

The RamGram



Award Winning Newsletter of Robinson Secondary PTSA

AUG/SEPT 2007

August/September 2007 at a Glance

Detailed information regarding many of these events can be found inside the RamGram ♦ For more club events, see the "Clubs Calendar" on the PTSA website.

Tuesday, August 21	RBOPO Marching Rams Parents' Meeting – HS Band Room – 7pm
Mon - Tue, Aug 27 - 28	RamGardens Pre-Open House Clean-up – Front Entrance – 5pm - 8pm
Wednesday, August 29	MS & HS Locker Distribution – Locker Bays – 9am - 1pm
	MS & HS PE Uniforms Sold – Gym – 9am - 1pm
	MS & HS Cafeteria Accounts – Gold Cafeteria – 9am - 1pm
	MS & HS Clinic Staff Available to Accept Medications – Clinic – 9am - 1pm
	MS & HS Family Registration for Keep in Touch & 24/7 Parent View – 9am - 1pm
	MS Locker Distribution/Cafeteria Accounts/PE Uniforms – MS – 4pm - 7pm
Thursday, August 30	HS New Student Orientation Parents & Students – Russell Theatre – 9am - 9:30am
	HS New Student Orientation Parents – Russell Theatre – 9:30am - 11am
	HS New Student Orientation 9 th Grade Students – Davala Hall – 9:30am - 11am
	HS New Student Orientation 10 th Grade Students – Blue Cafeteria – 9:30am - 11am
	HS New Student Orientation 11 th Grade Students – Media Center – 9:30am - 11am
	HS New Student Orientation 12 th Grade Students – Recital Hall – 9:30am - 11am
	HS Locker Distribution – Locker Bays – 9am - 1pm
	HS PE Uniforms Sold – Gym – 9am - 1pm
	HS Cafeteria Accounts – Gold Cafeteria – 9am - 1pm
	HS Clinic Staff Available to Accept Medications – Clinic – 9am - 1pm
	HS Family Registration for Keep in Touch & 24/7 Parent View – 9am - 1pm
	PTSA General Membership Meeting – Media Center – 3pm
Friday, August 31	MS Orientation (7 th & New 8 th Graders) Parents – Blue Cafeteria – 9am - 11am
Friday, August 31	MS Orientation 7 th Graders – Russell Theatre – 9am - 11am
Tue - Fri, Sept 4 - 7	MS Orientation New 8 th Graders – Davala Hall – 9am - 11am
	HS & MS PE Uniform Sales/Cafeteria Accounts/Clinic Medications/Locker Distribution "Make-Up Days"
Monday, September 10	DRAMA HS Fall Production Auditions – 2:30pm
	DRAMA Booster General Membership Meeting – Russell Theatre – 7pm
Saturday, September 15	RBOPO Band & Orchestra TAG Day
Sat - Sun, Sept 15 - 16	All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) 2008 Fundraiser CRAFT FAIR
Monday, September 17	CREW Novice Interest Meeting – Recital Hall – 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 19	MS Back-to-School Night
Monday, September 24	RBOPO Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions – Jeb Stuart HS
Mon - Tues, Sept 24 - 25	HS School Pictures
Wednesday, September 26	HS Back-to-School Night
Wed - Thu, Sept 26 – 27	MS School Pictures
Thursday, September 27	PTSA Volunteer Coffee – Media Center – 10am
Saturday, September 28	RBOPO Marching Band Competition – TBA
Friday, October 5	DRAMA TheatreSports Competition – Russell Theatre – 7pm
Tuesday, October 11	MS Principal/Parent Coffee – Davala Hall – 7pm
Saturday, October 14	Great Harvest/PTSA Fundraiser – Great Harvest Bread Company, Burke – 11am - 5pm
Wednesday, October 17	PSAT
Tue - Wed, Oct 30 - 31	Health Screening
Friday, November 2	PTSA Reflections Entry Deadline
Saturday, November 3	CREW Round Robinson Run 5K

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual PTSA Community Candidate's Forum (Late October)

JOIN PTSA TODAY ♦ Aug/Sept 2007 ♦ Robinson PTSA Newsletter ♦ 1 ♦ JOIN PTSA TODAY
James W. Robinson Secondary ♦ 5035 Sideburn Road ♦ Fairfax VA 22030

From the Desk of the President...

