

ROBISON PTO NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

Welcome back and we are looking at a wonderful 2009!! Please check out this newsletter for all the great upcoming events.

PRIMARY FUNDRAISING

Stefani Froehlich / VP of Primary Fundraising

On February 10th, our school will start a **SPRING FUNDRAISER** with Innisbrook!! Robison receives 50% of the total **Sweet Sensations** catalog sales; and 40% of the **Helen Grace Cookie Dough** sales.

The profit from this program will be used to fund the continuing academic, technological and recreational needs of our students throughout this school year! Some of these things are:

- Cultural Arts Program
- Class Field Trips and Transportation to Field Trips
- Dare & Ropes Programs
- Literacy Library and Math Manipulatives
- Field Track
- Other School Activities

We have some exciting prizes for this Spring.

Please call me or email with any questions and/or if you would like to volunteer with distribution day at 281.373.1952, fundraising1@robisonpto.org

SECONDARY FUNDRAISING

Renee Barnett/VP of Secondary Fundraising

Sweatshirts/hoodies have arrived. We have extra due to the numbers we had to order and they are now available on a first come basis until they are gone. As of this newsletter, we have all youth s,m,l,xl and adult s,m,l,xl,2xl. The sweatshirts are \$15 and the hoodies are \$25 (taxes included.) Hurry once they're gone there gone, there will not be another order placed. If you would like to purchase one, please contact me at 713-859-6533 or renee Barnett@rocketmail.com

Chili's: Join your fellow Robison family at Chili's and support our school, **January 14th**.

Domino's: January 20th Attached to next newsletter is a flyer with a coupon, and phone numbers to a Domino's that serves your subdivision. Be sure to give your driver or cashier the bottom slip so we get credit. You may either pick up or have it delivered. As an added bonus we receive 20% back for all purchasers a coupon.

Texas Roadhouse: Y'all come out and join us for a fun filled night at Texas Roadhouse. Join us on **January 26th** for great times with family and friends while helping support our school.

Box Tops: I hope that everyone was able to collect loads of labels over the holidays. Bring in your box tops and other labels to school on **January 21st**. We really do appreciate everyone's support!

YEARBOOK

By Karen Morgan, Chair

It is the last chance to get your child's yearbook! Sale ends **Friday, January 16th**. You can order online (www.yearbooksonsale.com) or by completing the attached flyer and returning it with payment by the deadline. There WILL NOT be any extra yearbooks available for sale at the end of the year. So don't be left out. Order your child's yearbook now!

In the coming weeks, keep an eye out for information about page sponsorship and personal messages. Both are great ways to send a special message to students, teachers and staff. Even as we head toward publication, we would still love to have your pictures of events at Robison Elementary. You can e-mail them to yearbook@robisonpto.org -- be sure to give each picture you e-mail a unique name so that it will help us organize them by class, grade, or event. You can also submit pictures on a CD and send it to school with your child. Be sure to label your CD with grade level, class, activity and/or students' names.

Lastly, you can submit glossy prints (digital photos are preferred but we will accept glossy prints). Due to the nature of creating a yearbook we CANNOT return most photos, so send a copy! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Karen Morgan ph. 713-702-2936 kmorgan811@hotmail.com

ROBISON COOKBOOKS

By Laurie Allman, Parliamentarian

Have you seen the Robison Fuel Cookbook? Do you cook? Do you know someone who likes to cook? In the current economy, this could be the best \$10 you spend this year!

Our Robison Cookbook is still available while supplies last. Just send in your money and requested number of copies and we can send them home in your child's backpack. You really don't want to miss out on having one of these, trust me. This is a great "usable" cookbook...

5th GRADE MEMORY BOOK

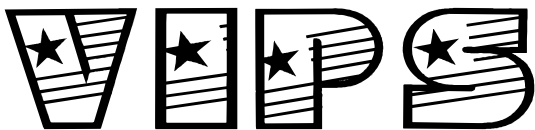
By Monica Leal, Chair

The Memory Book is looking great! We are now in need of pictures from your child's **favorite hobby** which could be sports, acting, singing, dancing, animal care, or any other hobby they are in. We are in need of pictures from the **first day of school, classroom pictures, or any pictures from school you might have**. All of these pictures need to be turned in by **Wednesday January 21, 2009**.

