

ROBISON PTO NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

Our Fall Festival is Saturday, November 8th, and we are all looking forward to an afternoon of fun. There will be plenty of food, fun, and games as well as a raffle and silent auction. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the fun!!!

Fitness days for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th were a great success. The students had a great time and the weather was beautiful. The fifth grade students also participated in Biz Town and had a great time.. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who made these events possible.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter to hear about all the other wonderful things our children will be participating in and how you can get involved.

MEMBERSHIP

By Jeanne Decker

I am happy to report that the directory is off to the printer. All edits that were received by Wednesday, October 29th were included. As soon as I receive the directories, they will be sent home with your eldest child.

In the meantime, if you are in need of telephone numbers and/or addresses for party invitations, etc., I will be glad to help. Please know that I can only share this information for the students/families that agreed to be listed in the directory. Therefore, my list may not be a complete class list for your child's class.

Again, thanks for your response to our membership drive. Look for your copy of the directory in the coming weeks!

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 December 10th. Watch the Rocket Register for more detail.

The **REACH OUT** drawing winners are:

<i>Tiffany Martin</i>	<i>Mason Kubecka</i>
<i>Cameryn Guzman</i>	<i>Thomas Ratliff</i>
<i>Jeremy Morin</i>	<i>Cole Chiribogo</i>
<i>Samantha Auld</i>	

Congratulations to all our boys and girls for making this fundraiser a huge success! All prizes were given by Great American.

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!

SECONDARY FUNDRAISING

Renee Barnett / VP of Secondary Fundraising

This Saturday November 8th, will be our 6th annual Fall Festival but our first year at Cy-Woods High School 11am-2pm. If you did not get your wristbands in advance you may still purchase them at the door for \$5.00. Wristbands are used for games, moonwalk, cake/book walk, tattoos and face painting. There will be a concession booth where snacks will be available. Also, we will have Cotton Candy and Sno Cone in the concession booth along with one outside with the games. Remember no tickets will be used for payment only cash. Cotton Candy and Sno Cones will be sold for \$1.00 each.

Reminder about parking:

Please park in the front of Cy-Woods and enter through the main front doors.

Last week you received an order form for the Robison sweatshirts. The color of the sweatshirts will be red with a black and white faded logo design. We will only be able to pre-order the sweatshirts. Forms are due in by November 18th. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

Reminder - Texas Roadhouse gift cards and rolls order forms are due November 11th. Make checks payable to Robison PTO and then pick up your orders at Texas Roadhouse November 24-26 from 12 pm-5 pm. An order form is attached to this newsletter.

Last week we enjoyed Robison Family Night at Texas Roadhouse and it was so much fun, thanks to all who supported us. Our next night will be Monday, November 24th so mark your calendars. Coupons to enjoy a free meal (dessert excluded) will be sent home on November 24th.

Coming up this month Spirit shop November 14th. Domino's night November 18th. Look for the flyer to go home on November 18th. Label day will be November 19th.

Don't forget to continue using your Kroger Share Card, Randall's Remarkable Card, Target Visa/Red Card, Office Depot, and Washington Mutual. This will help support our school. If you need any information on these cards/programs you can either send me an email or give me a call and I will provide you the details. 713-859-6533, fundraising2@robisonpto.org

YEARBOOK

By Karen Morgan, Chair

Reaching for the Stars...

Yearbooks are on sale NOW through November 21st! This 128 page (16 color pages) is a great way to remember all the events and faces of the 2008-2009 school year. The yearbook this year is \$20 per book—the lowest it has been in several years. You can also have it personalized with your child's name and icons at an extra cost. You can order a yearbook two ways: online with a credit card (personalized orders can ONLY be placed online) or by check or cash using the order form attached to this newsletter. Please see the attached order form for further details on the ordering process. Yearbooks will be delivered toward the end of the school year.

The yearbook is created entirely by volunteers. We have a dedicated staff of volunteers already working diligently to create this year's book. It is very important to all of us that we represent the classes evenly. Pictures received from parents help make that possible! Please take pictures at the holiday parties, Fitness Days, at field trips and at any events your teacher requests.

Please remember to get the teacher's permission before entering any class to take photos.

If you have pictures you would like considered for inclusion there are three different ways to submit them.

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.

A second way to submit picture is to burn pictures to 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!

We are currently working on several pages to make deadlines.