Dear Robinson Community,

I'd like to welcome all returning and new students, parents, staff and faculty! And to the Class of 2013, we are so glad to have you with us!

Parents, students and staff, you are the reason that our school is such a great place. All of us working together is what allows us to achieve great things for our students. Every individual has something to contribute to our school that will enrich our students' experience and help make Robinson an even greater place to learn and grow.

Getting involved means staying informed. I'd like to take this opportunity to challenge everyone to become a proactive part of Robinson. There truly is something for everyone here at Robinson. Take the time and get involved.

Please call or e-mail me or any PTSA Board member with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with all of you this year. Robinson succeeds because of all of you. Go Rams!

- Karen Baxter, PTSA President

Robinson Secondary School

PTSA

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The Mission of the PTSA

To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children

To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children

To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation

The Purposes of the PTSA

To promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship

To raise the standards of home life

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education

Robinson PTSA Executive Board 2007-2008

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If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the chair directly, or sign up online through KEEP IN TOUCH. We welcome your participation.

PTSA News

Robinson Volunteer Program

All volunteers, new and returning, are requested to sign up on "Keep in Touch:"

<https://fcps.mediannext.com/robinsonss/start.html>. You must update your information every year!



Volunteer Opportunities 2007 - 2008

Below are lists of volunteer opportunities for the 2007-2008 school year.

CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS:

- ❖ Publicity
- ❖ Reflections Co-chair
- ❖ Health and Safety

OPENING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Subschool – Help staff with locker assignments, form collection/filing and orientation (Aug. 29 HS & MS; Aug. 30 HS Only)
- ❖ P.E. Uniforms – Sell shirts/shorts to students prior to opening of school (Aug. 29, 30) & during PE first week school (Sept. 4, 5, 6, 7)
- ❖ Welcome "NEW TO AREA Families" – (Aug. 30, 31) – Help provide refreshments and/or greet new HS students and parents – BOTH students and parent volunteers needed! (Aug. 30 = HS; Aug. 31 = MS)

SHORT TERM:

- ❖ School Pictures (Sept. 24, 25 = HS; Sept. 26, 27 = MS) – Assist photographer as needed.
- ❖ Health Screening (Oct 30, 31) Vision or Hearing Testing (nurses/therapists with audiometer experience needed)
- ❖ PSAT Reservations – Assist Career Center w/student registration Sept. 26 = HS Back-to-School 6:30-8:30pm; during lunch periods 10:30-12:45 (TBD)

- ❖ Academic Letter Awards (TBD) – Bake/organize afternoon (2:45) reception for HS recipients of school academic letter
- ❖ Thanksgiving Lunch Helpers (Nov.) – Assist cafeteria staff with serving turkey lunches
- ❖ Student Art Show (May) Bake for reception and/or Setup/Take Down student art work
- ❖ Exam Proctor (Feb./Mar.) – Proctor HS Math and/or Language exams

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY:

- ❖ Magazine Drive – (Sept.-Oct.) – Very important fundraiser! Help with prize distribution and/or daily order tallying
- ❖ 8th Grade End-of-Year Party – Assist staff, if requested, with decoration, set-up or food serving
- ❖ Middle School Yearbook (Late May/early June) – Assist staff with yearbook distribution.
- ❖ Middle School TEAM Helper – assist a team with clerical work, e.g. copying
- ❖ Sunshine Club – Help plan events for the MS teachers

REGULAR:

- ❖ Clinic – Assist clinic aides with sick & injured students and paperwork – weekly/biweekly. Training session required
- ❖ Media Center Aide – Assist with library duties ½ day, weekly, biweekly, (pick the day of week)

WHEN NEEDED:

- ❖ Call Me If Needed Committee – Short notice activities, and when we run short of volunteers

PTSA COMMITTEES:

- ❖ Hospitality – Bake/cook for PTSA activities, such as Subschool coffees & activities, Teacher appreciation, Art Show, etc.
- ❖ RamGram Newsletter Production
- ❖ RamGarden Landscaping – Help with Robinson's lovely front garden and other beautification activities.
- ❖ Scholarship Committee – award PTSA scholarships to deserving

scholarship candidates (9th, 10th and 11th grade parents only)

- ❖ Special Education
- ❖ Robinson Community Coalition

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

- ❖ Odyssey of the Mind Program – be a coach (chaperone) for a group of MS/HS students in this creative, problem-solving program
- ❖ Volunteers for sports, choral and band, drama events (sign-up with each group)
- ❖ Career Center (Call or visit center for sign-up)

When you sign up on "Keep in Touch," we will contact you via email or phone to confirm the event you have signed up for. There are times when there is a limit on the number of volunteers needed. If you really want to do a particular event, please contact the volunteer coordinator directly. Thanks for your support!

