Robious Middle School

November News

from the Principal's Desk...

Parents,

We have already completed a nine weeks of the 2010-2011 school year. I must take a moment to commend the decisions our students are making collectively. The year is off to a great start, although we are experiencing new challenges with larger class sizes, an increase in total enrollment, and a new construction project.

Every student and their family have now experienced the student led conference experience. We heard such positive feedback and also had a few concerns. We did send out a survey via email in order to make changes for our second student led conference in March.

Our fall athletic program finished up strong with a respectful showing on and off the field. I would like to congratulate our boy's soccer team for finishing up as regular season champs for the first time since I have been a raider. These type programs would not be possible without a dedicated staff and a responsible student body.

We will conduct our first "Design Principles Breakfast" on November 4th at 9:00 a.m. in our cafeteria. Students were nominated by our core and elective teachers based on our 10 design principles. The first breakfast will celebrate the following design principles: The Primacy of Self-Discovery and Diversity and Inclusion.

A person is a person because he recognizes others as persons – Desmond Tutu

Sincerely,

Javaid Siddiqi
Principal

The Robious Fall Book Fair was a huge success. Thanks to Melissa Cromwell and all of our wonderful parent volunteers. The profit will be used to purchase more books for the library program.

Many of our students participated in Spirit Day and Twin Day. Look for more Student Appreciation Days coming up this year!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP Robious Middle

MARTIN'S – A+ Rewards Program

Martin's will give 1% of all your purchases made between October 10th and March 19th to Robious! This could really add up for our school. To register your Martin's Bonus Card, go to http://www.martinsaplus.com/index.html and select our school as the recipient.

KROGER

You have to renew your shopping card with Kroger EVERY YEAR. To set up Robious as a designee, take this barcode with you the next time you go shopping. The cashier can scan the code and YOU ARE LINKED! (see attached letter with barcode)

FOOD LION

Easy to register on http://www.foodlionmvprewards.com/classroom_rewards/index.php Our school number is 218084

TARGET

Every time you use your Target card, 1% of the proceeds go straight to our school! Sadly, they only have 24 cards registered for RMS. Follow these easy steps to register your Target card:

- **Go to http://www.target.com/tcoe**
- **Click on Enroll**
- **Search for our school using our number 103492**
- **Complete your personal card information and you are linked.**

COKE REWARDS

Sign up Robious as a beneficiary on http://mycokerewards.com! Our school can earn points to redeem for art and sports equipment. Each bottle or can box has a code on it that you enter into the website for Robious Middle.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DROP YOUR LABELS AND BOXTOPS AT THE PTA WELCOME DESK!

BOX TOPS

Now you can turn your shopping trips into easy CASH for Robious Middle School. Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products in your grocery aisles such as Cheerios®, Ziploc® and Kleenex®. Clip them and send them in to the PTA Welcome Desk – each one is worth 10 cents! Deadlines for submissions are October 22nd and February 21st. For a complete list of products or to register online, log onto www.BoxTops4Education.com. Contact Mary Ward (maryward@verizon.net) or Dawn Siedlecki (dsiedlecki1@verizon.net) with questions. Thank you for your support!

EL Fundraising News

Mark you calendars for the 1st Annual Run for Robious! The event will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011. The proceeds from this 5K and fun run will help support K -8 Expeditionary Learning in our school community. Run or walk as an idividual, a team, a family or just for the fun of it. If you have any questions or want to help contact Mary Beth McCabe at 379-2611 or mccabeva@yahoo.com

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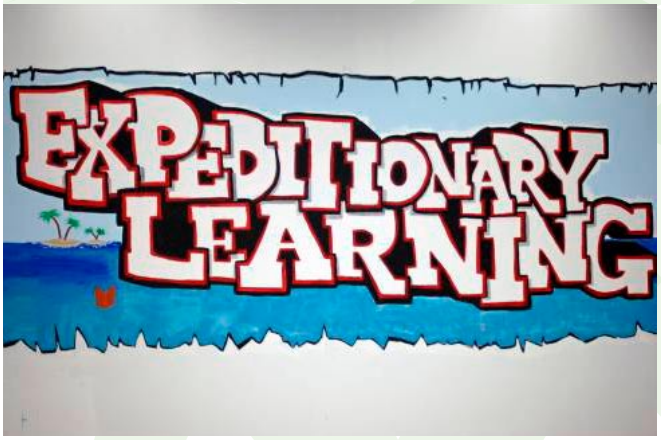