Please go through your pictures and send them in ASAP, we cannot wait 'til the last minute! Photos needed are: first day of school, field trips, Colonial Days, Library (Author visits, Book Fair, Etc.), Spirit Shop, and Fall Festival. Additional photos we need include: classroom activities (book reports, science projects, reading time, etc.), Fitness Days, Student Council, Choir and Freedom Week or any pictures that are taken of the students in different activities around the school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Karen Morgan
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CULTURAL ARTS

Shannon Smith/VP Special Events

We are thrilled to have Main Street Theatre present their musical touring performance of Winnie The Pooh on November 19th for our PPCD, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students. This wonderful childhood classic will be bringing some of the most popular storybook characters from the endearing stories of A.A. Milne.

Throughout the year we have many upcoming performers scheduled and are excited to be able to provide these enriching programs for our students.

SRC (Science Resource Center)

The Science Resource Center (SRC) is working hard to bring all the many activities to our students this year. Our children participate in Nature Trails, Animal Odyssey, Gulf Mysteries and Eco Adventures. As a result of decreased funding, the SRC has lost some staff members. They are working with this loss and the interruption of Ike to get the SRC up and running for our students.

They need our help. They have set up a volunteer workroom, similar to our workroom. Anyone who has some time is invited to come volunteer at the SRC. They are asking for volunteers daily between 9 am and 2 pm. You don't have to interact with animals. They are also collecting old newspapers and empty toilet paper rolls. You can make these donations directly to the SRC. The SRC is located on Telge Road, across from Arnold Jr. High.



ROBISON'S FALL FESTIVAL

WHEN: THIS SATURDAY, November 8th

TIME: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

WHERE: Cy-Woods High School

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

Pre-Ordered wristbands and tickets will be coming home today. Make sure to check your child's folder/backpack.

If you have offered to volunteer for the day of set-up, you will be contacted on Thursday, Nov. 6th with more information.

Because of low lunch ticket sales, we have decided to serve food in the concession stand also. Just in case you decide at the last minute to come, do not worry about lunch because you will have an option other than chips, candy, and soda.

Please remember to bring cash for concessions, cotton candy and sno cones.

For more details feel free to call or email Denise Schumann (da_schumann@sbcglobal.net or 281-304-8970).

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Evelyn Angelle, Chair

Our fifth graders attended JA BizTown on October 22 and had a great time learning about what it takes to engage in commerce and banking by running their own city for a day. What a timely event during these difficult times in the financial markets. Thank you to the many parent volunteers and especially to Dawn Soukup for organizing this successful event.

We still need parents to volunteer to deliver the JA curriculum to the following classrooms. Anyone interested in participating should please contact Evelyn Angelle (evelyn.angelle@halliburton.com).
Kindergarten: Herridge, Rials, and Riley
First: Hogan and LaMontagne

Second: Hamann, Johnston, Krantz, and Winkelmann

Third: Brown and Olson

Fourth: Cohen, Cross, Huynh, Robertson, Sharp and Tyron

JA volunteer training for K – 4 is scheduled at the Berry Center as follows. Volunteers who have taught

JA in the past do not have to be trained again.

January 27 - 9:30 am to noon

March 10 - 9:30 am to noon

LABEL DAY

Mitzi Piersol /Labels Chair



Our first label drop off day was a huge success!! We are still tallying those labels for Campbell's, Tyson and Nestle! So many of you sent them in the students and staffs at Robison really appreciate the support you have shown!! A special "Thank You!!" to Kendall Kobza for stepping up and helping count and manage the Box Tops!! She has spent many hours tallying and sorting the Box Tops for submission to General Mills. Thank you Kendall!! So far, we have collected over 9500 Box Tops! WOW! So, if you think it's not worth sending in your few, not so! They DO add up!!

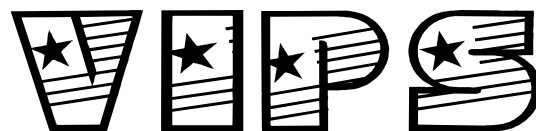
Attached for PPCD-2nd grade is a box top collection sheet. For 3rd-5th grades if you would like to use collection sheets, they can be found on our PTO website at www.robisonpto.org just click on Labels under Fun in Fundraising on the right side.

Mark your calendar....our next Label Day drop off is Wednesday, **November 19th**. Keep up the good work and continue clipping Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson and Nestle Water labels and send them to school with your child on that day.

If you have any questions about which label to cut and send in, you can find helpful information on our PTO website at <http://www.robisonpto.org/info/> under "Fun in Fundraising" or give me a call at 281-384-4277 or email m_piersol@yahoo.com and I'll be happy to help!

