

The RamGram



Award Winning Newsletter of Robinson Secondary PTSA

November 2007

November 2007 at a Glance

Detailed information regarding many of these events can be found inside the RamGram ♦ See Robinson website for club event dates

Sunday, November 4	Major Works Concert – Grace Presbyterian Church – 4pm
Monday, November 5	Lost & Found Donation Date
Mon & Tues, November 5 & 6	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
Wednesday, November 7	Second Quarter Begins
Thursday, November 8	HS First Book Club Meeting – Library – 2:15 – 3:30pm
Friday, November 9	Progress Reports Mailed Home
Saturday, November 10	Senior Regional Orchestra Concert – Hayfield Secondary – 7:30pm
Monday, November 12	Touching Bases – 7:20 – 10:20am
	Four Hour Delayed Opening for Students
Tuesday, November 13	Academic Booster’s Meeting – Principal’s Conference Room – 7pm
	RBOPO Meeting – HS Band Room – 7pm
	PTSA Special Education Committee Mtg. – King’s Park Library – 7pm
Wednesday, November 14	PTSA Meeting – Media Center – 6:30pm
	Future Problem Solving – Sleepy Hollow ES – 7:30pm
Thursday, November 15	History Field Trip – Colonial Williamsburg – All Day
	Sweat Suit Order Forms Due – SS9 or Room E200
Friday, November 16	Combating Intolerance “Mix-it-up” Classes – Cafeteria – MS Lunches
Monday, November 19	Junior District Orchestra Auditions – Robinson – 4pm
	MS Robbie Book Club Meeting – Media Center Computer Lab
Wednesday, November 21	Two Hour Early Release for Students
	Last Day to Purchase MS Yearbook Packages
Thu & Fri, November 22 & 23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday, December 1	MS Brass Quintet Concert – Laurel Ridge Craft Fair
Tuesday, December 4	MS Band Winter Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Wed & Thu, December 5 & 6	HS Bands Winter Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Friday, December 7	MS Band/Orchestra Concert for 6th graders – Russell Theatre – 10am
Tuesday, December 11	Symphonic Band Tiny Tots Concert – Russell Theatre – 9:30am/11am
Thursday, December 13	HS & MS Orchestra Winter Concert – Russell Theatre – 7pm

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PTSA News

PTSA Special Education Committee Meeting - All are Welcome

The next PTSA Special Education Committee Meeting will be held November 13, 2007 at 7pm at Kings Park Public Library (9000 Burke Lake Road). The first half of our meeting will be devoted to Robinson PTSA special education affairs, such as planning for Inclusive Schools Week and the PTSA Delta scholarship. We will then be joined by our colleagues from Lake Braddock Secondary and West Springfield High School to begin planning our next "Pathways to Success: Alternatives to Four Year Colleges Resource Fair" to be held in May. If you are interested in any of these topics, you would be most welcome to attend! We would love more volunteers for these projects and anything else that might be of interest.

Questions? Contact Margaret Fisher (703) 968-2971 jrosenthal2@cox.net.

Kings Park Public Library

9000 Burke Lake Road ♦ Burke, VA 22105 ♦ Telephone: 703-978-5600



The Kings Park Library opened in October, 1972. It was expanded and renovated in 1992 and reopened in June 1993. This has always been a very busy community library and today is one of the two busiest in the system. Kings Park is known for its wonderful staff, enthusiastic public, and large volunteer force. The Friends of the Kings Park Library are a very active group, which generously supports branch activities. Service to children of all ages and their parents/caregivers has a high priority at the Kings Park Library.

- Karen Baxter, PTSA President

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Robinson Secondary General News

Touching Bases



Touching Bases will be held on Monday, November 12, 2007 from 7:20am until 10:20am at Robinson. This is the opportunity to have brief mini-meetings (approximately 3-5 minutes) with your child's teachers. No appointments are necessary and meetings will be on a first come/first served basis. Teachers will be located in the field house, cafeteria, and main hallway. Touching Bases was a huge success last year, so please come out again to support our teachers! Students will report to school four hours later than usual and follow a modified Blue Day schedule. Please note that school lunches will not be served on this day.