EL Mural

Current members of NATIONAL JUNIOR ART HONOR SOCIETY and potential members have joined with guest artist, Frank Engler and Mrs. Rickey to paint a large 6'x36' mural in the front commons area. "We wanted to capture an idea that touches on every student's experience at RMS. So what better idea than EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING", Frank Engler explained to the group on our first Saturday painting session. Art Teacher and NJAHS Sponsor Mrs. Rickey added, "You are all on this learning journey together, so let's show the school what happens along the way and where we (as your teachers and school community) want you to end up using visual metaphors of course!" This mural will last until the end of the school year.

The theme of the NJAHS Commons Mural is our Expeditionary Learning Voyage.

RMS Hat Day/Karaoke Contests

Mark your calendars for our next Student Appreciation event - Hat Day on November 19th, where students get to wear their favorite hats all day. Students can wear a goofy hat or their worn-in favorite. The Student Appreciation Committee will pass out candy during lunch and host karaoke contests. Does your child like to sing? Then send us an email and we'll invite them on stage during lunch to belt out a favorite tune on our karaoke machine. They can sing by themselves or with a friend. Please email their name and grade to khostetler16@verizon.net. All brave participants will receive gift cards for their performances.

RMS Canvas Bags for Sale

Are you starting a collection of canvas bags to use in stores instead of using plastic or paper? If so, you absolutely must have the latest, hottest bag in town - the RMS Raider Bag! It's bright red and generously sized at 20" wide x 16" high x 6" deep. It has large pockets on the side for your grocery lists and coupons and extra-long 28" shoulder straps. Purchase yours today for only $3! It makes a great gift for grandparents and friends! Please send in the order form below with your check made payable to Robious Middle School. The bags are in stock and will be sent home within a week via your student.

RMS Raider Bag Order Form

Name: _____

Student's Name & Grade:

_____

Crew Teacher: _____

_____ **Order Quantity x $3.00 = $**_____

(Please make checks payable to Robious Middle School. Enclose this order form and your check in an envelope marked "Groovy Green People: Raider Bag"

Brad Fleming, far right, and members of Troop 1893, hard at work

Outside Classroom

A Little Peace and Tranquility

Many thanks to Brad Fleming, a Boy Scout and senior at James River High School, who installed our new outdoor classroom as his Eagle Scout project. He and other friends and family from Troop 1893 spent a recent Saturday installing eight benches in the shade of the courtyard. Considering all the construction that is surrounding our school this year, the new classroom will provide a much-needed, tranquil area for classes that want to meet outside. (Can't you picture students sitting here as they contemplate their next writing assignment?) Thank you, Brad, for all of your hard work!

submitted by Kathy Hostletler

PTA News

Dear RMS Families,

It's hard to believe we have completed the first nine weeks, the time sure does fly! I hope your children have had a good start to their new school year and have enjoyed activities sponsored by the PTA.

Thank you to the many volunteers that have given their time and talents to enhance fun things for students and have helped our RMS teachers with needs that they have had. Your volunteerism really makes a difference in the quality of our school!

Thank you for supporting the RMS PTA with your donations to the Raider Fund and with your membership in the PTA. If you have not joined the PTA or contributed to the Raider Fund it is not too late. Each PTA membership is $5 and can be mailed to the school along with your name or dropped off in the office. Donations for the Raider Fund can be dropped off in the office or mailed to the school as well. Checks should be made out to the RMS PTA.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me at ramos3782655@yahoo.com or by phone at 378-2655.

Sincerely,
Debbie Ramos
RMS PTA President

RSVP

RSVP - Robious Student Volunteer Program - RSVP

How did you volunteer over the summer? Don't forget that you can turn in your RSVP form to your crew teacher on November 5th. For each grade, the student with the most hours from May 1, 2010 - October 29, 2010 will receive a gift certificate! Keep in mind, only eligible hours with an appropriate signature will count toward your total hours.

