

A. ROBISON PTO NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

I am saddened by the recent news that Mr. McIlduff will be leaving Robison Elementary. But at the same time I am very happy for him. I know he will continue to contribute greatly to the education of our students at a different level.

We will soon have a new principal. Mr. McIlduff has been an active part of our children’s education. I feel confident we will have a new principal that is also dedicated to our children.

We are beginning the process to look for new PTO board members for the 2009/2010 school year. If you are interested in knowing more about the PTO board positions, contact myself or one of the board members. We will also be having an informative meeting on February 17, 2009 which will highlight different areas to volunteer at Robison with an emphasis on leadership. If you are at all interested in knowing more about volunteering at Robison, please come to one of these meetings. We plan to have munchies and door prizes!!

If you would like to be considered for a PTO board position, please complete the nomination form attached to this newsletter and return it to the school.

My term as your PTO president will end with this school year. It has been a very rewarding experience and I have enjoyed being an active member with the PTO board. I have met many wonderful parents and volunteers. I plan to continue to be active with the PTO as my son finishes his fifth grade year at Robison next year.

******Parents!!** If you have input you would like to have included in the selection process of our new Principal, please email roy.garcia@cfisd.net with CFISD Instruction and Curriculum.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (JA)

By Evelyn Angelle, Chair

We still need volunteers to deliver the Junior Achievement curriculum to the following classes:

First Grade: Hogan **Third Grade: Brown**

All materials and training are provided by JA. The program is delivered in five 45 minute sessions.

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 also 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 or (281) 575-4770. Thank you for your support of this great program!

PRIMARY FUNDRAISING

Stefani Froehlich / VP of Primary Fundraising

FUNDRAISER BEGINS TODAY!

Today our school is beginning our SPRING FUNDRAISER with Innisbrook!! You have the opportunity to sell items through the Sweet Sensations Catalog and the Helen Grace Gourmet Collection Catalog. And don't forget, we have some exciting prizes this Spring.

Fundraiser Dates to Remember:

- **February 23rd** – Please return orders and checks in the sealed envelope along with both brochures/order forms.
- **March 30th** – Product pick-up. Watch the newsletter for further details.

Please call me or email with any questions and/or if you would like to volunteer with distribution day or if you have a high school student who is in need of volunteer hours at 281.373.1952

fundraising1@robisonpto.org.

YEARBOOK

By Karen Morgan, Chair

Yearbook sales may be over, but you can still add a "personal" touch to your child's yearbook. Personal messages will go on sale later this month and are a great way to tell a student good job or to thank a teacher. Each personal message costs \$5 and will appear in the back of the yearbook. Keep an eye out for the order form the week of February 16th. Space is limited so don't delay!

We are still putting together pages for each class and would love to see your candid pictures of classroom activities, lunch time, and recess. 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. Please note that we are not able to use all photographs submitted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Karen Morgan 713-702-2936
kmorgan811@hotmail.com

CULTURAL ARTS

By Shannon Smith/VP Special Events

Once again, Bill Perryman visited our 4th & 5th grade students on January 27th with his captivating interpretation of Thomas Jefferson and W. B. Travis. The students really enjoyed his program and how history comes alive! Dennis Lee, the ventriloquist and his funky monkey bunch just visited our school with one more high energy program on January 29th. Our 1st thru 4th grade students had the opportunity to see this year performance Shhhhh!! , delivering the message of Life- each day is a gift of laugh a little, learn a little more, and love a lot. There were many smiles as they watched his amazing talent with these wacky friends.

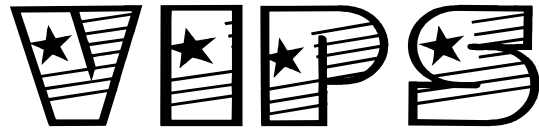
Upcoming we have our next cultural arts program on March 5th with Julian Franklin visiting 2nd -5th grades. We are excited to be able to provide these enriching programs for our students.

LIBRARY AND BOOK FAIR

By Terri Ransleben , Chair

A big THANK YOU goes out to Jennifer Smith, Shelly Ficalora, and Suzette Webster, our new library volunteers! Thank you, ladies, for bringing your time and talents to expanding the minds of our precious children.

The Spring Book Fair will be here before we know it, so we're getting a jump on volunteers. The Book Fair will be after Spring Break. Set up will be Wednesday, March 25th. Students will preview the Fair on March 26th and 27th. Late night at the Book Fair will be Monday, March 30th. The Book Fair will close on April 3rd at noon. Anyone interested in helping our children choose fabulous books for the summer can contact Ms. Murray or Terri Ransleben (TRansleben@gmail.com) with the day and time you can volunteer to work. Lisa Murray is our first volunteer for this Book Fair! You are AWESOME, Lisa!



By Kellie Berger and Shawna Allen / VIPS Coordinators

Robison volunteers have so far logged 4239 hours 30 minutes this school year! That is an incredible amount of time! Time well invested in our children's futures! Thank you all for being part of the Robison Rocket Team. Together we will launch this young generation into a bigger, brighter and better future!

If we keep on this trajectory for the rest of the year, we will top the 8000 hours logged last year! If you have not logged hours from previous months, go ahead and put them in now! They will still count toward the 100 hr book and help us and the district plan for more opportunities for the students.