Drug Trends Today and How to Find Help

I hear about
drugs like ecstasy
on the news all the time,
but I don't really know
anything about
them.



Are you curious about what drugs teens are using today? Do you want to find help for a teen who is using drugs? If you answered yes to either of these questions please attend the PTSA Meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Lost and Found

Please check with your student to see if they have lost any clothing items since the beginning of school. All clothing items will be collected and donated to a charitable institution on each of the teacher workdays and at the end of the school year. Lost and Found items are located in Subschool Offices; PE locker rooms; and Administrative Office. Donation dates are: Nov 5, 2007; Jan 25, 2008; April 7, 2008; and June 23, 2008.

How to Start Your Own Future Problem Solving Team

Do you want your child to learn to think critically about something other than you? Come to Sleepy Hollow ES, 3333 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, on Wednesday, November 14th, 7:30 PM, and hear two experienced Future Problem Solving coaches, Sandy Evans and Sheila Asbury, explain how to organize a team for your child. Future Problem Solving teaches kids to research, analyze, identify problems, and propose creative solutions. It is open to 4th through 12th grade students. Students can enter as part of a small team or as individuals. They can be coached by teachers or by parents. The meeting, sponsored by the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted, is free and open to the public. For more information, call FCAG president Louise Epstein at 703-917-7960.



Sweat Suit Order Form

Due October 15th and November 15th ~ Turn in to Mrs. Faaborg's Mailbox (Sub School 9) or room E200

\$30 for sweatshirt, \$25 for pants (either style) \$50 for sweat suit combo



Hoodie Sweatshirt \$30 each
(White with gold lettering outlined in Blue)

Quantity

Small	
Medium	
Large	
Extra Large	
XXL	



Sweatpants Style 1 \$25 Each (Rams down left front leg)
Blue sweatpants with gold lettering outlined in white

Quantity

Small	
Medium	
Large	
Extra Large	
XXL	



Sweatpants Style 2 \$25 Each (Rams on the seat of pants)
Blue sweatpants with gold lettering

Quantity

Small	
Medium	
Large	
Extra Large	
XXL	

Student's Name: _____

3rd period class and room number: _____

Total Sweatshirts ordered (\$30 each): _____

Total Sweatpants ordered (\$25 each): _____

Total Due: _____

\$50 for sweat suit combo

*Please attach checks and make payable to Robinson Secondary School
Sweat suits will be distributed at the beginning of November and December to students 3rd period classes*

Middle School and High School Class News

Classes of 2012 & 2013: The View from the Middle School

Getting Positive Results with Positive Behavior Support (PBS)

Research has proven that positive results occur when behavioral expectations are presented and acknowledged in a positive manner. The middle school has embraced and implemented an incentive program to do just that! This program, known as Positive Behavior Support (PBS), encourages and recognizes students illustrating respect, honor and spirit in all settings. When students are recognized for their respectful, honorable or spirited behaviors, they are issued a RAM business card. The staff member issuing this card (teacher, Instructional Assistant, Bus Driver, Custodian, Food Services worker, Administrator, etc.) signs the card, circles the area of recognition and has the student record his/her name and grade. The student deposits this card into a drawing jar (housed in SS 7 and SS 8) for a weekly recognition drawing. So far this year, students have been rewarded with prizes such as a free entry into a home football game, free ice cream from the cafeteria during lunch, two dance/food combo tickets to the SGA dance, gift cards to Cold Stone Creamery and Target. What a great way to acknowledge the efforts put towards making good decisions and being a positive role model. These efforts help us to maintain a good atmosphere and positive climate in our school.

We ask your support in encouraging your child to continue to be a good citizen and a contributing member of the Robinson community. If you would like to make a donation or suggestion to the weekly drawing items, kindly contact PBS community liaison, Diane Burakow at 703-426-2348. If you would like more information regarding PBS, contact SS 7 Principal, Sharon Newcome at 703-426-2211 or via email at Sharon.newcome@fcps.edu.