- What is considered eligible? Check out the RSVP link in the PTA Section on Edline.

- Where can I get another form? Forms are available in the rack near the main office door or you may print one from the RSVP section in Edline.

- If I turn my form in on November 5th, what do I do for the rest of the school year? If you turn in your May through October hours now, you may turn in additional hours on the following dates: February 4, 2011 or May 6, 2011

Questions: Contact Kris Branch at kabdcb2@yahoo.com or Susan McMullan at msmcmullan@verizon.net

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Student Appreciation Activities

Friday, Nov. 19 – Hat Day/Karaoke Contests

Students get to wear their favorite hat today throughout all classes. You can wear a goofy hat or your worn-in favorite! The Student Appreciation Committee will pass out candy during lunch and host karaoke contests.

Friday, Jan 21 – Sports Gear Day with After-school Party

Cheer on your favorite college or professional sports team while dressing head to toe in sports apparel. There will be games during lunch and an after-school party.

Thursday, Feb. 24 – Dinner and a Movie

Students are invited to CiCi's at Westchester Commons for a RMS-sponsored evening, followed by attendance at the movie of their choice at the Westchester theatre. Discount movie tickets will be sold in advance or can be purchased for full price at the door.

Friday, Apr. 29 – Mismatch Day & Evening Dance

Students are encouraged to wear different socks, shoes, and clothes that don't match today. Heaven forbid someone should wear blue with black!!! Oh, the horror! The Student Appreciation Committee will host games during lunch and there will be a school dance that night.

Friday, May 27 – Raiders for the Military Day with Lunch Outside

Students are encouraged to dress in their favorite camouflage clothes or red, white, or blue in honor of Memorial Day. The Student Appreciation Committee will pass out frozen treats during lunch.

Student Directory

Each year, the RMS PTA compiles a student directory and provides each Robious family a complimentary copy. Student's name, address, telephone number and parents' name WILL be included in the directory unless you specifically request otherwise. If you do NOT want your student's information included in the directory, please complete the Opt-out form under the PTA section of Edline.

If you are interested in advertising in the RMS Student Directory, there is still space available. Prices range from $25 for a business card size ad to $225 for the outside back cover. Please complete the Directory Ad Sales form under the PTA section of Edline if you would like to advertise.

If you have any questions, please contact Marietta Goldman at mgoldman16@comcast.net or Sandi Swaringen at 4vthokies@comcast.net.

Dances

Our first dance was held Oct. 15th and was it a great time! We had over 475 students attend the costume themed party. Fun was had by all with lots of snacks, dancing, games and so really great costumes. Thanks to the students who came as well as the parent volunteers, teachers, administrators and local companies who donated fabulous door prizes.

Mark your calendars for the remanining two student parties: The After School Sports Party will be held on Friday Jan. 21st from 3-5 and The Mismatch Dance on Friday, April 29th from 7-9.

Thanks again and we look foward to seeing you at the dance!

Cathie Ellis,Danielle Curran and MaryLee Alfano

Guidance News

Due to these difficult financial times, the Administration of Robious Middle school is aware that sometimes field trips, etc, can be costly. Whenever possible we can help out through teacher and PTA funds. It is not always possible, but please contact your child's counselor if ever there is a school related financial need we may be able to assist you with.

- **6th Grade Mrs. Thrower**
- **7th Grade Mrs. Mallory**
- **8th Grade Mrs. Farner or Blocher**
- **All CBG Mrs. Turner**

Chorus News

The Choral Department is busy gearing up for the holidays! The 6th and 7th Grade Choruses will present their Winter Concerts on Dec. 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm. The 8th Grade Chorus Concert will be on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be $2.00.

Congratulations to Caroline McMullan who was the winner of the "Guess the Candy Corn Contest."

7th Grade In-Depth Investigations

We have finished our first IDI of our expedition(The Choice is Yours) called "Choosing to take a stand" which was about the Civil Rights Movement. On November 3 and 4 the students will be going on field work using the Valentine Museum "Richmond's African American Heritage" tour. Students will be able to choose from a list of projects to reflect their understanding and knowledge of our exploring the Civil Rights Movement. Each student is typing a news article about the closing of the Prince Edward County public schools for 5 years in order to avoid intergration. Also each student will write a Civil Rights Poem and illustrate it.