If you would like to help us crop, we will be meeting again at the end of this month at Gina Hilton's home on January 24, 2009 at 4:00 PM. Please check the directory for the address. I would like you to RSVP so that we have enough tables and chairs set up for you to work. We will be doing page layouts, and going over deadline dates.

If you would like to help with the book please contact me at either memorybook@robisonpto.org or pjlmll5665@att.net.

If you would rather call me you may do so at 281-256-0620 and I will gladly explain the details. I look forward to seeing you at the crop!



By Kellie Berge and Shawna Allen / VIPS Coordinators

It is time to get back in the swing of things! Valentine's Parties are being planned; spring reading lists are coming out from each of the Homeroom Coordinators. In a few months JA will start and Kinder and First grades will have their Fitness games. Third and 4th grades are starting to

prep for their History Days in May – watch for meeting announcements. Yearbook and Memory Book are still looking for pictures and help with assembly! Contact Kellie or Shawna and we will send you to the right place! SRC events and trainings are continuing thru the year. Check the calendar below for dates – many are the last available trainings this year.

The **District VIPS meeting is this Thursday!** Please see if you can attend?! This meeting is open to all volunteers, administrators, staff and friends!

There will be a speaker from **Strong Fathers – Strong Families**. Strong Fathers-Strong Families is focused on strengthening children by strengthening fathers and families. The organization's goal is to improve the educational environment in order that men may become more involved in the lives of their children. To take advantage of this specially arranged presentation, RSVP to vipsrsvp@cfisd.net

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 14	Chili's night
January 15	District VIPS meeting @ Berry Center 9:30am – Noon RSVP
January 16	5 th grade group photo – wear your class shirt! 2nd grade Insects Training 9:30am- 12:30pm SRC
January 19	NO SCHOOL
January 20	Nature Trails- (Kucala, Strahan, Weiman) Domino's Night
January 21	Nature Trails - (McCain, Moreland/Launikitis, Russell, Zapalac)
January 22	4th grade Aquatic Birds Studies SRC 9:30 – 12:30
January 26	TX Roadhouse night
January 27	JA Training @ Berry Center 9:30 - Noon
January 28	3rd grade Amphibian Training 9:30-12:30pm SRC
February 10	4 th grade Galveston Bay Training @ Berry Center 9:30 – noon
February 11	Spring Fundraiser Kick off Guinea Pigs Training 9:30 – 11:30 SRC
February 13	Valentine's Day Parties
February 19 & 20	Western Days
February 23	Fundraiser orders due TX Roadhouse night

March 10	5 th grade Bird Study Skins Training 9:30 – noon SRC 5 th grade Mammal Skulls Training noon – 1 SRC
March 16-20	SPRING BREAK
March 27	Fitness games K-1

As always, thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You're AWESOME!!!

oh ... and ... one more thing:

!!!! KEEP LOGGING YOUR HOURS !!!! <grin>

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Grade Level News

KINDERGARTEN

By Laurie Cordes

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday! I want to thank all the Homeroom Coordinators for all their hard work planning the party and all parents for their help in making it fun! (If you have any fun pictures, please send them to the yearbook: Kmorgan811@hotmail.com)

Looking forward, we have a great semester full of fantastic activities planned for our kids!

Starting it off, we have the Science Resource Center Activities:

January 13 from 9:30 - 11:30 am: Hedgehog Training at the SRC (Last Training!)

January 27 and 28: Hedgehog Comes to the Kindergarten Classrooms

February 3: Animal Odyssey Training at the SRC (Only Training!)

February 11: Guinea Pig Training at the SRC (Last Training!)

February 23 and 24: Animal Odyssey Field Trip to the SRC

April 14 and 15: Guinea Pig Comes to the Kindergarten Classrooms

We are still in need of a few more parents (Moms, Dads, and Grandparents) to attend the training sessions for the Hedgehog, Guinea Pig and Animal Odyssey Presentations. The presentation dates are given, and we will work with your schedule to give you a time you can present to your child's class. The presentations are always a lot of fun and the kids really enjoy them! Please contact either your Homeroom Coordinator or me if you would like to participate.