This Year... Volunteer!

Robinson Volunteer Program

Help the school...
Meet other parents and staff...
Learn your way around the halls of Robinson...

Visit Robinson PTSA website:

www.robinsonptsa.org

to learn about volunteer opportunities

PTSA VOLUNTEER COFFEE

Thursday, September 27, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Media Center

Come and join us!



Any questions, call Sharon Brown, Volunteer Coordinator, [703-385-2649](tel:703-385-2649)

RamGardens



This has been the driest summer that I can remember, and it has taken a toll on the plants and landscape at Robinson, everything except the weeds, that is.

The Ram Gardens Committee will be holding a pre-Open House garden clean-up on both Monday and Tuesday evenings (27 and 28 August) from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. We'll meet at the front entrance of the school. Please bring your garden tools and gloves.

Also - I would like to personally thank Betsy Beyler, MS ESOL Teacher, for spending countless evenings at Robinson watering the MS gardens. Without her help, the plants would not have survived this dry summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Steffen, (703) 250-0920 or e-mail: bcsteffen@hotmail.com.

2007-2008 PTSA General Membership Meeting

The Robinson PTSA will be holding our first 2007-2008 General Membership Meeting on August 30th at 3pm in the Media Center. All are welcome.



Our elected school board members recently decided to discuss the parameters for Transportation Re-engineering and to involve stakeholders (teachers, coaches, parents and others). To inform the discussion, the FCPS staff presented a "Transportation Primer on Transportation Bell Schedules" and a set of "Parameters to be Decided." You can access these documents via www.SLEEPinFairfax.org, along with an online petition, links to sleep

research and FAQ's related to this issue.

2007-2008 PTSA Reflections for All Robinson Students



The Robinson PTSA will once again sponsor the Reflections program this year. Reflections is a national arts recognition and achievement program for students.

The theme this year is "I Can Make A Difference By...". Students, think of how you can make a difference and what it means to you. Then create and submit an entry in any of six art areas. The categories are: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Literature, Dance Choreography, and Video/Film Production.

The competition begins at the individual school level and then progresses to a council, district, state, and national level. The competition is judged at both the middle and high school levels. First place Robinson winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Borders and will advance to the Council competition. All students honored at awards ceremony in March. **Deadline for entries will be Friday, November 2.** All entries should be submitted to the Main Office.

A complete set of rules are available in the sub-school offices, the Main Office and at www.robinsonptsa.org For more information, please contact Stacy Russell at 703-503-7967 or srussellcoo@aol.com.



Baker's Needed: October 14th, from 11am - 5pm for a Robinson PTSA fundraiser at Great Harvest Bread Company in Burke! We need all of you to participate and help our school. If you would like to volunteer please e-

mail Maria Bray at Brays4RHS@att.net. Everyone is needed to really make this a great success. There is plenty for all to do.

6th Annual PTSA Community Candidate's Forum

Robinson PTSA will be sponsoring our 6th Annual PTSA Community Candidate's Forum in late October 2007. This is your opportunity to meet the local candidates, hear their position on issues important to our community and have your questions answered. More information will be available in September.

Robinson Rams PTSA Legislative Network

Join the Robinson's PTSA Legislative Network today. Network members will assist the PTSA in contacting elected officials and making them aware of Robinson PTSA's concerns, issues and requests; thereby, furthering the mission and purposes of the Robinson PTSA. There are no traditional meetings; all correspondence will be handled through emails. A unique volunteer opportunity!

Sign Up Today! Email the below information to Terry Matlaga Bell and Kevin Bell at tmatlaga@yahoo.com and be part of this unique Robinson opportunity.