Magazine Drive

The magazine drive has ended and we are getting our final totals. At this point, our gross income from magazine sales is \$43,400. We get to keep 40% of this, which is \$17,360. We will also be receiving 40% of the sales from the Reach Out booklets that were mailed to out of town friends and relatives. We do appreciate your help in raising this money which will go towards field trips, special class speakers, eighth grade day activities, technology and other equipment to enhance your students' educational experiences in Robinson Middle. A special thanks to Terry Thompson for all of her efforts in coordinating the magazine drive this year. Next month, we will share the list of all of her volunteers who helped make this year's drive a smooth operation.

Yearbook Packages

Yearbook Packages will only be available until Wednesday, November 21. The three packages are:

- ❖ Silver - \$36 = Award-winning Sentry yearbook and Mindscapes creative writing magazine
- ❖ Gold - \$40 = Award-winning Sentry yearbook plus a personalized nameplate and Mindscapes creative writing magazine
- ❖ Platinum - \$42(best value) = Award-winning Sentry yearbook plus a personalized nameplate, 8-page autograph supplement and Mindscapes creative writing magazine.

After Thanksgiving Break, packages will no longer be available and the price of the yearbook will increase. Order forms are available in the SS offices and Pat Hinman's room A223. Send in a check for the proper amount made out to Robinson. Turn in to the office or Mrs. Hinman.

...Continued Classes of 2012 & 2013

Middle School Guidance

In October, counselors presented information on Sexual Harassment Prevention to all seventh and eighth grade students. We encourage students to report any incident of sexual harassment or bullying to a trusted adult. We are also working with small groups of students on issues such as death of an immediate family member and social skills.

Congratulations to the 108 eighth grade students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on October 23. These students have a 3.75 GPA for seventh grade and demonstrate scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. They will tutor other middle school students in the GOAL program after school on Thursdays and participate in community service activities.

Please call your student's counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

After School Program Update



The word is getting out, after school programs are good for students, families and communities! Research indicates that participation in after school activities results in improved academic achievement, better relationships with peers and adults, and a feeling of connectedness to the school and community. In addition to teachers providing traditional academic assistance on designated days, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities and clubs that are enriching, educational, and fun

To date we have over 950 students registered, many of whom are eagerly participating in a variety of activities. We hope you received our first newsletter and calendar of activities in the interim mailing. Important contact numbers and program guidelines and rules were included.

Our program operates five days a week, with different activities and clubs offered each day. New activities currently being offered include soccer intramurals, a technology club featuring robotics, arts and crafts, a study hall for 7th graders, and a green thumb club to care for the school's plants and gardens. In the months to come, we will feature basketball, volleyball, forensic science, the American Red Cross babysitter's training class, and sessions provided by Paint Your Own Pottery. New club ideas are always welcome and we encourage students to contact Mrs. Aunon with ideas.

Please access detailed program information on the Robinson website, by selecting the middle school quick link. Here you will find a complete listing of all clubs and activities and descriptions, the registration form, schedules, and answers to frequently asked questions. In the near future, this program information will also be accessible via 24-7. Most of our activities are scheduled on late bus days (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays), although if your student chooses to stay for an activity on a Tuesday and/or Friday an additional parent permission slip specific to the activity must be turned in to Mrs. Anon prior to participation. Bus riders are not allowed to walk home on these days and parents must arrange for transportation home at the conclusion of the activity. Mrs. Aunon is also available during each lunch period to answer questions, distribute and collect forms, and to sign-up students for certain activities.

Please assist your student in selecting activities of interest and planning how to spend time after school. A balance of time spent receiving any needed instructional assistance from teachers along with participation in a few clubs and activities will result in a meaningful middle school experience.

Thank you for your continued support of the after school program at Robinson! Please contact Mary Aunon, After School Specialist, at 703-426-2339 or via email at Mary.Aunon@fcps.edu with any questions or concerns.

Class of 2008

Dear Students and Parents of the Class of 2008

Each year, a group of Robinson senior parents join together to plan a celebration lasting through the night after graduation. The purpose of this all-night party is to ensure our new grads celebrate in a safe and drug-free environment. Last year one high school in the area experienced the tragedy of losing a student to a car accident where alcohol was involved after graduation. Would the scenario have been different had she opted to attend her school's all-night graduation celebration? We can only hope so and that is why we are working so hard to provide a celebration where, for at least one night, they will be with close friends and classmates having fun; celebrating safely and without the assistance of drugs or alcohol.

