

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

## MBEF

THANKS ROBINSON FAMILIES...we're almost there!

Congratulations to Ms. Kinnier's & Mrs. Weiss's class for 100% participation. Your teacher will receive \$300 from MBEF for classroom supplies!

Ms. Asano, Mrs. Kundrat, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Ortega, Mrs. Tanita, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Yerke all need just 1 more!

Mrs. Carlin/Mrs. Ibrahim, Ms. Dreiling, Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Holz and Ms. Whitt only need 2 more!

Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. McRae and Ms. Whalley need 4 more!

We can do it, Riptides. Please donate today!!! [mbef.org](http://mbef.org) drive ends this Friday, 2/17.

### Thank You from PTSA!

The generous support of Robinson families is **making a difference on campus**. Thanks to contributions from PTSA membership, the Parent Party & Auction, SCRIP, Family Photos, the Turkey Trot and the Book Fair, your Robinson PTSA has been able to fund supplies and curriculum needed for our classrooms – from every pencil to SmartBoard enhancements to books and teacher training. We also have invested in some new resources to enhance our children's educational experience, including:

- **Technology** -- A new suite of MacBook Pro laptops for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and iPads for teachers.
- **Physical Education** -- New equipment as well as fitness instruction by ElektriKids and more are being scheduled.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our school and students. We look forward to seeing you at the **Family Fun Run** on March 17.



Thank you Riptides! You got some good exercise and reduced traffic by about 25 cars on WSB launch day. See you every Wednesday, rain or shine. Watch for the new kindergarten route starting soon. We always welcome your input! (i.e. route/schedule requests, suggestions, etc) Contact [RobinsonWSB@gmail.com](mailto:RobinsonWSB@gmail.com)

### Kindergarten Registration February 27 – March 2



Beginning the week of February 27 – March 2 come into the Robinson Office to submit your pre-enrollment paperwork for your incoming kinder.

### Robinson Family Fun Run

Date: **Saturday, March 17th, 8:00 a.m.**

Congratulations to our Winner and finalists of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Robinson Family Fun Run T-Shirt Design Contest!



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nathan Blakey

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dylan Guthrie

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chloe Blakey

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Michelle Drandell & Jasmine Peterman

A record 157 student entries were submitted... ALL fantastic designs! Thank you to all of our amazing artists for taking the time to participate in this cherished design contest. All entries will be hung up in the cafeteria for everyone to appreciate. A special thanks to Linda Geoghegan for organizing this wonderful part of the Family Fun Run. All registered runners will receive this student-designed t-shirt. Wear it with Riptide Spirit and Pride at the Fun Run and during Friday Robinson Spirit Days!

**Register at [robinsonelementary.org](http://robinsonelementary.org).** Whether you're running, walking or just enjoying the festivities, EVERY family member in attendance of the event, including parents, are encouraged to register for the event. Your support in registering the entire family is very important and much appreciated by all who attend Robinson Elementary School. Think of your favorite people to invite and share in this Robinson Community Celebration – bring the grandparents, younger siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, babysitters, Robinson alumni and friends!

**REGISTER EARLY** to secure a fabulous green Robinson Runner wrist band. Plus, those who register by Friday, February 17 will be entered into a raffle to win a ride to school in an MB police car!

### Sponsors

We are looking for businesses and families to be sponsors! Get your logo/name on the back of the annual Family Fun Run T-shirt and on a banner at the event by signing up to be a sponsor on the attached form. For questions, sponsorship and volunteering opportunities, please contact Neeraj Rotondo at [nrotondo@mac.com](mailto:nrotondo@mac.com) and Angelie Blakey at [acblakey@msn.com](mailto:acblakey@msn.com).

## The Sixteenth Annual Robinson Talent Show

It's that time of year again for our Riptides to show off their many talents! This year's show will be held on **Tuesday, May 22**, at 4:00pm at the Mira Costa High School auditorium. Mandatory dress rehearsal after school on **Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**.



**Please return the sign-up sheet to the office no later than Friday, March 30th. Please do not email your application.** If you miss this deadline, you will not be able to participate in the show. See attached flyer for detailed Talent Show info..

### Parent Party Review Committee

Please join members of the PTSA on Wednesday, February 29th from 10-12noon in the Science Lab to review our annual Parent Party. We will be evaluating its purpose, timing, location and use of volunteers to make recommendations for future events. All are welcome!

### 2011-2012 Robinson Riptide Yearbook

**FINAL ORDER DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 14th**

Yearbooks must be pre-ordered. What better way to remember all the year's good times at school! You and your child will appreciate this wonderful hard cover yearbook for years to come! Secure your child's memory book today!

**We are still in need of photos for the Yearbook.** We would like a good representation of all Riptides. If you have pictures in the following areas, please upload your pictures NOW: Science lab, music/band, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade lap top use, community service, field trips, class projects & presentations, library, P.E., spirit/dress up days.

