



ROBISON PTO NEWS

“Enriching Our Children’s Environment”



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

Spring Break is next week! I hope you all are able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new principal, Ms. Kelly Gerletti. Our PTO is looking forward to working with her to continue to provide all the many things our volunteers give to our students.

We are still accepting nominations for new PTO Board members for the 2009/2010 school year. Please complete the attached nomination form and return it to school by March 13th. The nominating committee will be meeting with nominees after Spring Break to select the PTO Board for next year. The new slate of Board members will be presented to the PTO at the General Board Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2009. Please call me or any Board member with any questions you might have.

PRIMARY FUNDRAISING

Stefani Froehlich/VP of Primary Fundraising

The fund raiser has been turned in and we have been working very hard to process all the great orders. Once again, Robison students and parents have supported our school with flying colors. Pick-up is scheduled for March 30th. Watch the Rocket Register for more detail.

I cannot begin to thank all the wonderful PTO members who have spent days counting and tallying with me. You make my job so much more enjoyable. Thank You!

I still need volunteers to help with distribution day on March 30th. Please call me or email with any questions and/or if you would like to volunteer at (281)373-1952, fundraising1@robisonpto.org.

SECONDARY FUNDRAISING

Renee Barnett/VP of Secondary Fundraising

Label Day

By Mitzi Pierson, Chair

Wow! The end of the year is fast approaching! We have had a very successful year collecting labels to earn money and items that will benefit our students! We will NOT have a label day this month due to spring break, but mark your calendar for the final label drop off day on April 15, 2009!! If you have any questions, please contact me at m_piersol@yahoo.com or 281-384-4277.



GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to clip and send in box tops from grocery items you use and purchase on a regular basis. So far, we have collected approximately 17,000 box tops and bonus box tops, resulting in \$1,700+ for our school!! Let's not stop here...keep on clipping away and send them in on our last drop off day, April 15th! Don't forget, you can log on to "Marketplace" at www.boxtops4education.com and help our school earn additional money in a variety of ways, including online shopping! If you purchase items from any of the 70 participating retailers (like Office Depot, Best Buy, Gap, Sears, etc.) those retailers will deposit between 2-5% of your purchase into our account!!! Another way we can earn bonus box tops is to log on to www.boxtops4education.com/promotions and enter the sweepstakes (it's SO easy!) and give our school a chance to win 10,000 bonus box tops!!

A special THANK YOU to the brown bag volunteers who helped count hundreds of Box Tops and returned them so quickly!! Hats off to you!!! And THANK YOU Kendall Kobza for managing, counting and submitting all of them!



CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Campbell's Labels for Education has been another HUGE SUCCESS this year!! We have more than exceeded our goal, which goes to show the level of support Robison parents have for our school and children!! To date, we have submitted UPC labels worth over 5,693 points! That's a lot of soup labels considering each label has a 1 or 5 point value! THANK YOU Jacquelyn Burke for stepping up and managing this account! She has been a tremendous help organizing labels for submission, as well as helping me EVERY month at the collection table as the children file in to drop off labels and pick a prize for their contribution. She has also offered her time afterward to help separate and sort all the labels we receive! So...hats off to you Jacquelyn for all your help!

Do you purchase Campbell's items, but always seem to forget to remove the UPC code and send them in? Campbell's has teamed up with Kroger Stores to offer an easier way for our school to get credit. Simply log on to and register your Kroger Card shopper number, select our school, and every time your participating items are scanned, it will electronically credit our account!! Wow! How easy is that?? www.elabelsforeducation.com



NESTLE GO PLAY! LABELS

Again, another great effort by so many parents and students who have submitted their Nestle water labels in order to earn points for our school! We have submitted 4,000 water labels this year!! As a result, our school will be granted 8,000 points from Nestle that will directly impact our physical education department through the use of points to select fitness items from a Nestle catalog. GREAT JOB ROCKETS!!



TYSON PROJECT A+

In the past, Robison has not been as successful with the collection of Tyson labels as it has been with others. However, this year we have received more Tyson labels than ever before! So far, we have collected 147 labels! Keep in mind, Tyson will pay cash to Robison for each label we collect! They pay a whopping 24¢ for **EACH** label! That can really add up fast!! PLEASE remember when purchasing Tyson items to zip off the entire "A+ 1-2-3 Support your School!" label from plastic bagged items or the entire "A+ 1-2-3 Support Your School" label from the end of cardboard box items. Tyson

will NOT accept just the "Tyson A+" logo; it must be the entire end or top portion of the item you purchase. Below is an example of the label. More



information can be found on their website at www.tyson.com/projectaplus.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS & SUPPORT!!

LIBRARY

By Terri Ransleben, Chair

It's almost here. The Spring Book Fair is "swinging" into the Robison Library right after Spring Break. "Leap" through our book "jungle" and see what surprises you will find. Will the new Wimpy Kid book be there? I don't know, but you'll go "ape" over some really awesome new books. Want to help guide others through our "Book Safari," then stop by the library and sign up to help, or contact Terri Ransleben at TRansleben@gmail.com. Remember, the "Book Safari" sets up on March 25th. Students will preview on March 26th and 27th. Need to shop after work? Come by on the evening of March 30th (the same night you pick up cookie dough). The Fair will close at 12:00 noon on April 3rd. "Come on a Safari with me!"



