

# A. ROBISON PTO NEWS



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

Our second semester is off to a great start! Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, great things will be happening at Robison this spring.

We soon will be looking for great people to join the Robison PTO Board for next year. Please call me at (281)-373-5195, or any of the board members, to get a better idea of the responsibilities involved. Being on Robison’s PTO Board has been one of the most rewarding and fun jobs I have ever had.

## PRIMARY FUNDRAISING

Stefani Froehlich / VP of Primary Fundraising

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 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](mailto: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 to get a discount and they are now available on a first come basis until they are gone. The sweatshirts are \$15 and the hoodies are \$25 (taxes

included.) If you would like to purchase one please contact me at 713-859-6533 or [reenebarnett@rocketmail.com](mailto:reenebarnett@rocketmail.com) Hurry! Once they are gone, they are gone. No other orders will be placed.

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE MEMORY BOOK

By Monica Leal, Chair

**The Memory Book is 70% done!**

We still need pictures from your child’s **favorite hobby** which could be sports, acting, singing, dancing, animal care, or any other hobby. Turn out has been low, so I am extending the due date to **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Our last crop was a success and thanks to Gina Hilton for hosting it. Most of the book is completed now, so look for information on the Feb. crop date in the next newsletter.

Look forward to a flyer coming home today about **dedications** and notice that the due date is **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**. This is strictly for memory book so all dedications should apply solely to your fifth grade student.

If you have any questions about the Memory Book please contact me at either [memorybook@robisonpto.org](mailto:memorybook@robisonpto.org) or [pjlm115665@att.net](mailto:pjlm115665@att.net).

If you would rather call me, you may do so at 281-256-0620.

## LIBRARY

By Terri Ransleben, Chair

The library is rockin’ along. Thanks to all the ladies who were able to help so far this year. We are in need of a few volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays. If you have some spare time and would like to help in the library, please contact Ms. Murray or Terri Ransleben ([TRansleben@gmail.com](mailto:TRansleben@gmail.com)). And, the Spring Book Fair will be here before you know it. Stay tuned to the library!

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (JA)

By Evelyn Angelle, Chair

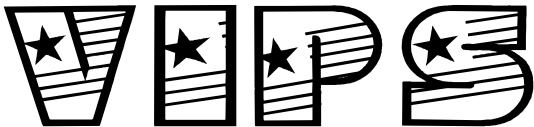
We still need volunteers to deliver the Junior Achievement curriculum to the following classes. All materials and training are provided by JA. The program is delivered in five 45 minute sessions.

**First Grade:** Hogan and LaMontagne

**Third Grade:** Brown

**Fourth Grade:** Cohen

To those who have already volunteered, please remember (if you haven't already) to contact your teachers to schedule the JA sessions, pick up your kit from the PTO office and complete your training. Please let us know if you can help with any of the classes above. Teachers are often flexible on scheduling, allowing you to teach two classes back to back. Please contact Evelyn Angelle with any questions at [evelyn.angelle@halliburton.com](mailto:evelyn.angelle@halliburton.com) or (281) 575-4770. Thank you for your support of this great program!



By Kellie Berger and Shawna Allen / VIPSP Coordinators

**58 volunteers logged 597 ½ hours in December!** Congratulations to **Brandy Parker and Dawn Soukup who tied for Volunteer of the Month (VOM) for December!** These ladies spent many hours working on grade level projects. Come see Kellie or Shawna for your VOM prize. If you logged volunteer hours in January and/or February, look for a little thank you to come home!

### NOTES:

~If your New Year's resolution included being more involved at school, come by the workroom or library any day to see where they need help! Or contact your HRC for reading times – we always have some classes who could use more readers in their rotations! We can use your help even if it is only for a half hour! Bring a neighbor or friend with you to make it even more rewarding!

~ Yearbook is wrapping up! Send in your pictures soon!

~ We still need some more JA presenters – check with your HRC for more info

~ History days are coming up and we will need volunteers and chairs to start planning

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Roman Day (May 8<sup>th</sup>) and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Texas Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>)! Watch the newsletter and check with the Liaisons or HRCs for more info.

~ We're getting close to the time to send out invites for the District Thank You Luncheon. These will go out only to those volunteers who have logged hours

in Virtual Volunteer this school year. In late March, we will be making the list of volunteers who have logged 100+ hours into VV this school year. Make sure your account is up to date!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>January 28</b>	3rd grade Amphibian Training 9:30-12:30pm SRC
<b>January 30</b>	Jump Rope for Heart 7:20 am
<b>February 10</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> grade Galveston Bay Training @ Berry Center 9:30 – noon Spring Fundraiser Kick-off
<b>February 11</b>	Guinea Pigs Training 9:30 – 11:30 SRC
<b>February 13</b>	Valentine's Day Parties
<b>February 19 &amp; 20</b> <b>February 23</b>	Western Days Fundraiser orders due
<b>March 10</b>	TX Roadhouse night 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Bird Study Skins Training 9:30 – noon SRC
	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Mammal Skulls Training noon – 1 SRC
<b>March 16-20</b> <b>March 27</b>	SPRING BREAK Fitness games K-1

As always, thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You're AWESOME!!! and one more thing: **KEEP LOGGING YOUR HOURS !!!! <grin>**

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## Grade Level News

### KINDERGARTEN

By Laurie Cordes

It's an exciting week for our Kindergarteners! Some had the Science Resource Center's Hedgehog visit their classes today; others will have it visit tomorrow. Ask your kids what they learned!

Thanks to all the parents that trained and are giving the presentation: Maria Barraza, Laurel Harris, Kimberly Klopfenstein, Kristie Lane, Heidi Morgan and Kim Sylvester!

