



ROBISON PTO NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTO PRESIDENT

Cheryl Tupa

Congratulations to Denise Schumann, Tammy Broadway, Renee Barnett and all of the incredible committee chairs, as well as the many dedicated volunteers that made Robison Family Fun Festival such a huge success. And a great big thank you to the wonderful parents and businesses that so generously contributed to the auction and the basket raffle.

Our wonderful volunteers also did a great job bringing Colonial Days to fifth grade. Everyone really enjoyed turning back time.

Our Thanksgiving break is just around the corner. I hope everyone enjoys time with family and friends during the break.

PRIMARY FUNDRAISING

Stefani Froehlich / VP of Primary Fundraising

Mark Your Calendars!!

Fundraiser Pick-up will ONLY be:

- **Monday, December 10th (4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

I still need volunteers to help with unloading, organizing and for pick-up on Wednesday, December 10th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me at 281-373-1952 or

fundraising1@robisonpto.org

SECONDARY FUNDRAISING

Renee Barnett / VP of Secondary Fundraising

I would like to say a big Thank you to Denise Schumann and her committee for the wonderful time everyone had at the Festival. They put in lots of hours before and during the day to make it a fun time for all the Robison families.

Tonight is Robison Night with **Domino's**. Attached is a flyer with a coupon, and phone numbers to a Domino's that serves your subdivision. Be sure to give your driver or cashier the bottom slip so we get credit.

You may either pick up or have it delivered. As an added bonus we receive 20% back for all purchases.

Anabel Lenox and Paula Schoener would like to say, Thanks to all the Moms that helped with Spirit Shop. It was such a delight to see all the kids shopping. If you would like to volunteer for Spirit Shop please send us an email at spiritshop@robisonpto.org. We would LOVE to have you!

Don't forget to continue using your Kroger Share Card, Randall's Remarkable Card, Target Visa/Red Card, Office Depot, and Washington Mutual. This all 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

Don't forget to purchase your 2008-2009 Robison yearbook. Yearbooks are on sale now through Friday, November 21. For \$20 you receive a 128 page record of the events and faces of the 2008-2009 school year. You can order a yearbook online with a credit card (personalized orders can ONLY be placed online) or by check or cash using the order form. Don't delay, only a few more days left!

The yearbook staff is also seeking more photos from the first day of school, biz town, colonial day, and fall festival. 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. 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!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Karen Morgan ph. 713-702-2936
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LABEL DAY

Mitzi Piersol /Labels Chair

Reminder!! Don't forget to send labels to school with your child **TOMORROW, November 19th**. Box Tops, Campbell's, Tyson and Nestle Water labels add up to equal great rewards that benefit our school and children!!

If you have some time to spare tomorrow and would like to help with the collection process and/or sorting and tallying labels, please join us! We will be in the library starting at 9:15 a.m.

As always, feel free to email or call me if you have any questions about which labels to clip and send, or if you are interested in other ways to help!! I can be reached at 281-384-4277 or by email m_piersol@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!!

WORKROOM

by Lisa Murray, Chair

A big thank you to everyone for all their help in the workroom this year. We are still in need of volunteers. You can contact me at themurraysoncrt@sbcglobal.net or call me at 832/216-5094.

5th Grade Memory Book

By Monica Leal, Chair

The baby and kinder pictures are under construction and many pages have been completed! We are in need of random school pictures of children in the halls, at lunch, bus pictures, and at recess if you have them.

If you have taken any Colonial Day pictures please send those in as well along with any Fall Festival pictures you have. Please turn those in by Dec 3rd for them to be placed into the book.

Letters have been sent home to parents who have not turned in their baby and kinder pictures, so if you want them to be in the book they need to be turned in by Tuesday, November 25th (before the Thanksgiving Break).

Our next meeting will be the first weekend in December at Mary Schwenke's home so look for more information on the Robison website and the email I send out.

This has been a fun process but many pages are coming up for due dates, so your participation is extremely important for us to meet our deadlines on printing dates.

Thank you in advance for your help!



By Kellie Berger and Shawna Allen, VIPS Coordinators

WOW !!! What a whirlwind couple of weeks! All the many 5th grade events and the fantabulous Fall

Festival! A giant "Thank YOU!" to each and every one of the volunteers who have kept at it and helped out these past weeks. From those of you on the front lines

at the big events, to everyone who came out to read, cut, paste, check in/out books, to those who have attended trainings for future events – Know that you are appreciated and your help is very much needed! Even if it is only a half hour!

To that end, in early December Shawna and Kellie will run a report on who has logged November hours in Virtual Volunteer... *If you have any November hours logged by December 5th, look for a little token of appreciation to come home in your child's backpack the following Tuesday!*

76 volunteers logged 925 hours in October!

Congratulations to Cheryl Reese who is Volunteer of the Month for October! Cheryl logged many, many hours running around town to get silent auction items for the Fall Festival. Thank you Cheryl! Come see Kellie or Shawna for your VOM prize.

Cookbooks are at the printer! Be on the lookout for order forms coming home.

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.