Robinson Rams PTSA Legislative Network

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Cell # (optional): _____

Proposed Legislative Program

After each session of the General Assembly, the state PTA Legislation Committee drafts a preliminary program based on suggestions received from PTA members and other organizations, action taken by the General Assembly, and convention resolutions from the past four years. After much discussion on the local, district and state levels, the VA Board of Managers approves a proposed program, which is sent via the local PTA unit to all local unit members for membership approval.

The Proposed Legislative Program (PLP) can consist of legislative action items (LAI), policy statements (PS), position

statements, and convention resolutions. The 2008 Virginia PTA PLP consists of one policy statement (PS). [Policy statements are on general issues and may be issued as the basis for addressing issues before the General Assembly, Virginia Board of Education, or other appropriate agencies.]

Robinson Secondary will vote on the 2008 Proposed Virginia PTA Legislative Program during Robinson's Back-to-School Nights, September 19 and September 26. Voting will take place during first period class visitation. Additionally, High School PTSA Student Voters will also have an opportunity to vote on the PLP in late September. Questions on the VA PTA can be addressed to Terry Matlaga Bell, tmatlaga@yahoo.com or Kevin Bell, khbelle@yahoo.com.

2008 Virginia PTA Proposed Legislative Program

Policy Statement (PS) – Virginia PTA supports policy to allow distance and online learning through Virginia DOE approved coursework for credit for K-12 students who are homebound, incarcerated, or in alternative placement.

Rationale:

PTA has long held a position of support to expand educational opportunities for all children to reach their fullest potential. As technology changes, Virginia PTA believes that educational opportunities should be offered through the most innovative means possible.

In the past, incarcerated students and those at home or in alternative programs did not have access to most innovative educational programs. Many courses that were previously offered through correspondence courses are now offered only online or in distance learning labs.

In 2007 the law changed to allow online courses for K-12 students. The Virginia PTA supports this change in policy and encourages more innovative learning opportunities.

2007 VA PTA Educational/Legislative Conference: Recap



Longwood University provided an excellent location for the new and returning PTA leaders to participate in the Virginia PTA Educational and Legislative Conference.

Conference legislative highlights included receiving a General Assembly update, and the Legislators Perspective on the Virginia PTA legislative agenda as well as participating in a workshop to increase awareness of who actually has the responsibility for educational policy and administration on the Federal, State and local levels.

The PTA Educational portion of the conference was devoted to many different program sessions for PTA executive officers.

Other program sessions including discussing initiatives that PTAs can participate in such as seeking grants, strategic planning, and parental involvement. Robinson Secondary was one of the first participants in the Parental Involvement: Building Successful Partnerships Workshop Program where we were able to highlight our wonderful programs at Robinson.



Lastly, Robinson Secondary School PTSA was honored by the Virginia PTA as the 2007 secondary/high school recipient of the Silver Award for Outstanding PTA Newsletter. If you would like additional information on the conference programs presented at this conference, please email Terry Matlaga tmatlaga@yahoo.com

Robinson Secondary General News

18TH ANNUAL ROBINSON'S

**ARTS & CRAFTS
SHOWCASE**

PRODUCED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
NORTHERN VIRGINIA HANDCRAFTS GUILD

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 15 - 10 TO 4

&

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 16 - 11 TO 3



\$3.00 ENTRANCE FEE
(CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE)



ROBINSON HIGH SCHOOL
5035 SIDEBURN ROAD, FAIRFAX, VA
(2 BLOCKS SOUTH OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY)

JURIED ARTISANS/GUILD MEMBERS

UNIQUE ARTS AND CRAFTS GIFTS

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CLASS OF 2008 ALL-NIGHT GRAD PARTY

Middle School and High School Class News

Classes of 2011 & 2013: The View from the Middle School

WELCOME

Welcome to Robinson Middle School! We all look forward to working with you this year. We also look forward to seeing you at our **Back-To-School Night on Wednesday, September 19** and invite you to attend the **Principal/Parent Coffee on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 in Davala Hall**. Please look for our column in the Ram Gram and check the weekly posted Ram Blast on our web page for updated information on what is going on for your students here in the middle school at Robinson.

We start this school year with the high school football season already underway! Come out and enjoy some great high school football and also wonderful halftime performances by our award winning high school marching band. Please remember that all middle school students and younger children must be accompanied by an adult to be admitted to our home games.

