

The RamGram



Award Winning Newsletter of Robinson Secondary PTSA

Aug/Sept 2008

August & September at a Glance

Detailed information regarding many of these events can be found inside the RamGram ♦ See Robinson's website:
<http://www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS/> for more information including club event dates.

Monday, August 18	PTSA General Membership Meeting – Media Center – 7pm
Tuesday, August 19	RBOPO Parent Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday, August 27	1 st Annual RHS Ram Rally – RHS Football Stadium – 6 - 8pm HS & MS Locker Day
Thursday, August 28	HS Locker Day
Tuesday, September 2	First Day of School
Friday, September 5	PTSA Student Directory Opt-Out Form Due
Monday, September 8	Academic Boosters Meeting – Principal's Conference Room – 7 - 8pm Drama Auditions for Fall Play – Russell Theatre – 2:30 - 5:30pm Drama Auditions for Fall Play – Russell Theatre – 2:30 - 5:30pm Crew Interest Meeting – Recital Hall – 7:30pm
Tuesday, September 9	General Drama Booster Membership Meeting – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 10	Drama Auditions for Fall Play – Russell Theatre – 2:30 - 5:30pm
Saturday, September 13	Float Building for Homecoming
Monday, September 15	Homecoming Dance Dinner & Limo Raffle Ticket Forms Due Homecoming Week Variety Show – Russell Theatre – 7pm
Tuesday, September 16	Homecoming Week Powder Puff Football – Football Field
Wednesday, September 17	MS Back to School Night PTSA General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 18	Homecoming Week Locker Bay Decorations
Friday, September 19	Homecoming Week Pep Rally Homecoming Week Parade through Robinson Neighborhood Homecoming Week Taste of Robinson Festival Homecoming Week Football Game – Robinson vs. Anacostia @ Robinson
Saturday, September 20	Homecoming Week Dance – Robinson Gym – 8pm
Monday, September 22	PTSA Meeting – Media Center – 7pm
Wednesday, September 24	HS Back to School Night PTSA General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 25	PTSA Volunteer Coffee – Media Center – 10am
Saturday, September 27	Intro to Crew Day – Sandy Run Park – 9am - 12pm

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Robinson Secondary School, I welcome you to the 2008-2009 academic year. We are excited to have your sons and daughters with us and we look forward to a wonderful year. Robinson has always been highly regarded by students, parents, and teachers. I feel blessed to be a part of such a great school.

While we are proud of our building and our grounds, it is the people that make Robinson a special place. We are most fortunate to have a professional staff that is devoted to our students. Our teachers and counselors truly go the "extra mile" to help our young people grow both as students and as citizens. We are also fortunate to have parents who take their roles as mothers and fathers very seriously and send us well-behaved young ladies and gentlemen who come to school with a sense of purpose each and every day.

While we are a very large school, we work hard to make it seem smaller. We encourage the idea of teamwork between the home and school. Keeping the lines of communication open is essential to the success of our students. I encourage you to be actively involved during your children's secondary school years. Please feel welcome to come by often and to let us know how we can better serve you.

- Dan Meier, Principal

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James W. Robinson Secondary ♦ 5035 Sideburn Road ♦ Fairfax VA 22030

PTSA News

President's Message

Welcome to our new and returning families!

I would like to introduce the rest of Executive Committee of the PTSA for the 2008-2009 school year. Joining me are Vice Presidents Karen Baxter and Mary Smith, Treasurer Eileen Bobsin, and Secretary Karen Floyd.

Along with our Executive Committee, many dedicated volunteers have stepped forward to assume the responsibilities of chairing a committee. Many of the board have already started this summer to work on their committee assignments. Additionally, there are a few Board positions that still need to be filled. If you are interested in any of the open positions, please contact Terry Matlaga Bell at tmatlaga@yahoo.com.

As the year goes on, there will be many occasions calling for volunteers to help with events. Please consider thoughtfully what time you can give to Robinson by filling out the enclosed volunteer sheet, or contacting Sharon Brown, our Volunteer Coordinator. The PTSA can use volunteers during school times and evening times. For our children to continue to enjoy a higher quality of the education experience we need your support in many areas. So whatever your schedule, we can use your help.

