like a heat seeking missile.
You'll hear us exclaim, and give thanks with great zeal,**

"Thank you Robinson families for supporting MBEF and the Annual Appeal!"