If you have some time to spare on **November 19th** and would like to help sort and tally labels, please feel free to show up and lend a hand! We will be in the library starting at 9:15 a.m.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



By Kellie Berger and Shawna Allen, VIPS Coordinators

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and everyone else who came out to help with, and cheer on, our Fitness Day participants!

We couldn't have asked for better weather! (log your hours....)

The party money is slowly trickling in. If you didn't get it in by the deadline and would still like to donate, please send it in **this week!**

Our HRCs and Liaisons will be counting the money and starting to plan the Holiday Parties soon!
Remember, the \$5 cash you send in now is to cover the Holiday party AND the Valentine party.

Volunteers are hard at work getting ready for our **Fall Festival!** Make sure you come out Saturday and join in the fun! The classroom baskets are looking great, and I hear there will be some really great silent auction items! Spend some time with friends and neighbors and build our school spirit!

The cookbook recipes have all been typed in and we are sending it to the printer! Whoo hoo!!! Look for it in early December – just in time for holiday cookin' and gifts!

Speaking of cooking and gifts.... It is time to mark your calendars for the *Annual Robison Ornament Exchange! December 12th from 6:30 until....* Whether you have volunteered for a few hours or hundreds of hours, join us at Kellie Berger's house for an enjoyable evening of adults only time - with food, fun and friendship. Please bring your favorite holiday appetizer, side dish or dessert and an ornament to exchange.

NOTES:

~5th Grade Colonial Days is coming up soon! They are in need of a few donations. Please see if you can help? They need

- clean, empty, glass baby food jars with lids (we will use 200, so anything you can send will help us get to that amount)
- Volunteers! (you don't have to have a 5th grader to join in the fun!)

Contact Dawn Soukup 832/220-6489
tdsoukup@hotmail.com for more info.

~We have several classes throughout the school which are still in need of more readers. Please consider spending a half hour with your class or even another child's class to bring them this wonderful opportunity. It is so rewarding seeing their faces as they soak in your every word! Call your HRC or Liaison for more details.

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 4
November 5
November 7
November 8

November 11 Gulf Coast Training (4th grade) @ Berry Center 9:30 – noon
November 12 2nd grade Reptiles Training SRC 9:30 – 12:30 contact Brandy Parker (2nd grade Liaison)
November 14
November 18

November 19
November 20 & 5th

November 21 Yearbook orders due
November 24 Texas Roadhouse Night
November 26-28 **No school**

Thanksgiving Holiday
December 3 SRC Volunteers Holiday Party 11 am-2 pm
December 10

December 12
December 16
December 19

No school - vote
Yearbook Sales start
5th grade Colonial day
Fall Festival 11-2 @ CyWoods
Spirit Shop
Domino's Night
Kindergarten Guinea Pigs training SRC 9:30 – 11:30 contact Laurrie Cordes (Kinder Liaison)
Spirit Sweatshirt orders due
Label Day
Nature Trails Training 3rd
Yearbook orders due
Texas Roadhouse Night
No school
SRC Volunteers Holiday
Fundraiser Pickup
Chili's Night
Spirit Shop
Ornament Exchange
Domino's Night
Classroom Holiday Parties

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 !!!

Oh ... and ... one more thing:

!!!! LOG YOUR HOURS !!!! <grin>

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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

by Laurrie Cordes

Wow-it's hard to believe it's already November! We're gearing up for a great Holiday Party and Spring Semester. Due to a limited response in donations for our parties, we are extending the deadline to turn in the \$5 cash donation (which will cover both parties) for another week. If you have not

already done so, you may put the donation in an envelope marked "Party-Kindergarten" and send it to

school in your child's backpack. This money goes towards buying food, drinks, and activities for the parties. Please contact me if you have any questions.

We are still needing more volunteers (Moms, Dads, Grandparents are all welcome!) to attend the Guinea Pig training at the Science Resource Center on November 18th. It is a 2 hour training session from 9:30 – 11:30 am. After the training, we work with your schedule to and the teacher's schedule find a mutually acceptable time (most likely in the Spring) for you to bring a real guinea pig to present to your child's class. Please contact your Homeroom coordinator or me if you are interested – it is guaranteed to be a fun time for all!

As always, I really appreciate all our parents and the time you so generously give. Please contact your Homeroom Coordinator or me if you want to learn any more information about volunteer activities or if you have any suggestions/comments!

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FIRST GRADE

Brandi Loving, Liaison

Something exciting is happening in 1st Grade...The chick eggs have arrived and are being kept in an incubator in the area. The students are impatiently waiting for them to hatch. Ask your child to keep you posted.