How Did We Decide on the ESPN Zone:

Over 30 parents spent the summer taking "field trips" to and talking about changing things up this year and moving the celebration to the ESPN Zone in DC. This is a big departure from the old Wakefield location but we believe this is a terrific location to entertain nearly 600 students.

- ❖ **The site allows the kids to carry food & drinks throughout**
- ❖ **Theater area for just chill'n with friends and watching a movie**
- ❖ **Hoop-it-up in the basketball court**
- ❖ **Lots and lots of games including motorcycles, baseball, hockey**
- ❖ **There is a perfect spot for a dance floor**

If plans go as we are hoping, our fundraising efforts will enable us to not only have the party at this really cool place but to have several of the activities that everyone has come to love: casino, tattoos, caricature artists, and prizes. Transportation will be provided via chartered buses to ensure safe arrival to and from the ESPN Zone. Full details about the celebration will be provided well in advance of the party.

Having the party at this location means more than having a great celebration for the kids.

- ❖ **Parent volunteers will have more time with their families. In the past the ANGP has required hours and hours of volunteer time not only throughout the year but more importantly the day before and the day of**
- ❖ **Parents will not be hunting down donations of food to feed the grads**
- ❖ **Parents will not be retrieving rental trucks, hauling chairs, tables, decorations, receiving deliveries, etc.**
- ❖ **Fewer parent volunteers are needed (50 compared to over 200)**
- ❖ **Junior parents will not be requested to help setup or cover during graduation**
- ❖ **There is no 5 AM clean up**

What Can You Do:

Each year the ANGP has the daunting task of raising thousands of dollars to facilitate the celebration. Fundraisers are held and donations from the community are sought. We hope that you will see the value in this effort and support your ANGP committee by helping with fundraisers and making a donation.

If you are a business owner, or know of someone who might be willing to make a donation, we are a non-profit, 501 3 (c), organization. We will make sure tax deduction receipts are given. Our mulch sale is a key fundraiser. If you can help; sell, purchase or deliver please contact our chair Marilyn Stoney at marilynstoney@cox.net.

Please contact your ANGP chairs for more information.

Shelley Draheim

Jewell Mikulla

CHECK IT OUT! <http://espnzone.com/washingtondc/gallery/>

Boosters, Clubs and Departments

“Robbie Book Club” for Middle School

October 15th marked the kick-off party for the start of the “Robbie Book Club” (Middle School). We will be meeting every other Monday in the Media Center Computer Lab. Sign-up is ongoing, so students can join at any time. The selected book for the Oct. 29th is “Montmorency” by Eleanor Updale and for the Nov. 19th meeting “Inkheart” by Cornelia Funke. More information will be announced on Mondays in the Middle.

New Book Club for High School

Starting in November High School students will be invited to participate in an after school “Reader’s Club” with Mrs. Keith, one of our librarians. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th, in the library from 2:15-3:30. Late buses are available. This will be a first interest meeting and the group is encouraged to choose from a list of books, to be read for the rest of the school year. More information will be forthcoming on GMR.

VA Reader’s Choice Program for MS & HS

It is not too late to join the Virginia Reader's Choice Program! Students can come to the Library Media Center at any time and check out one of the 10 books in the program. If they read 4 or more books they qualify for a Pizza Party and prizes in the spring. Students who finish reading all 10 books will receive a book certificate from Barnes and Noble. All students will vote for their “favorite” book and results will be sent to Richmond for the final state voting.

History and Social Studies

US History Students Headed to Colonial Williamsburg

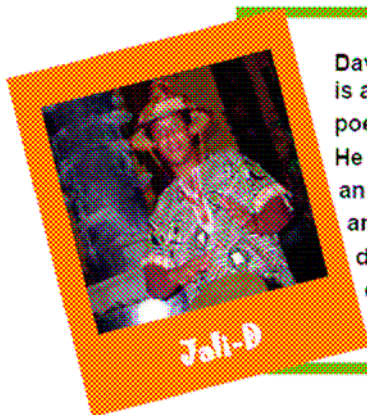
On November 15, 2007 all students enrolled in US/VA History, AP US History, and IB History of the Americas classes will be taking a field trip to Virginia’s Colonial capital. Students will spend the day enjoying a day in the life of our colonial ancestors as they examine the social, political, and economic aspects of the city, as they existed on the eve of the American Revolution.