Unfortunately, we will not have the Animal Odyssey field trip this year, but I really appreciate all volunteers that were willing to help! We do have

one more opportunity to work with the Science Resource Center and that is to present the Guinea Pig to your child's class. We still need a few more volunteers to train on February 11 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Then, presentations will be given on April 14 and 15 in the Kindergarten classrooms. We work with your schedule on your requested day/time! 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.

In addition, mark you 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!

Thanks for all the help you give our kids! Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions.

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## FIRST GRADE

*By Brandi Loving, Liaison*

### PARENT HELP NEEDED....

We are in need of a volunteer for Junior Achievement in Ms. Hogan's class and Ms. LaMontagne's class. Please contact Evelyn Angelle [Evelyn.Angelle@Halliburton.com](mailto:Evelyn.Angelle@Halliburton.com) if you are interested.

We are in need of PARENT READERS!!! A couple of our homeroom classes are needing your help. If you are able to spare some time, it is greatly **needed**. Remember, you are welcome to read to a class **other** than your child's class. Please contact the HRC below to schedule reading day and times. Thanks for your time in advance!!!

- Mrs. Grisham's Class (Fridays/12:05-12:25)-Contact HRC-Sara Krupke at [ns010299@comcast.com](mailto:ns010299@comcast.com)
- Mrs. Gross' Class (Fridays/12:05-12:25)-Contact HRC-Renee Maniscalco at [reneeman@pdq.net](mailto:reneeman@pdq.net)

I would also like to thank the parents that helped with the Holiday Party. It was a success and the kids really enjoyed it. Thank you!

You will be contacted by your HRC soon for the following upcoming events for 1st grade:

- 2/13/2009-Valentine Party
- 3/25/2009-Gulf Mysteries Field Trip
- 3/27/2009-Fitness Day

## SECOND GRADE

*By Brandy Parker, Liaison*

Hello Parents! We are getting ready for the Valentine Parties. They will be on February 13th at 2:30. If you would like to help out please let your HRC know.

We had the Insect training at the SRC and it went well, I will let you know when the presentation gets scheduled. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Brandy Parker.

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## THIRD GRADE

*By Michelle Jernigan, Liaison*

Amphibian Training will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12:30 at the Science Resource Center. If you have volunteered for this presentation, this is the only training available.

There is one last Junior Achievement training coming up March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Berry Center. Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Olson's classes are still in need of a Junior Achievement volunteer. If you would be willing to be a JA volunteer please contact your homeroom coordinator. Junior Achievement is taught in 5, 30-45 minute lessons, one day a week, for 5 weeks. All teaching materials are provided to you.

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, for our Valentine Party. We will be having ice cream sundaes with all the toppings, and be playing a fun game. If you would like to help out, please contact your Homeroom Coordinator.

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye!** Roman Day is coming up May 8th. We will need many volunteers to make this special day happen for our third graders. We need a Chair 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 or 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, Liaison

### Attention All 4th Grade

#### Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles

Our kids need your help again. We need volunteers for Texas Day on May 14<sup>th</sup> and our Valentine Day Party and we need volunteers for our Junior Achievement (JA). We haven't had as many parents sign up to volunteer as we expected for these very important events, so this is putting our Teachers, other Volunteers and most important our **KIDS** in a whirlwind situation. So, we need your help if you haven't already volunteered **PLEASE** do so, and if you have already volunteered you can see more of your time is needed. Please get in touch with your Homeroom Coordinator by email.

#### Tryon Class:

Suzy Thornton- [suzythornton@comcast.net](mailto:suzythornton@comcast.net)

#### See Class:

Shelly Ficalora- [sficalora@comcast.net](mailto:sficalora@comcast.net)

Darcy Ables- [dables@peoplepc.com](mailto:dables@peoplepc.com)

Karen Morgan- [kmorgan811@hotmail.com](mailto:kmorgan811@hotmail.com)

#### Huhn Class:

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#### Robertson Class:

Tammy Baz - [TammyBaz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:TammyBaz@sbcglobal.net)

#### Cohen Class:

Krista Obregon- [vkobregon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vkobregon@sbcglobal.net)

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Suzette Webster- [dstnwebster@comcast.net](mailto:dstnwebster@comcast.net)

#### Sharp Class:

Theresa Morin- [tmmorin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmmorin@sbcglobal.net)

## FIFTH GRADE

By Dawn Soukup, Liaison

Things have slowed down a bit for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but it will only be enough time to catch our breath. There are still a lot of special events coming up.

**Nature Trails** – A huge thank you goes out to Nolena Meche, Terri Ransleben, Tara Hermis, Suzanne Nevill, Tammy Broadway, Mary Schwenke, Danielle Hines and Diane Perez for assisting with Nature Trails on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It wouldn't have been a success without you. The students learned about pond life, animal skulls, bird migration, seed dispersal and tree rings. They had a great time!

**Jump Rope for Heart** – We hope all of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in the event that will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:20 -8:10am. Don't forget

your permission slip and have people sponsor you for donations to the American Heart Association.

**Valentine's Day Party** – The Homeroom Coordinators have the party planned and will need volunteers on the day of the party. If you would like to help with it, please contact your Homeroom Coordinator. It will be held on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:15.

**Memory Book** – The deadline for the book is quickly approaching. The book is looking great, but there is still work left to do. Please send in your child's hobby picture as soon as possible. The dedication sheets are being sent home today. Watch the newsletters for the date of the next crop session.



#### Future Events:

**DARE** – End of March

**End of the Year Party (June 2<sup>nd</sup>)** – The committee is being formed now. If you would like to help with the event, please contact me. Dawn Soukup  
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