Please send \$5 for the Holiday Party and Valentine Party, to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP. The planning of these upcoming parties is approaching and we need to set a budget. So, thank you for your quick response to this matter.

Thanks to the volunteers that attended the Chinchilla Demo Training on October 28, 2008. The Chinchilla Demo will be scheduled soon and you will be contacted. However, your children are going to be enjoying the Body Coverings Demo in their classrooms soon. None of these Demos would be possible without the help of those trained. THANK YOU!

SECOND GRADE

by Brandy Parker, Liaison

I wanted to thank all of you who came out and supported your child's class at Fitness Day. The kids had a blast and I believe the teachers and parents did also.

I also want to send out a great big THANK YOU to all the HRC's and volunteer's that made this day possible. We could not have done it without you.

We have Fall Festival coming up this weekend, I hope that everyone can attend, and/or volunteer. If you are going to volunteer please make sure that you log all of your hours...

We also have another opportunity for Reptile training on Nov. 12th from 9:30-12:00. We are in the process of scheduling the presentation now. Please let your HRC know if you are going to attend.

I hope that everyone has fun at the Festival.

Hope to see you there. Until next time.....

THIRD GRADE

By Michelle Jernigan, Liaison

The morning got off to a chilly start, but Fitness Games were a huge success!! Thank you to all the parents who donated drinks, brought blankets, and came out to cheer our third graders on. Thank you to all of our homeroom coordinators, our P.E. Teachers and our Fitness Games Chair Katie Lehmann for planning such a fun filled day.

Third grade will be going to Nature Trails in January. This is a course set up to learn about simple machines and participate in environmental activities. Each group will have hands on activities with inclined planes, levers, pulleys and wheel and axle, and then also learn to use the compass and to navigate through 6 stations. Volunteers are needed to help facilitate many of the activities. Training for this will be held on November 20th and January 6th (you would only need to attend one of these training dates, not both) from 10:00- 11:30 at the Nature Trails located at 12424 Huffmeister, directly behind Millsap Elementary. You must register for training, please contact me at mjernigan@hotmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer for these activities, or any others, please contact your homeroom coordinator or me, and we'll get you started. Thanks for all you do for our children, every volunteer hour counts!

FIFTH GRADE

By Dawn Soukup, Liaison

October and November are extremely busy months for our 5th graders. What a perfect way to get involved! Please look at the list below and let me know what you are interested in being a part of!

5th Grade T-shirts – The pre-order sales are complete at this time and the order will be placed soon.

Party Money – If you have not sent in your \$5.00 for the Holiday/Valentine's parties, please send it in as soon as possible. We will be splitting the collected money between the 2 parties.

Biztown – What a great day the students had! They worked very hard in their businesses and learned so much about writing checks, balancing checkbooks, purchasing items, earning a paycheck and being an adult for the day. A big THANK YOU to the 40+ parent volunteers that spent the day helping the students. They had just as much fun as the students!

Field Day – The 5th grade Field Day was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents that were judges, line leaders, provided drinks, or just came out to cheer for the kids. It was a beautiful day and everyone had fun.

Colonial Day – The big event will be held on November 7th. We are still in need of 10-15 volunteers to help the students make butter and learn about Colonial food, dip candles, make quilt squares, learn about school-life, hear from Ben Franklin, make crafts and play Colonial games. For more information, please refer to the letter that was sent home on September 30th. It is a perfect opportunity for moms, dads, grandparents, friends and other Robison parents (K-4th) to be involved. If you would like to help with the event, please contact me. We are also in need of a couple of items: glass baby food jars and cotton material pieces.

Fall Festival – The fall festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th from 11:00am – 2:00pm at Cy-Woods High School. Thank you to all who donated items to the class baskets. They look great! If you would like to help with the event or help with set up, please contact Denise Schuman.

Nature Trails – Even though Nature Trails isn't until January 20th (Kucala, Strahan, Weiman) and 21st (McCain, Moreland/Launikitis, Russell, Zapalac), the training dates are approaching. Training will be held on November 20th and January 6th from 12:30 – 2:00pm. All trainings will be at the Nature Trails site, located at Milsap Elem. To help with Nature Trails, you must attend one of the training sessions. Please contact me if you are interested in helping and let me know which training date you will be attending.

Memory Book – The preparation of the memory book is in process, but many volunteers are needed to help put it together. Monica needs any pictures you have taken at the 5th grade events. Don't forget to send in the Kindergarten and baby pictures too. Watch the newsletters for dates of crop sessions.

Homeroom Coordinators – Our wonderful parents who have volunteered for this task are:

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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