Combating Intolerance Classes to “Mix-it-Up”

On Friday, November 16th, students enrolled in the high school Combating Intolerance classes will encourage middle school

Library Media Center

Jali-D came to Robinson on October 24th and performed for selected 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. Sponsored by the Library Media Center and the PTSA, Jali-D helped Robinson celebrate “Teen Read Week”. The message of reading, mathematics, and vocabulary building were enjoyed with the beat of the drum. Thanks again to the PTSA for their support.



David Foreman, a.k.a. Jali-D, is a percussionist and performance poet originally from Washington, D.C. He is the creator of “Rapperpercussions” an art form that combines intelligent and educational rap with African-style drumming. Using rhymes, Jali-D explores the use of words in learning and achieving.

students to break down social barriers by participating in activities designed to “mix-it-up” in the cafeteria. This event is part of an awareness campaign developed by the class in an effort to highlight the negative effects of bullying and promote a positive school climate.

Mathematics

The Robinson Mathematics Department, with the support of the Robinson Academic Boosters, will once again sponsor the AMC 10 and AMC 12 math competitions. The AMC exams are competitive mathematics contests for high school students. The contests take place the morning of February 12, 2008. Students need to pre-register through their math teacher during the month of January. Please watch for announcements on Good Morning Robinson, ask your math teacher, or contact Bob Collidge (Robert.Collidge@fcps.edu) for more information.

Robinson Band and Orchestra Parents Organization (RBOPO)

Senior Regional Orchestra

Congratulations to each of the three HS Band and Orchestra students from Robinson selected for the 2007 Senior Regional Orchestra. These exceptional musicians will be participating in

the Senior Regional Orchestra rehearsals and concert on November 10 at Hayfield Secondary School.

- ❖ Kristofer Monson, Violin
- ❖ Jenna Hunter, Flute
- ❖ Daniel Shim, Violin

Marching Rams - Grand Champions



The Marching Rams have had an active (and warmer than usual) fall season. In addition to performing at all home football games, Robinson's band of nearly 200 strong mobile musicians have competed in two marching invitational competitions to date in 2007. In these contests, the Rams have competed against 46 other high school bands, outscored them all and in both competitions returned home with the overall Grand Champion trophies. In addition, they have been awarded best music, best marching, best general effect and best color guard in their divisions. The band's final competition took place at Battlefield High School on October 27 where they performed at the VBODA state marching festival for ratings, as a part of the Virginia Honor Band program. All members and supporters of this year's edition of the Marching Rams would like to express their sincere appreciation to **Interstate Van Lines** for their support in providing storage and transportation for the show props used in "An American Salute".



Holiday Gifts

RBOPO is again selling White House Ornaments and Robinson Ornaments. Both ornaments are beautiful and make a very nice gift for the holidays. For graphics and ordering instructions visit the RBOPO Store on our website,

www.robinsonband.org/rbopostore.html or see a Band or Orchestra student nearest you.

Music, Music Everywhere

As fall takes hold, Robinson Band and Orchestra students are practicing hard and tuning up for an exciting assortment of upcoming performances and concerts. From small group ensembles to the Winter Concert series, and from a busy Russell Theatre to several community venues, you'll be able to hear great music while supporting the Robinson Rams. Also, thanks to the generosity of the supporters of the RBOPO, you'll notice that the Middle School Band and Orchestra will be debuting their new concert uniforms. Mark your calendars now and start tapping your toes as highlights of upcoming events include:

- ❖ Nov. 4: HS Chamber Ensemble accompanies Robinson Choirs in their Major Works Concert at Grace Presbyterian Church at 4 pm
- ❖ Nov. 10: Senior Regional Orchestra Concert Hayfield Secondary at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Dec. 1: MS Brass Quintet performs at the Laurel Ridge Craft Fair
- ❖ Dec. 4: MS Bands Winter Concert in the Russell Theatre at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Dec. 5/6: HS Bands Winter Concerts in the Russell Theatre at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Dec. 7: Advanced Orchestra, Symphonic Band and MS Jazz Band serenade next year's seventh graders in the Russell Theatre
- ❖ Dec. 11: Symphonic Band Tiny Tots Concert in the Russell Theatre with two shows at 9:30 & 11:00 am
- ❖ Dec. 13: Winter Concerts for all High School & Middle School Orchestras at 7:00pm in the Russell Theatre