NOTES:

- ~ 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. We need volunteers and chairs to start planning:

3rd grade Roman Day (May 8th) and
4th grade Texas Day (May 14th)!

~ It is almost time to send out invites for the District "Thank You" luncheon. Invitations 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!

Texas Day – As many of y'all know, 4th grade will be enjoying a new day in history this year. Texas Day (May 14th) will take many volunteers to get it up and running! We hope that you will come join us in making this a great adventure for the children. Our first meeting will be **March 6th at 9:30am at Robison**. Please make a note to come see what it is all about! We would like to get a small group together to go visit/help Warner's Texas Day as well, so that we can gather some ideas for our school. If you are interested, please contact Kellie Berger or Shawna Allen for more info!

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 11 Guinea Pigs Training 9:30 – 11:30
SRC

February 13 Valentine's Day Parties

February 17 TEAM Hall meeting 2 sessions:
10-noon and 7:00-8:30 at A. Robison

February 18 Roman Day planning meeting 9am

February 19 & 20 Western Days

February 23 Fundraiser orders due
T TX Roadhouse night

March 6 TX day planning meeting 9:30am

March 10 5th Grade Bird Study Skins Training 9:30
– noon SRC

5th Grade Mammal Skulls Training noon – 1:00 SRC

March 16-20 SPRING BREAK

March 27 Fitness games K-1

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Grade Level News

KINDERGARTEN

By Laurie Cordes, Liaison

Tomorrow, February 11th is the last training for the Science Resource Center Guinea Pig presentations (from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the SRC). We are still in

need of a few volunteers willing to attend the training. Presentations will be April 14th or April 15th in your child's classroom. Please contact your Homeroom Coordinator (HRC) or me if you are interested in participating.

Thanks again to all our parents that gave the Science Resource Center Hedgehog Presentations! It was a lot of fun - Pepper and Sonic were the two hedgehogs that visited different classes. (Sonic didn't really live up to his name!)

Our Valentine's Party is scheduled for this Friday! We will be having ice cream sundaes. Parents/Grandparents are invited to attend from 2:30 - 3:15 pm. Your homeroom coordinators would appreciate any help you can give making/serving the sundaes and assisting the kids with their games and crafts! Please contact your HRC or me for more information. Happy Valentine's Day! Laurie Cordes
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FIRST GRADE

By Brandi Loving, Liaison

WE NEED A JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT VOLUNTEER FOR ONE LAST 1st Grade HOMEROOM CLASS!

There are only 2 classes in the entire school that do not have a JA volunteer and 1 of them is in 1st Grade. Mrs. Hogan's class does not have a volunteer. Remember, your child does not have to be in the class you volunteer for.

What is Junior Achievement? Junior Achievement pairs its economic program with the Social Studies curriculum providing students examples of jobs and life skills to be successful. Volunteers go into the classroom to teach mini-lessons appropriate for each grade level, K-12. All materials are provided including a script for each lesson. A commitment of approximately 30-45 minutes each week for 5 weeks is needed to present the program to one class. Please call Evelyn Angelle at (281)575-4770 if you are interested.

SECOND GRADE

By Brandy Parker, Liaison

We have our Valentine's Party this Friday, February 13th. I hope to see all of your shining faces there. We will be having lots of fun with games and snacks. It is going to be a whole lot of fun and I am sure the kiddos would LOVE to have you there. I will see you all this Friday. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!!!

THIRD GRADE

By Michelle Jernigan, Liaison

Please join us this Friday from 2:30-3:15 for our Valentine's Day parties. We will be having ice cream sundaes with all the toppings, playing games, and opening Valentines. If you would like to help with set up, please contact your Homeroom Coordinator.

Roman Day is set for Friday, May 8th. Please join us for a meeting Wednesday, February 18th at 9:00am at Robison. We have many areas in which we need volunteers. The students will be rotating to different stations throughout the day, and help is needed at each one. Please consider volunteering for this day long event for our Third Graders, whether you have an hour to volunteer, or can come out for the whole day, all are welcome!

FOURTH GRADE

By Rochelle Maxie, Liaison

Let's give our 4th Grade Homeroom Coordinators a round of applause for planning a wonderful and exciting Valentine's Day Party on February 13th from 2:30 till 3:15 (Parents please don't bring or send additional food items! Thank You). Students will be allowed to pass out Valentine cards. Our next upcoming event we are looking forward to is Texas Day (May14). Sign up sheets will be in each class. With all the activities, we need all the help we can get on this day.

Thanks so much and HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!!

FIFTH GRADE

By Dawn Soukup, Liaison

Jump Rope for Heart – Thank you to all who participated in the event and raised money for 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 13th from 2:30 – 3:15.

Memory Book – The deadline for the book is quickly approaching. The dedication sheets are due back February 13th. Watch the newsletters for the date of the next crop session.

Classroom Readers – We are still in need of classroom readers. Please contact your homeroom coordinator to see if there are openings for readers in your classroom. Your class reader schedule full? Please consider reading for another 5th grade class. Mrs. Moreland/Launikitis's class is in desperate need of parent readers. Please contact Tammy Broadway (281/304-8604) to sign up. The students would really enjoy having a reader each week.

DARE – scheduled to start at the end of March.

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

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. 832/220-6489 tdsoukup@hotmail.com

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