

ROBISON PTO NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

Welcome back! Our school year is off to a great start. We have had many families join our PTO and have had wonderful parents who have committed to chairing many of the committees. Our PTO would not be able to provide the activities we do for our children if it were not for the many parent volunteers that take their time to help out. Volunteers are needed for many grade level events, reading in the classroom, helping in the library and workroom, and so much more. If you are interested in volunteering, contact our VIPS board members or a Homeroom Coordinator for more information.

We have a busy year ahead. We will need many volunteers, and greater support through our membership drive and fundraisers so that we will be able provide many of the great things our children have enjoyed in the past. Last year your efforts were very successful. We were able to provide field trips for all the grade levels, in school presentations, items for the literacy library and many other wonderful things the teachers needed in the classroom.

For the 2008/2009 school year, we will be working to provide enhancements to our playground. It had been planned for our PTO to install a track at Robison. The board determined in May of 2008 that the cost of installing a track was becoming prohibitive due to construction on Robison’s bordering streets, the growing drainage issues, and a continuing increase in the cost to install a track. Therefore, in order to remain fiscally responsible regarding these funds, the board voted to earmark the money for playground improvements.

I look forward to a great year and am excited about working with all of you to make this year a success for all of the Robison students.

MEMBERSHIP

By Jeanne Decker

Time is running out to get your child's name in this year Robison directory! If you are interested in being included please return a completed Robison PTO membership form to your child's teacher by September 18th. They were sent home in the first day of school packets and are also available online at www.robisonpto.org. With your \$8 membership fee, you not only get your directory, but you also help support many programs that Robison offers. You can also choose not to have your information published and still get your directory by returning your form and checking the correct box. If you have any questions, please let me know!



PRIMARY FUNDRAISING

Stefani Froehlich / VP of Primary Fundraising

On September 16th, our school will start a major **FALL FUNDRAISER** with Great American!! Robison receives 50% of the total Holiday Wishes catalog sales; 40% of the Helping Hands catalog sales and 40% of the Tasty Batters cookie sales. Our goal this year is to raise \$70,000 for the PTO.

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 for Field Trips
- Dare & Ropes Programs
- Literacy Library and Math Manipulatives
- Field Track
- Other School Activities

We have some exciting prizes this year. In addition to the prize program, we are having Overall Top Seller for each grade and the Fast Start Give-Away.

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

By Renee Barnett

Welcome back everyone! I am so glad to be a part of this new school year! My name is Renee Barnett and I am the Vice President of Secondary Fundraising. I have great plans for us all to raise money to help build a bigger and better school for our current & future Rockets! We are bringing back an exciting Fall Festival, and Family Night at Texas Roadhouse, Spirit Shop and Box Top/Labels. I'm excited to be adding Domino's and Chili's to our Family Nights, and Nestle Pure Life water bottle labels. Attached is a flyer with the different products that have the labels that we collect. Our first label day will be Wednesday September 17. Don't forget about our grocery share cards, Target Visa/Red card, Office Depot and Washington Mutual which all make more money for Robison. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please feel free to call or email me at (713) 859-6533 or fundraising2@robisonpto

YEARBOOK

By Karen Morgan, Chair

The picture taking has begun and we are ready to roll, but we still need lots of help. You really don't need any special skills except a willingness to help. As always, we need photographers to take candid pictures of school events and every-day happenings. If photography is not your thing, you can help put the yearbook together. Our yearbook is done with an excellent computer program that allows us to work on it from just about any computer. It is easy to use and we will show you how it works. Sound interesting? Come talk to us at the VIPS Open House or you can contact Karen Morgan at kmorgan811@hotmail.com

LIBRARY

By Terri Ransleben

Do you like to mold the minds of young people? Do you enjoy watching them discover some new interest and then thirst over finding out information? Then we need YOU in the Library.

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to work in the Library. You can work every week, every other week, or even once a month, whatever fits your schedule. We are flexible and can use any hands you can lend. Please contact Terri Ransleben at 281-304-0764 or TRansleben@gmail.com, or Ms. Murray, our librarian, and let us know your child's name and grade. We'll let you know when your child will be in the library checking out books so that you can see them. Give us a shout...or should I say a whisper!