In addition to a busy month of performances, several Robinson and Regional groups are kicking off their seasons with auditions and rehearsals. The HS Jazz Bands are getting into the "swing" of things with practices beginning Nov. 8 with repeats on Tuesdays thereafter. Robinson Philharmonic rehearsals begin on Nov. 14, Junior District Orchestra auditions will take place at Robinson on Nov. 19th and All-District Band auditions will follow on Jan. 5, 2008. For information and sign-up, see your directors and please volunteer to help host all those visiting district musicians (and earn service hours too).

www.RobinsonBand.org

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www.RobinsonOrchestra.org



You have a special invitation to visit our award-winning websites, packed with information and photos of our students. And to all of the volunteers who tirelessly help to make the Robinson Band and Orchestra programs a continuing success, thank you for your dedication and

support. Please attend our next RBOPO Meeting at 7 p.m., November 13, in the HS Band Room. See you there or at any number of the exciting musical events happening around Robinson. Go Rams! Rich Kurz, rbopo@robinsonband.org



Abuse is No Excuse



How would you know if your child was in an abusive relationship? Do you know how would address such a situation? The simple fact is, as kids become teenagers and enter middle school, they are left to face new situations on their own. As dating becomes the norm in middle and high school, it is up to the parents to sit down with their kids and talk about healthy relationship. 54% of parents

admitted that they have not spoken to their children about dating abuse and less than 25% of teens said that they have talked to their parents about dating violence. This school year, our Public Relations DECA Chapter Project is about promoting awareness about abuse in teen relationships. Surveys show that 1 in 4 women will experience some form of abuse in their lifetime. Unfortunately, these numbers could be greatly reduced if there was better communication between teenagers and their parents.

Although it is not easy to discuss topics such as drugs and sex, it is still the parent's responsibility to talk with their kids about what is and is not acceptable in a relationship. Talk to your teens about their relationships and establish realistic guidelines/expectations about dating even if they have not begun. Teach them to be assertive and to stand up for themselves. Also talk to them about problem solving and compromise in their relationships – it is never okay to be aggressive or disrespectful towards a boyfriend/girlfriend. Above all, teach your teen to have self-respect. Many abusers use mental tactics with which they make their partner feel as if no one would want them. Let your teen know that he/she does not have to allow himself/herself to be in such a situation. Make your teenager feel comfortable coming to you with their problems and questions.

For handbooks and suggestions on how to talk to your teen about healthy and unhealthy relationships, go to www.loveisnotabuse.com.



Written by: Pauline Asenso and Jessica Betourd, Robinson DECA Public Relations Project Directors, 2007-08

Academic Booster's



Did you know that less than .02% of Robinson Families are members of Academic Boosters-we need your family to join for just \$15 a year to support the various awards and special events Academic Booster's provide to encourage ALL students to do their best! Please take a moment and join Academic Booster's by filling out the attached membership form and mail it in to school, if you haven't already done so.

One of the projects we are most proud of are the \$1,000 Genovese Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Academic Improvement that are given out each year to deserving seniors. These scholarships are given in memory of Jean Genovese who was a president of the Academic Boosters and passed away in 2000. Our only fundraiser for this scholarship is at the Athletic Boosters Yearly Golf Tournament that was held on October 22. We appreciate the support of the Athletic Boosters and all the Golfers that came out and donated directly to the scholarship fund! We also are indebted to the following volunteers who took time to encourage donations and good natured competition among the golfers on behalf of the Academic Boosters. Thanks to Lorelei Allen, Danelle Perkowski, Kathy Morris, Gail Hogan, Sharon Brown, Fritz & Janet Heinzen, Margaret Pugh, Pam Brouder, Carol Lieske, Sherry Keenan, Carolyn Christian, Stephanie Mickler and last but not least, our very own Nancy Heck who spends many hours with both Athletic and Academic Boosters to ensure that things run smoothly!