We will begin our second IDI "Choosing to make a change" (about immigration to America in 1900"s) the second week of November. Ms. Eells, Ms Layman, Ms Flahive and Ms Coleman have enjoyed sharing our love of history with your child. We hope that your child comes home and shares all the interesting events we are studying this year.

Raider Fund Update

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of you who donated to the Raider Fund! At this time we have raised $13,466 toward our goal of $25,000, with 26% family participation. You can still show your Raider spirit by making your gift today! We will be collecting throughout the year, and we very much appreciate your support of the many programs that the PTA offers the faculty, students, and families of RMS. And, should we not make out goal by October 15th, we will hold another fundraiser in time for the holiday season. Thank you in advance for JOINING THE RAIDER FUND.

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Robious Middle School Recycling

You may never need that trash can again!

In addition to classroom recycling, RMS is participating in the following programs in order to teach the importance of recycling and save materials from the landfill. Families are encouraged to collect these materials at home and send them to school with your student. Any funds received from these programs will be used for green improvements at our school.

Aluminum Can Drive – On November 15, America Recycles Day, we will collect aluminum cans as our major Groovy Green People fundraiser of the year. Until then, please save and crush all aluminum cans at home. On the 15th, send the cans to school with your student in a plastic trash bag. (Due to space limitations, the cans can not be sent to school before this date.) If every student sends in just 20 cans we'll make over $400!

Plastic Bags – RMS is in a competition with other Chesterfield middle schools to see who can collect the most bags this school year. The winner receives a bench from Trex made out of composite materials. You will be amazed at how much your trash will decrease at home when you recycle these different plastic bags! Just send in the bags stuffed in another used plastic bag. There are collection boxes located throughout the school.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS:
[Note: All material must be clean and dry]
Plastic grocery bags
Plastic retail bags (remove string ties & rigid plastic handles)
Plastic dry-cleaning bags
Plastic cereal, bread, & produce bags (must be dry with ALL food residue removed)
Plastic wrap surrounding paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)
6-pack beverage holder rings

NOT ACCEPTED: Plastic zipper bags with rigid plastic closing mechanism or plastic food containers or bottles

Capri Sun-type drink pouches – drink your beverage, remove the straw, and put the pouch in the collection bin in the cafeteria. It's that easy! Pouches from home can be sent in as well.

Used Cellphones – All phones are accepted regardless of age or condition. The collection bin is on Mrs. Orrock's desk in the office.

The Green Generation

The time has come to look to the sky

The time has come to hear the Earth's Cry

As we drive another mile

We take another tile

From the well that protects us

So we know that we must

Pick up where we left off

So make no haste

And bring in your waste

So the children of tomorrow

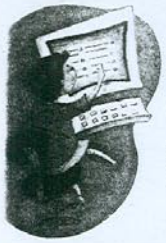
Can see what was here.

Today

By Greg Sweeney

8th Grade

Robious Middle



Kroger Plus Card for Education

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Kroger Plus Shopper's Card

Bar Code Registration Sheet

School Name Robious Middle School

Parents & Friends,

We are participating in the Kroger Plus Card for Education School Program. This program will provide much needed educational awards for our school at no cost.

Please take this notice to a local Kroger store and ask the cashier to scan the bar code along with your Kroger Plus Card. You only have to scan this bar code one time and you are registered to support our school. Once you have scanned your bar code, please pass this notice along to friends, neighbors and co-workers so they can also help us earn FREE educational awards.

Thereafter, scan your Kroger Plus Shopper Card every time you shop at Krogers between September 28, 2010 and April 25, 2011 and our school will electronically earn credit toward FREE educational awards.

Thank you for your support

Your Kroger Plus Card for Education Program Coordinator

PLEASE CUT THIS SHEET INTO FOUR ALONG THE DOTTED LINES AND DISTRIBUTE TO RELATIVES, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND CO-WORKERS.

Take this to Krogers and have the cashier scan the bar code, along with your Kroger Plus Card to help our school.

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