Thank you to Gabby Stigall for stepping up and chairing the **Science Resource Center events**

(SRC) at A. Robison! Gabby will be working closely with the Liaisons and the SRC to ensure volunteers receive training they need to present events like Bunny Tales, Reptile Demo, Nature Trails and many more!

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 18

Domino's Night

Kindergarten Guinea Pigs training SRC 9:30 – 11:30 contact Gabby Stigall (SRC Chair)

Spirit Sweatshirt orders due

Label Day

Nature Trails Training 5th

Yearbook orders due

Texas Roadhouse Night

No school Thanksgiving

Holiday

November 19

November 20

November 21

November 24

November 26-28

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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

by Laurie Cordes

A BIG thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Holiday and Valentine Party! We are already planning a fun Holiday Party for Kindergarten on December 19! Parents are welcome to attend our parties. Parties are for Robison students only please make arrangements for siblings. Please contact your Homeroom Coordinator if you would like to help set up and assist with the parties!

Thank you to all the volunteers that attended the Guinea Pig training at the Science Resource Center today. There will be Guinea Pig training on February 11 if you would still like to participate. Classroom presentations for the Guinea Pig will be April 14th and 15th. You can select which day you would like to present to your child's class. Contact me or your Homeroom Coordinator if you would like to participate. If you would like to volunteer for the Hedgehog presentations, the next training is January 13 at the SRC with the classroom presentations scheduled for January 27th and 28th. Both the kids and the volunteers really enjoy the animal presentations!

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 or comments! Happy Thanksgiving!

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FIRST GRADE

By Brandi Loving, Liaison

We have 7 very healthy chicks that will be with us until the 14th. They will then be going to a farm to live. Our first born was a beautiful striped chick that we named Hector!!

Thanks to all the volunteers that were recently trained for the Chinchilla Demo. If you went to the training and I have not contacted you, please e-mail me at brandi.loving@sbcglobal.net. The Chinchilla Demo is scheduled for the first week of December. I am sure the kids will love it.

Also, thank you to Renee Mansicalco, Stephaine Key, Katie Lehmann, Gabby Stigall, Carole Kubeczka and Sara Krupke. These ladies recently presented The Body Covering Demo to the first grade students and they were very excited.

Thank you for all that you do to make the students year wonderful!

SECOND GRADE

by Brandy Parker, Liaison

Thank you, parents, for your participation in donated funds for our upcoming class parties!

I hope that everyone had fun at the Festival!

THIRD GRADE

By Michelle Jernigan, Liaison

Plans are underway for our Holiday Party, so mark your calendars for December 19th. If you would like to help out in your child's classroom the day of the party please contact your homeroom coordinator. We will have food, games, and lots of fun! Please do not send in any extra goodies or treats for your child's class, as the party has been carefully planned to give all third graders the same type of party.

Looking ahead, training for third grade amphibian presentations is coming up January 28th; please contact your homeroom coordinator or me if you would be interested in attending training.

Thanks to all of our parent readers who have come out to read! The kids really enjoy guest readers. If you would like to read, and have not signed up to do so, please contact your child's homeroom coordinator.

Thanks for volunteering, and please remember to always log your hours. Every hour counts!!

FOURTH GRADE

by Rochelle Maxie

THANK YOU PARENTS, STUDENTS AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THE FALL FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Holidays are just around the corner so we will be starting to plan our Holiday Parties. Our students are looking forward to this time of year and so are we. Thank you for your donation for all the parties this year.

Dates to mark your calendar:

December 19	Holiday Party
January 22	SRC Training (Aquatic Birds)
February 13	Valentine Party
May 15	Texas Day

FIFTH GRADE

By Dawn Soukup, Liaison

We made it through October and November and all of our events! Thank you to all who volunteered their help in this very busy time. Everything was a big success because of you! Here is what's coming up.

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.

Colonial Day – What a great day we had! The students had so much fun "shaking" their butter and learning about Colonial food, dipping candles, making quilt squares, learning about school-life, listening to Ben Franklin, punching tin plates, posing for silhouettes and playing Colonial games outside (what beautiful weather we had). Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who worked so hard. It was also nice to have the grandparents spend the day with the students. We appreciate it so much!

Fall Festival – Thank you to everyone who donated to the 5th grade class baskets. They created a lot of interest at the fall festival.

Nature Trails – Nature Trails is scheduled for January 20th (Kucala, Strahan, Weiman) and January 21st (McCain, Moreland/Launikitis, Russell, Zapalac). If you would like to volunteer to help with either day, you must attend a training session. The training dates are scheduled for November 20th and January 6th from 12:30 – 2:00pm. All trainings will be at the Nature Trails site, located at Milsap Elem. 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. Monica needs any pictures you have taken at the 5th grade events. Don't forget to send in the Kindergarten and baby pictures by November 25th! Watch the newsletters for dates of crop sessions.

Holiday Party – The Holiday party is scheduled for December 19th. The Homeroom Coordinators will be getting together soon to plan the party. If you would like to help them on the day of the party, please contact them.

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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We're thankful for our volunteers!