CULTURAL ARTS

Shannon Smith, VP of Cultural Arts

We are thrilled to start off our 2008-2009 Cultural Arts calendar with *Dennis Lee Productions* on Friday, SEPTEMBER 19th.

Our 2nd-5th graders will enjoy his entertaining puppet performance, *SHHHH!* This is just one of the many we are in the process of scheduling for this year thanks to our parents, PTO, students and staff. Your continued support and fundraising participation makes these programs within reach for our students.

ROBISON'S HARVEST FALL FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE

WHEN: Saturday, November 8th

TIME: 11:00am – 2:00 p.m.

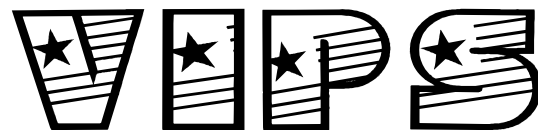
WHERE: Cy-Woods High School



This event is a fun-filled afternoon for the **whole** family!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: This year the festival is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8th and we need to get geared up for a great time, but we are in need of some enthusiastic volunteers to help chair sub-committees, co-chair sub-committees and help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please come visit our table at the VIPS meeting or feel free to contact Denise Schumann at da_schumann@sbcglobal.net or 281-304-8970.

Festival flyers will start going home in the newsletter late September. Be on the watch out for them.



By Kellie Berger and Shawna Allen, VIPS Coordinators

August's Volunteer of the Month is drumroll please? **Lisa Murray!** Lisa has come back to organize all the workroom volunteers, and she doesn't even have any kiddos at Robison anymore! Thank you Lisa and thank you for logging your hours! Check with Shawna or Kellie to get your VOM gift!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! We are off to a wonderful start!!! Robison wouldn't be as great without each and every one of you! From registration, to hearing and vision screening, to school supplies, workroom, library and more, we know volunteers have worked hundreds of hours already toward getting everything ready at Robison. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

There are many volunteer opportunities available here at Robison, even for the busiest of people! Come to the **VIPS Open House on the 11th** and see what will be going on this year! YOUR support

helps us make so much more available to the teachers and staff for the students than district is able to provide. Please consider joining our wonderful group of volunteers. Even volunteering for just two hours during the entire school year can make a difference in the lives of our children. Whatever time you have available there is an opportunity for you. We promise to respect “No”, “Sorry”, “I can’t do that now” and will honor your time and not ask you to sign your life away!

If you want to keep up with the goings on between PTO newsletters, don’t forget to check out our website www.robisonpto.org. It has a wealth of information, and you can sign up for Virtual Volunteer and Orbit E-notes while you are there!

What is Virtual Volunteer and why should I bother?

It’s part of the V•Soft security software that helps keep our school safe. V•Soft is the part of the software the front desk uses when you sign in to visit or volunteer at the school. Virtual Volunteer is the part you can use for volunteering for events, tracking hours and expenses, and communicating with other volunteers at our school.

As one of our volunteers, you can sign in to Virtual Volunteer from any computer with an internet connection. Links for creating accounts and logging hours can be found at www.robisonpto.org. Total hours for the month should be entered by the 5th of the following month.

If you have forgotten to log hours, you may go back and add in, but the hours won’t count toward Volunteer of the Month after the 5th. (They will count toward name badges (at 10 hours) and the 100 hour library book award). We also have to report the total monthly hours to CFISD at that point (no names involved in that report).

REMINDER: Please remember to log ALL hours volunteered at Robison. If you are volunteering at home, such as brown bag, phone calls, scheduling, watching other volunteers’ children, or attending meetings or trainings, etc. those hours count!

At Robison:

1. Once you log 10 volunteer hours (through Virtual Volunteer), you will receive a **laminated name tag**. (No more stickers!!)
2. If you log 100 or more hours for the school year, you will have a book dedicated to you donated to the Robison library.
3. The volunteer each month with the highest recorded hours will receive a token of the PTO’s appreciation!
4. Even if you only log one or two hours for the entire year, we want to know so we can make sure you get an invitation to the annual district luncheon held in May and we can order a pin for you (like the ones many

volunteers wear on the lanyards for their nametags). This is the only way we as VIPS coordinators have to know who to recognize for Volunteer Of The Month and 100+ hour volunteers.