We are also pleased to provide the pins, bars and certificates that over 300 sophomores, juniors and seniors received at the Academic Letter Ceremony on October 23. What a great group of students to earn the high honor of an Academic Letter, another source of Ram Pride!

Our meetings are always open and always kept to an hour or under (what a deal!), so if you want to hear what we do or what volunteer opportunities might fit your schedule, feel free to come join us on Monday, November 12, 7 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room.

Please don't hesitate to contact Shari Bedker, President, sharimomcpa@cox.net on how you can get involved or if you have any questions.

Dedicated to the academic growth and success of all students

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

In June 2000, Robinson High School earned the first Sallie Mae Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence. We, at Robinson, pride ourselves on our high achievements, balancing athletics, activities and academics, to develop well-rounded, successful students.

To continue this tradition of excellence, the Academic Booster Club pledges to support the academic achievement of all students at Robinson Middle and High Schools.

JOIN TODAY!

Your Support Is Needed!



The Jean Genovese Memorial Scholarship

In May, 2002, Jean Genovese, President of the ABC, passed away from cancer. Jean gave countless hours of her time to Robinson SS. In her memory, the ABC has established a Senior Scholarship.

2006-07 ABC Meeting Dates:

Mondays
Sept. 10 Nov. 12
Jan. 14 Mar 10
May 12

7 – 9 p.m.

at Robinson Secondary
School

Officers

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Treas: VACANT
Newsltr: VACANT

Faculty Advisor: Rick Mondlach
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ROBINSON ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB Fall '07 Membership Form

Student(s) Name(s) _____ Grade _____
_____ Grade _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____
E-mail address (for newsletter mailing) _____

Membership:

\$15

Additional contributions (any amount is appreciated)

Total: _____ (tax deductible)

**** Please make checks payable to: Robinson Academic Booster Club ****

Jean Genovese Memorial Scholarships (for HS Senior)

_____ (tax deductible)

****Please make scholarship checks payable to Robinson S.S., note: Genovese Scholarship**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(Please check if you are interested)

- ___ Newsletter and Website Support Chair – publish newsletter 3times/yr and establish and maintain website on Robinson Secondary School.
- ___ New Teacher Welcome – September; distribute letter of welcome to new teachers.
- ___ Subject Awards Pizza Party – October; help organize pizza lunch for H.S. students
- ___ Middle School Honor Roll Ribbons – help order, put name stickers on ribbons, 3 times/yr.
- ___ Freshman All-A Honor Roll Breakfasts – send out letters, purchase donuts/bagels and juice, bring to school for a.m. breakfast, 3 times/year
- ___ Exam Proctors – Feb. and Mar., proctor high school math and/or language exams
- ___ Science Fair Reception – call parents from list to bring food; attend fair and host food table; January
- ___ Senior Academic Letter Awards Breakfast – March; organize coffee/muffins for reception
- ___ Golf Tournament and Silent Auction – October; coordinate with Athletic Boosters to participate in Golf Tournament fundraiser in September—help out with our biggest fundraiser!
- ___ As Needed-help on an “on-call” basis
- ___ Volunteer Coordinator-contact volunteers

***PLEASE** consider becoming an officer for our vacant positions!*

It only takes about 4 hours per month! Contact any existing officer for information.

****Return to: Academic Booster Club, Robinson Secondary School,
5035 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032**

SGA Thank You!



The Robinson SGA would like to thank the Robinson community, teachers, staff, and students for a wonderful Homecoming week! Even with the last-minute changes necessary because of the rain, we were able to host a successful Taste of Robinson event that brought the community together. All events that week were successful; the Variety Show, Powder Puff (congratulations to the senior class), Locker Bay Decorations, Taste of Robinson, and the dance all met with great crowds.

This week would not have been possible without the dedication of our hard-working SGA students and the support of the entire school. Thank you! Keep your eyes open for information about a community service project this November, as well. The SGA is extremely interested in reaching out to our surrounding community. If you have ideas, please contact either Eileen Noonan (eileen.noonan@fcps.edu) or Geoff Noto (geoffrey.noto@fcps.edu).

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