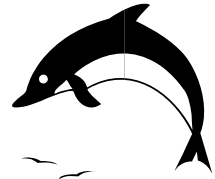




Robinson Elementary School

A California Distinguished School

Tuesday, September 20, 2011



PTSA General Meeting & Coffee ~ Everyone Welcome

Thursday, September 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the Café. Our Superintendent, Dr. Mike Matthews, will be there to talk about technology and our school district.



Please Consider School Site Council

We need three parent members and one alternate member to join our Robinson School Site Council Team. We will meet three or four Tuesdays each school year 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. Thank you.

Reggae, Calypso, Fiesta Forever!

You're invited! RSVP today to attend our annual Parent Party & Auction on October 22 at Robinson Cay at the Neptunian Woman's Club at

<https://respta.ejoinme.org/RobinsonParentPartyandAuction> before it sells out. Purchase tickets prior to Oct. 1 and save \$50 per couple!

Donations Needed! In lieu of contributing toward a themed class basket, we are asking families to contribute an auction item of their choice. See the attached wish list in today's bulletin as well as the auction donation form. Alternatively, consider sponsoring the party through a monetary or in-kind donation. New this year, submit your donation online!

Volunteers are Key! We are looking for volunteers to help decorate and to assist that evening. If you're interested, please e-mail

RobinsonParty2011@gmail.com.



Family Portrait Fundraiser

It's time again for a truly great fundraiser! For only \$35, you can arrange to have your family's portrait taken by the professionals of JW Party Pictures. Receive an 8' x 10' color portrait AND raise money for our school! This year, we will have 4 sitting dates and 3 different locations. Hopefully everyone will find a time that works for them. You can also order more prints &/or holiday cards and raise even more money for Robinson! Save the dates and look for order forms in next week's Tuesday Bulletin.

October 16th & 20th from 4:15 – 6:00 p.m. – El Porto Beach near the rocks

October 22nd from 9 a.m. – 12 noon – Polliwog Park

October 23rd from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Manhattan Beach Pier

For questions, please call Audrey Judson (310) 902-3234.

After School Enrichment Program

Enrollment continues! Go to psmanhattan.org for a description of the program and class schedule. All classes begin the week of October 3. Culinary Kids begins Oct. 11. All classes are dependent on sufficient enrollment so please enroll online ASAP so that classes can be confirmed and not canceled prematurely. Continue to check the bulletin for program updates. For questions, contact Gina Marcarelli at gcmb56@aol.com or 310-415-6883.

2011-2012 Robinson Yearbook

The 2011-2012 yearbook is being offered now for the first time with a hard cover for \$35.00. Get your yearbook early and save \$5.00 off during the fall pre-sale! The deadline to order at the pre-sale price is October 31, 2011. Go to www.robinsonelementary.org. Click on the banner that reads 'Click to order your Yearbook' and use your credit card to pay. Please feel free to upload pictures throughout the year. It's easy! Just click on the banner on the Robinson homepage that reads 'Upload photos for the Yearbook'. Ideally, we'd like to see 2 or more students in any given picture. Questions? Please email Angelie Blakey at acblakey@msn.com.

Hometown Fair

Be a Robinson 'Rock Star' by volunteering at the Hometown Fair Bean Toss Booth! Plus, enjoy the Fair while you're there! Sign-up early for choice shifts on October 1st and 2nd. Look for the sign-up sheets outside of the Robinson office. Rock on! Please re-specify the contact information as:

Gloria McInerney - quinto66@yahoo.com - (424) 237-4715
Jessica Scholtz - jesskscholtz@gmail.com - (310) 795-1265

MBEF Challenge

Donations to The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation ensure our school system stays among the top in the nation during these challenging times.

Now Equinox Fitness Clubs have issued us a challenge:

If we get 1,000 more "LIKES" on our MBEF Facebook page Equinox will donate \$10,000 back to MBEF.

Money that will help keep: small class sizes, librarians, music teachers, counselors, and more.

PTSA Membership Drive Time

Everybody loves being part of a great family. Have you joined the PTSA? Don't miss out. Drive ends October 14th and we hope to get 100% participation again this year. Do your part!!! We've made it easier. You can join on line! Just go to the Robinson website and click the membership link to sign up!