Middle School Yearbook Information

A letter and order form was included in the August mailing regarding the 2008 Robinson Middle School Sentry yearbook. There are three packages available ranging from the base price of \$36 to \$42 which includes a nameplate and autograph pages. Fewer books have been ordered this year so students are encouraged to reserve their copy now before the prices go up. The order form and check may be mailed to school, sent in with a student or brought in on one of the days that students will be picking up schedules and locker assignments. Also, the newspaper and yearbook are interested in both summer and sports photos of Robinson Middle School students. You may send in identified photos with your yearbook order or send JPG digital files to patricia.hinman@fcps.edu.

Middle School Magazine Drive



The Magazine Drive is the Middle School's only fundraiser and will begin just as soon as school starts. Please keep an eye out for the magazine packets that will come home with the students. Magazine Drive funds directly benefit student and teacher needs.

Class of 2013 Sponsors Note



Hi 2013 parents! We are your 7th grade subschool coordinators and we are excited about this upcoming year. **Middle School Locker Distribution Day is Wednesday, August 29th from 9am-1pm**. We will be available then with a sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities. We are looking forward to a great year. Thanks!

Tara Day: daymomx3@yahoo.com or 703.426.9292
Val Criman: criman@cox.net or 703.426.9255

Boosters, Clubs and Departments

EXPERIENCE

ROBINSON CREW

www.robinsoncrew.com



Attend our novice interest meeting on **Monday, September 17, 2007** at 7:30pm in the Recital Hall.

Robinson Crew:

- ❖ Is a co-ed varsity spring sport (mid-February through May) *open to ALL high school students!* No experience required! Varsity rowers can letter!
- ❖ Requires a dedicated athlete willing to work hard. **Daily after-school practices are local** at nearby Sandy Run Park, Occoquan, VA about a 20 minute drive from Robinson! Regattas are on Saturdays.
- ❖ Has a winning tradition! In 2007 alone, Robinson boats medaled (1st & 2nd) at the Virginia State Rowing Championship, had six rowers named as Washington Post ALL-METs, & had a rower invited to participate in the junior national team selection camp. Robinson rowers continue to earn college rowing scholarships to some of the most prestigious rowing programs in the country.



Visit the Robinson Crew website for additional information about crew and joining the team or email/call our membership chairperson, Ellie Oakley, at eOakley@cox.net // 703-239-9321.

Mark your calendars for the 'Round Robinson Run 5K Run on **Saturday, November 3, 2007**. Check our website, www.robinsoncrew.com for registration information and details.



'Round Robinson 5k Run

Become an Athletic Booster! Order Season Tickets!

If you're a sports parent, or a fan of Robinson Sports, this year you can order your season tickets to athletic events, and become an Athletic Booster at the same time! Additional benefits come with season passes. How do you sign up? Go to www.ramsathleticboosters.com.

Robinson Band and Orchestra Parents' Organization (RBOPO)

TAG Day

The **Annual RBOPO TAG DAY** will be held **Saturday, September 15, 2007**. Our dedicated Band and Orchestra Students will be in your neighborhood collecting your **TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATION**. Your donations will ensure the continued high level of success of our music program. You say you will not be home that day. Not a problem. Our students will TAG you door so you can conveniently mail your **TAX DEDUCTABLE** contribution to us. We very much appreciate you generosity, so mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15th. Rich Kurz: rbopo@robinsonband.org

Concert Uniform Fittings



High School Concert Uniform fitting for both Band and Orchestra Students will take place for upperclassmen the week of Aug 21, and for freshmen Aug 27 and 28. Visit the website rbopo@robinsonband.org for a detailed listing of dates and times.

The 2007 Marching Rams!



Bored on Friday nights? Attend a Rams Home Game and be entertained at halftime by the Robinson Marching Rams. This year's show is very patriotic and will highlight our fantastic music program and motivated student musicians. You can take a glance at the Marching Rams efforts by visiting our Award Winning website at www.robinsonband.org

Support RBOPO and Order Your Ornaments

Support RBOPO by purchasing the Robinson Secondary School 3-D Brass Ornament shown below. Simply fill out the form, cut it out, and mail with check payable to RBOPO to:

RBOPO
PO Box 39
Fairfax, VA 22039



Robinson Secondary School
3-D Brass Ornament
\$14.00 each

Student's Name:	_____
Grade:	_____ Phone Number: _____
3 rd Period Teacher:	_____
E-mail Address (Parent):	_____
Address:	_____
# of Ornaments:	_____ Total: \$ _____
Please make check payable to RBOPO.	
Mail orders to: RBOPO	
P.O. Box 39	
Fairfax, VA 22039	

This ornament has been designed by the Robinson Band and Parent Organization. We thank you for your continued support.