An extra thanks to those who stepped up to be Grade Level Liaisons this year!

PPCD – Clara Lee

Kindergarten – Laurie Cordes

First Grade – Brandi Loving

Second Grade – Brandy Parker

Third Grade – Michelle Jernigan

Fourth Grade – Rochelle Maxie

Fifth Grade – Dawn Soukup

We are working hard on getting all the Homeroom Coordinators (HRCs) in place. If you would like to be an HRC for your child’s class and have not had a chance to sign up anywhere yet, please let one of us and/or your Liaison know! Many of the classes are already set, but we still have some in need of an HRC! You can reach any of us through the email forms at www.robisonpto.org

Also, if you are interested in chairing the **Science Resource Center events** (SRC) or **Hospitality** at A. Robison, please contact Shawna or Kellie!

SRC - We still need someone to organize the volunteers to receive training and to present events like Bunny Tales, Eco Adventures, Nature Trails and many more! If you love science and are organized, we could use your skills and help! Christine Roberts has stepped up to shuttle our classroom pets back and forth from SRC to Robison! Thank you Christine!

HOSPITALITY – We need someone to organize volunteers to help with luncheons and treats for Robison Teachers and Staff. Usually 4 big events and a few smaller treats each year.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 10

1st grade Body Coverings Training @ SRC
9:30-12:30 contact your HRC or Liaison for more info

September 11

VIPS Open House

9:15 – 10:15 am Robison Cafeteria

Anyone interested in upcoming and ongoing activities at Robison is welcome to attend.

Learn firsthand about the upcoming events and activities for this school year. You will leave this Open House knowing how spectacular of a school year our children will be having! Light refreshments will be provided.

September 17

2nd grade Reptiles Training @ SRC 9:30 - 12:30 contact your HRC or Liaison for more info

September 19

5th grade Mammal Skulls Training @ SRC
9:30 -12:30 contact your HRC or Liaison for
more info

September 23

District Hearing Screening Training
9:30 – 2:00 @ the Berry Center, Barker
Cypress & West Rd

September 24

District Vision Screening Training
9:30 – 2:00 @ the Berry Center, Barker
Cypress & West Rd

September 30

Kindergarten Hedgehogs Training @ SRC
9:30 – 11:30 contact your HRC or Liaison for
more info.

As always, thank you for all your hard work and
dedication. With your help, not even the sky is the
limit for our kids and our school! You're
AWESOME!! Let's keep Reachin' for the STARS !!!

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PPCD

By Clara M. Lee, Liaison

GREETINGS!

The New School Year 2208-2209 is finally here filled
with lots of new and exciting venues to explore for
the children of the PPCD class!

PPCD class allows the children to develop better
Speech, Language and Communication skills. The
children also learn how to be more independent.

The PPCD classroom is well equipped with beautiful
and colorful academic supplies that our Teachers
will utilize to teach lessons to our kids during the
present School Year.

Mrs. Ruth Duderstadt and Mrs. Theresa Roque had
prepared an amazing program for our children.
During the first six weeks of the school year, the
children at PPCD will learn about their community as
well as a daily routine suited for their individual
needs.

With their unique and enthusiastic charisma, Mrs.
Duderstadt and Mrs. Roque have carefully prepared
exciting lessons for our children to learn. The
children will surely enjoy the entire curriculum that
had been specially prepared for them.



5th Grade

Fifth grade students will be attending a field trip on
October 22, 2008 to Biz Town. This event is staffed
by volunteers. Many volunteers will be needed to
help the children attend Biz Town . Training dates
are right around the corner. Mark your calendar for
either October 16th or October 21st. The training
time is 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Biz Town
location. Keep watching the Robison newsletter for
more detailed information.

5th Grade Memory Book

by Monica Leal, Chair

The Memory Book is a scrapbook style book given
to each of the 5th graders by the PTO. It contains
pictures from their 5th grade year and a few from
their early school year(s). We will be meeting once
or twice a month, depending on that month's
activities, either on a Friday night or a Saturday so
that all who want to participate can do so.
If you would like to help make this book memorable
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.
The first meeting will be on October 3, 2008 at 7:00
PM at my home. I look forward to hearing from you!

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