Any questions call Lisa Brady 310-372-0397



Bookmark Contest

It's that time of year again, Riptides! The Los Angeles County Public Library is looking for design submissions for their 2011 bookmark contest. This year's theme is Picture the Adventure -- Read! Submissions are due to the public library by October 29, 2011. Please be sure to read the rules carefully before creating your bookmark design. The entry form is attached to this bulletin or you can download one at <http://www.colapublib.org/children/bookmark/>.

I'm still looking for library volunteers for the following classes: Mrs. Ortega, Ms. Kinnier/Mrs. Yerke, Mrs. Kundrat, Mrs. Henderson, and Ms. Whalley. If you're interested, please contact Ms. Yukari in the library or by email (ymatsuyama@mbusd.org). There is mandatory volunteer training on Thursday, September 22 at 1pm (until 2pm) OR on Friday, September 23 at 8:15am (to 9:15am).

Did you know the library website is constantly updated? There's information about the weekly read alouds and additional resources, new book acquisitions, and book-related events. Please check out www.tinyurl.com/RobinsonLibrary and don't forget to follow the library on twitter (@rblib).

Grades of Green earth tip: Reuses for Phonebooks



It may be time to ban large, printed phone directories. You know, those giant phone books that get dropped off on your doorstep multiple times per year. When was the last time you looked for something in the phone book? Don't most people "Google" instead? Did you know that less than 16 percent of Americans recycle their old phone books? In some cases, people don't think they can recycle them (you can!). What a waste! Recycling is great, but it would be even better to do two things: check with your local phone company to see if they have an "opt-out" program. If they do, sign up for it. Alternatively, reuse the phone books you already have. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Use them, sheet by sheet, as an alternative to paper towels to clean windows and mirrors. Go a step further and use your own [homemade glass cleaner](#).
2. Have a fire place, outdoor fire pit, or charcoal grill? Use your phone book pages for kindling.
3. Crumple the pages into balls to use as packaging filler for delicate objects.
4. Next time your kid needs to paper mache something, use pages from your old phone books.
5. Or, shred the pages up and [add them to your compost pile](#).

CALLING ALL 3rd GRADE BOYS

Are you interested in camping, swimming, playing games, learning cool stuff, and hanging out with your friends? Scouting offers all of that and more! Many Cub Scouts activities are family affairs, not just for boys and dads. Come out on Thursday, October 22nd and learn about Cub Scouts. Leaders from Cub Scout Pack 713 will be on hand to answer your questions.
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Location: Robinson Café

What's the Latest with the PTSA?

Every month, the Executive PTSA Board meets to discuss Robinson business, programs and events. See attachment for a brief recap of the highlights from our last meeting on 9/7/11

Scrip News

The MSO Contest is in full swing! No minimum required! Fill out a green MSO form and turn it in at the Office or on Wednesdays between 1:00pm – 2:00pm. The Contest ends September 30th; here's the results as of September 16th. Keep up the good work!

MSO Contest Update (as of 09-16-11)

Teacher(s)	# Participants
Tanita	9
Kundrat	8
Asano, Walsh, Carlin/Ibrahim, Holtz, Dreiling	5
Ortega, Whalley	4
Yerke/Kinnier, Henderson, Lindsay	3
Whitt-Stopp, Herbert	2
Weiss, Gustafson	1
McRae	0

Escrip: Register Your Grocery Cards and Credit Cards!

Earn rebates for Robinson every time you swipe your cards!

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

Vons: Your Von's card can be registered on www.escrip.com. Contact the scrip team with questions robinsonscrip@gmail.com or call Cynthia Rogers (310) 291-8500.

Dates to Remember



September

- 21 MBUSD Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- 22 PTSA General Mtg. & Coffee in Café 8:30 a.m.
- 27 Picture Make Up Day
- 29 & 30 No School – Local Holiday

October

- 1&2 Hometown Fair
- 5 MBUSD Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- 14 PTSA Membership Drive Ends
- 16 Family Photo Fundraiser
- 19 PTSA General Mtg. & Coffee
- 21 Spirit Assembly – Respect
- 22 Parent Party
- 31 Halloween Parade