Our Valentine's Party is scheduled for February 13 from 2:30-3:15pm. Please contact your Homeroom Coordinator if you would like to help with the party or if you have any suggestions.

And, mark your calendar for Fitness Games on March 27. It's a fun filled morning of team competitions for our children. Keep an eye on the newsletter for your child's class team color!

Most of the spring reading schedules are being put together for your child's classroom. Please contact your Homeroom Coordinator if you would like to read to your child's class.

Thanks for all the help you give our kids! Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions. Laurie Cordes 281-256-4044

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SECOND GRADE

By Brandy Parker, Liaison

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Holiday and a great New Year. The Holiday Parties went great. Thank you to all the HRC's and their volunteers that made the parties happen we could not have done it without you.

We now get to start the second half of the school year and we are going in swinging! We will be having Insect Training at the SRC on Friday, January the 16th from 9:30-12:30. If you are interested in the training please let your HRC know so that they can get you on the sign up sheet. We do not have the date of the presentation yet, but I will get that to you soon.

We have the Valentine Party on the 13th of February at 2:30. I hope that you all can attend this party. It is going to be packed with lots of fun and goodies. If you would like to help volunteer please contact your HRC and they can help you with that.

THIRD GRADE

By Michelle Jernigan, Liaison

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the two week break. We have a lot of exciting things happening in third grade during the second semester.

Thank you to all of the Homeroom Coordinators and parent volunteers for all of their hard work during our Holiday Party. Although our pizzas never showed, I think a fun time was had by all. We are working on providing all of our third graders with an extra treat since they did not get their pizza at the party.

Junior Achievement Training is coming up January 27 at the Berry Center from 9:30-12:00, the last JA Training of the year will be held March 10. If you have volunteered for JA, and have not previously been trained, you will need to attend one of the training sessions.

Amphibian Training is coming up January 28 at the Science Resource Center from 9:30-12:30. We would like to have two volunteers per classroom to teach our third graders about amphibians. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your Homeroom Coordinator to get signed up for training.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Roman Day is coming up May 8. We will need many volunteers to make this special day happen for our third graders. We need a chairperson to oversee the whole event, a chairperson to oversee each station, and numerous volunteers to make the day run smoothly. We have different areas to fit your time schedule for certain talents. Please consider helping out at this day long history event, whether it is for an hour, or the whole day, your help would be greatly appreciated. Plans are currently underway, so please contact your Homeroom Coordinator or Michelle Jernigan to get signed up to help out.

FOURTH GRADE

By Rochelle Maxie, Laision

Happy New Year!!!!!!! School is back in and we need your help once again. The Fourth Grade has Texas Day coming up on May the 14th (**New Date, on Thursday**) and we need **VOLUNTEERS!!!** Please send a note to your teacher or get in touch with your Homeroom Coordinators if you and/or a family member can volunteer. We need you and so does your child.

FIFTH GRADE

By Dawn Soukup

I hope everyone had a terrific Holiday break. The 5th graders are in the home stretch to finish up their final year at Robison. Here's what's coming up.

Nature Trails – Nature Trails is scheduled for January 20th (Kucala, Strahan, Weiman) and January 21st (McCain, Moreland/Launikitis, Russell, Zapalac).

Valentine's Day Party – The Homeroom Coordinators will be meeting soon to plan the party. It will be held on Friday, February 13th from 2:30 – 3:15. If you would like to help with it, please contact your Homeroom Coordinator.

Memory Book – Assembly of the memory book is in process and it is looking great. Monica needs any pictures you have taken at the 5th grade events (choir performances, Holiday Party, etc.). Watch the newsletters for the date of the January crop session.

Homeroom Coordinators:

Jennifer Nowak – Kucala
Danielle Hines & Mary Schwenke- McCain
Tammy Broadway – Moreland/Launikitis
Shari Bumpas – Russell
Susie Randall – Strahan

Jennifer Uherek – Weiman
Susan Gayle – Zapalac

If you would like to help these individuals with classroom items (Classroom readers, party helpers, brown bag), please contact your Homeroom Coordinator for more information.

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours into Virtual Volunteer!

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions regarding any of these.

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