Order your yearbook and upload your pictures at [www.robinsonelementary.org](http://www.robinsonelementary.org). Thank you for your support! Questions? Email Angelie Blakey at [acblakey@msn.com](mailto:acblakey@msn.com).



### Harvest of the Month

Students in grades 1-5 will sample fresh, seasonal produce from the Farmer's Market each month as part of the GrowingGreat Farm to School program.

This month's featured produce is Sugar Snap Peas thanks to JR Organics of the Manhattan Beach Farmers Market. Please look for more information in today's attachments.

### Apparel: *First Wednesday of Every Month from 1:00-2:00*



Last week for "pre-ordering" your T-shirt and sweatshirt with the new Robinson Logo. We have also added more sizes and colors. You can pre-order by simply filling out the attached order form and dropping it off in the Office with your check made out to Robinson PTSA. Forms are also available in the Office for your convenience.

### Student Store: *Every Thursday 12:00-12:45*

Presentation boards are available.

## Scrip News

Happy Valentine's Day! Remember your loved ones with gift cards to local restaurants such as MB Post, Tin Roof Bistro, Fonz's and Flemmings! Shower them with gift cards such as Trilogy, Tabularasa and Murad! Invigorate their minds with gift cards to Pages! Reward their sporty side with gift cards to Dick's, Spyder Surf, Super Sports and Sports Authority! Call (310) 291-8500 for any last minute purchases, we will be glad to help you!

Remember we will be selling Scrip on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and we will be in the Office on Monday and Friday mornings from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.



### News from the Library

Attention all readers! Now that we're done reading the California Young Reader Medal picture book nominees, it's up to you to read the chapter books! The upcoming week-long vacation is the perfect time to read the chapter book nominees: Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look; The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis by Barbara O'Connor; and Violet Raines Almost Got Struck by Lightning by Danette Haworth. If you're interested in interdependently reading one, two, or all three chapter books, please visit <http://bit.ly/RBCYRM> for more information (scroll down towards the middle of the page). Feel free to come see me or email me if you have specific questions. Happy reading!

### Unique Opportunity for Upper Grades: Military History Saturdays with Mr. Winser

If your child has participated in a Military History in Miniature class with MBMS teacher, Mr. Winser, then you will be pleased to hear that MBAF is offering several Saturday Military History in Miniature workshops. The first two workshops will be held on Saturday March 10 and April 14 from 8:00-12:00 at MBMS, Room 213.

This class is open to students currently in grades 4-8 and can accommodate 6 students (grades 4-5) and 6 students (grades 6-8) for a total of 12 per class. Online registration with specific class content information and parent cost will be available as of February 15 at [psmanhattan.org](http://psmanhattan.org). (Click on the Military History Class link.) Enrollment is accepted on a first come basis, so please enroll online ASAP beginning February 15. There will be two subsequent Saturdays later in the spring, with information and enrollment to follow after Spring Break. For any questions, please contact Nancy Rosenburg, MBAF Program Director at 503-1771 or [nsrosenb@aol.com](mailto:nsrosenb@aol.com). If this class is new to your child, then you have an exciting and unique opportunity to consider.

## Grades of Green Earth tip:



Dispose of your medications safely!

### Safe disposal of medication.

You may find that you have unused pharmaceuticals in your medicine cabinet that have expired, including over-the-counter medicines such as Tylenol and Advil. These items should be disposed of in an environmentally-safe manner, preferably through a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program. The City of Manhattan Beach offers residents a convenient option for disposing of unwanted medicines. You may take expired or unwanted prescription medications and over-the-counter remedies to the Manhattan Beach Police Department's Drug Disposal Drop box, located in the Manhattan Beach Civic Center parking lot (right by the MB Library book drop). Just drive up and deposit your medicines in the Drug Disposal Drop box without ever having to get out of the car - easy and good for the environment! Scientists are finding traces of prescription drugs in our ground water, soil, waterways and even our drinking water. You have the power to reduce pharmaceutical pollution by purchasing as few medications as possible and by disposing of expired and unwanted medications properly.



## Dates to Remember

### February

- 14 Valentine's Day   
Spirit Assembly – Caring 1:15 p.m.
- 15 MBUSD Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- 16 4<sup>th</sup> Grade “Evening at the Missions” 6 p.m.
- 20-24 District Recess – No School
- 27 School Resumes  
Kindergarten Registration Begins

### March

- 1 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Photo 8:15 a.m.
- 2 Family Art Night ~ Renoir 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 7 Beautification Day after School
- 8 Kinder/New Student Orientation 8:45 a.m.
- 10 Honor Band & Strings Performs 10 a.m. Metlox Plaza
- 17 Family Fun Run
- 21 MBUSD Board Mtg 6:30 p.m.
- 28 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical – Cast A 9:00 a.m.
- 29 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Musical – Cast B 9:00 a.m.

### April

- 2-6 Spring Break – No School
- 9 School Resumes

## State Testing Dates:

May 2 – 13

Grades 2-5

- Please do not plan appointments during school hours