Kellie Berger and Shawna Allen / VIPPS Coordinators

Congratulations to Stephanie Key and Monica Leal! They are the volunteers of the month for February!

Remember to log your volunteer hours in Virtual Volunteer! 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. www.v-volunteer.com
And if you would like the newsletter in digital form, go to www.robisonpto.org and click on newsletter and/or sign up for Orbit eNotes while you are there!

NOTES:

~ 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. This luncheon is on May 21st at the Berry Center.

~ 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! You can find links to Virtual Volunteer on the Robison PTO webpage (both for creating an account and for logging hours)

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| March 11 | Chili's night |
| March 16-20 | SPRING BREAK |
| March 23 | TX Roadhouse night |
| March 26 | VIPS General Meeting |
| March 27 | Fitness games K-1 |
| March 30 | Late Night Book Fair Fundraiser pickup Spirit Shop |
| April 3 | No School |
| April 10 | District VIPS Spring Workshop @ Berry Center |
| April 17 | 2 nd grade program |
| April 20 & 22 | 3 rd grade economics fair |
| April 24 | |

!!!! Thanks for all you do !!!!

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Grade Level News

PPCD

By Clara Lee, Liaison

Math class has been filled with new exciting venues for our PPCD students. The students have learned to recognize the name and place value of the numbers 6 and 7. The two numbers were used in various projects that helped out the students to identify them. The students have also learned to identify the shape of the "star" and the "heart" and recognize colors like "blue" and "white".

The PPCD students have learned to identify the letters "R" and "T" . and have learned to spell words using the letters "R" and "T" which were found in books the students read in class.

~Rodeo Time in PPCD classroom~

"Texas" and the symbols of "Texas" are the themes the kids have been studying as well.

Using the symbols of Texas to create patterns; the students made a "Texas flag", "longhorns", "cacti" and "bluebonnets".

The kids also dressed like "cowboys" and "cowgirls" and enjoyed a mini "rodeo parade" in class. The students also reveled in "roping a cow" and "riding a bull". All the activities allowed the kids to continue to develop fine motors and visual perception skills while following directions.

The kids also learned songs like "Deep in the Heart of Texas" plus the "T-E-X-A-S" song.

The children will study "The Farm" the next two weeks and will learn about animals on a farm, their sounds, and some songs. The students will sort animals that belong on a farm versus animals that do not.

For sure our PPCD teachers have prepared wonderful lessons for our PPCD students!

KINDERGARTEN

By Laurrie Cordes

I hope everyone has a fun and safe Spring Break! When we return, we have 2 more Kindergarten volunteer activities this year.

First, mark your calendars for Fitness Games (Field Days) on Friday morning, March 27th. Your child's class will be competing with the other Kindergarten classes on several relay games/activities that the PE teachers practice with your children. Look in the newsletter for your class room color. Please remember to put sunscreen on your children before sending them to school. And, remember to give them a BIG breakfast -- they will be eating lunch outside after fitness games end at 11:45am.

Please contact your homeroom coordinators if you can volunteer to help make the games run more smoothly. It's a guaranteed fun morning for all!

Our last Kindergarten activity this year is the Science Resource Center's Guinea Pig presentation which will be given to your child's class in April. I really appreciate all the volunteers who went to the training.

As always, thank you to all the volunteers for everything you do for our children. Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

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FIRST GRADE

By Brandi Loving, Liaison

Fitness Games are coming up for 1st Grade on Friday, March 27 at 12:30 until 3:15. We are on Spring Break the week before Fitness Games so we need to have all the volunteers in place before Spring Break. Thank you!

Thank you to the parents that enter the classroom each week to read. The kids love this time! Also, thank you to those of you that have volunteers for Junior Achievement. This will be an exciting experience for the children.

SECOND GRADE

By Brandy Parker, Liaison

Well, can you believe that next week is Spring Break already? This year is going to be over before we know it.

We will be having the Insect Demonstration after Spring Break, the exact date will come soon. We will also be starting Junior Achievement soon.

THIRD GRADE

By Michelle Jernigan, Liaison

Mark your calendars for Roman Day, Friday, May 8th. We are still in need of a chair person for Theater and a chair person for Crafts; if you would be willing to volunteer for either of these spots please contact Michelle Jernigan at mjernigan@hotmail.com. We are also still in need of many more volunteers to help the day run smoothly whether you have an hour or the whole day please consider coming out to help, and join in the fun!

FOURTH GRADE

By Rochelle Maxie, Liaison

Our Kids still need your help for Texas Day on May 14th. We have several booths that need's a two shift volunteers, so we need your help. **PLEASE** 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.

FIFTH GRADE

By Dawn Soukup, Liaison

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. Is 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. More information to follow.

End of the Year Party (June 2nd) – Tammy Broadway will be chairing the event. A huge “Thank You” to Tammy for stepping up to handle this big task. If you would like to help Tammy with the event, please contact myself or Tammy. We hope to plan a meeting in the near future.

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5th GRADE MEMORY BOOK

Chair: Monica Leal

The Memory Book looks great!

We have finished the book and it is at the printer! I won't give away any secrets, but this book will be really special to all of our fifth graders!

It has been a real joy putting this book together and I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have put in countless hours making this the best book ever!

You are all truly wonderful!

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