Drama



Become a Drama Booster! Order Season Tickets!

If you're a drama parent, or a fan of Robinson theatre, this year you can order your season tickets to the drama productions, and become a Drama Booster at the same time! **Drama Boosters get priority admission to performances and admittance to the VIB (Very Important Booster) lounge, with free refreshments. Just think—seating before the general public and no long concession lines.** Additional benefits come with season passes, including TheatreSports tickets.

How do you sign up? Fill out and return the theatre Season Pass and Booster Membership flyer in the first day packets. Or go to www.RobinsonDrama.org and click on the Booster link. Then, click on the Season Pass link.

Shopping at Amazon? Go through the Amazon link at www.RobinsonDrama.org and Robinson Drama will benefit!



Important Theatre Dates for Your Calendar

Sep 10 2:30 Auditions for Student's Fall Production

All high school students may audition; you do not need to be in a drama class. For more information, check the call board in the theatre hallway, pay attention to Good Morning Robinson, or e-mail Mr. Rome at Douglas.rome@fcps.edu. **Sep 11 2:30 Callbacks for Fall Production**

Sep 10 7:00 General Membership Meeting Russell Theatre

The meeting will include an overview of the upcoming theatre year, an opportunity to hear how Drama Boosters support our theatre program, and a tour of the theatre by Mr. Rome. All members are encouraged to come and parents interested in becoming Boosters are welcome. This is a great way to see what the theatre world at Robinson is like.

Oct 5 7:30 TheatreSports Competition Russell Theatre \$5

Come watch High School teams compete for laughs and points in Robinson's version of "Whose Line is It Anyway?" TheatreSports' sponsor is Amy Hard at Amy.Hard@fcps.edu. Auditions for the team's vacancies will be announced.

Rams2Scotland

Robinson drama students perform at the
Edinburgh Fringe Festival



After a year of planning, fundraising and rehearsing, Mr. Rome and 18 drama students traveled to Scotland over the summer to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the world's largest arts festival. Under Mr. Rome's direction, the group presented the play "The Nina Variations" by Stephen Dietz which brought together 4 Treplevs and 11 Ninas with 42 fast-paced endings to Chekhov's "The Seagull." After their off-Broadway debut in New York City in late July, the group was ready for an international audience.

They landed in London on August 1st where they spent a few days sightseeing. The highlights were seeing the West End production of the thriller "The 39 Steps" and participating in a workshop at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. The group then took a train north to Edinburgh, where every August the picturesque and historic capital of Scotland is transformed into the world's biggest stage when performers from all over the world gather to showcase their talents. The Robinson students participated in the Cavalcade, where thousands of performers march through the streets to open the festival. The group gave six performances of "The Nina Variations" at the main stage at the Roxy Art House, a beautiful converted church. Besides performing, they also had to pass out flyers advertising their show so they would have an audience each day. When they weren't performing or generating publicity, the group was busy sightseeing, shopping and seeing some of the other shows at the festival. At the end of the trip, a few of the students continued traveling in Europe. After two weeks away, they were tired, but happy, when they arrived back at Dulles. For four members of the troupe, this was their last Robinson production since they were leaving for college in the fall.

This was Mr. Rome's third trip escorting Robinson students to the Fringe.



Visit www.rams2scotland.org to see more pictures
and read the bios of the cast and crew.

Volunteers Needed for Class of 2008 ANGP



The 2008 All Night Grad Party Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this year's Robinson Craft Fair. The Fair is the first fund-raiser of the year for the '08 All Night Grad Party. **The Craft Fair is scheduled for September 15th and 16th.** We need volunteers to help with set-up, to help on the two days of the fair, and to help with clean up. If you are a parent of a 2008 soon-to-be graduate please consider volunteering to help with this event! Many hands make for small work for all! **If you are interested in helping, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Kay Goodwin, via email at skgoodwin@cox.net.**

If your schedule doesn't fit with the Craft Fair but you would like to help out with other '08 ANGP events throughout the school year please let us know that, too! This is our kids' year!

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