New for the 2008-2009 school year:

- ❖ FCPS Keep-In-Touch (KIT) System has been revised. The primary purpose of the new KIT will be for FCPS emergency notifications.
- ❖ Robinson PTSA Meetings for the 2008-2009 school year will usually be on the third Monday of every month starting at 7:00 PM with the exception of the Back-to-School Nights General Membership Meeting, September 17th for Middle School and September 24th for High School. Please take some time out to attend at least 3-4 meetings this school year. In addition to special guest speakers, Mr. Dan Meier and/or Ms. Vicki Kagan will be joining us each month to present a school update.

Many parents have asked about our student directories. If you are interested in purchasing a Robinson Middle School and/or High School Student Directory, they will be available for purchase at the Back-to-School Nights on the 17th and 24th of September. I recommend that whenever possible families purchase two directories – one for the parents and one for the students. For families new to Robinson, the directories are a “hot” item, so visit the PTSA Table early.

Please do not ever hesitate to contact any member of the Executive Board with any questions or comments you may have.

On behalf of the entire PTSA Executive Board, I wish you all a wonderful and exciting school year.

- Terry Matlaga Bell, PTSA President

Visit Robinson's PTSA website (www.robinsonptsa.org) to learn more about the following:

2009 Proposed Legislation Program	Column: Meet New Robinson Faculty/Administrators
2008-2009 PTSA Budget	Column: Meet the Board
PTSA Middle School Internet Safety Program	Column: Point: Counterpoint – Debating the Issues
Mark Your Calendar – Upcoming Events	Column: FCPS Budget Update

2008-2009 Robinson PTSA Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the Media Center except for May 18, 2009 which will be in the Gold Cafeteria:

Monday, August 18, 2008	Monday, December 15, 2008	Monday, March 16, 2009
Monday, September 22, 2008	Monday, January 26, 2009	Monday, April 20, 2009
Monday, October 20, 2008	Monday, February 23, 2009	Monday, May 18, 2009
Monday, November 17, 2008		

PTSA Student Directory Opt-Out

Check your back-to-school mailing for the PTSA Student Directory opt-out form. If you *do not* want your child's name and information to appear in this year's directory, your opt-out form must be returned by September 5. You can turn it in at the PTSA table during locker distribution, hand it in to the folks in the Main Office or mail it to the address on the form. Please note that the form must *arrive* by September 5 in order for your opt-out to be processed (do not turn forms in to the Subschool offices).

- Tina Gibson

2008-2009 Robinson PTSA Executive Board

PTSA Officers

President	Terry Matlaga Bell	703-802-1496
1st Vice President	Karen Baxter	703-978-0975
2nd Vice President	Mary Smith	703-322-0246
Treasurer	Eileen Bobsin	703-764-1082
Secretary	Karen Floyd	703-631-8928

PTSA Committees

Director	Tina Gibson	703-503-5074
Directory Sales	Deb Bush	703-239-0478
Education (HS)	Julia Ross	703-830-7034
Education (Middle School)	OPEN	
Education (Special)	OPEN	
Fairfax County PTA Delegate	Pat Wirth	703-764-3119
Health and Safety	Maria Charles	703-250-5190
Hospitality	Patti Barber	703-764-7820
HS Faculty Rep	Kathe Naughton	703-426-6900
Legislative	OPEN	
Membership	April Dougherty	703-425-4520
MS Faculty Rep	OPEN	
Ram Gardens (Landscaping)	OPEN	
Ram Gram Editor (Newsletter)	Andrea Teague	703-932-5771
Ram Gram Production	OPEN	
Reflections	OPEN	
Scholarships	Pam Ryan	703-830-8940
School Funding	Karla Davidson	703-239-0249
Technology	Mary Hatchell	703-425-6354
Volunteer Coordinator	Sharon Brown	703-385-2649

2008 – 2009 Subschool Volunteer Coordinators

7 th Grace -	Patti Barber – 703-764-7820 – hpsakb@cox.net LuAnn Bynum – 703-503-2821 – LuAnnPaul@verizon.net
8 th Grade -	Val Criman – 703-426-9255 – Criman@cox.net Tara Day – 703-426-9292 – DaymomX3@yahoo.com Louise Lewis 703-978-1223 lewisfamily6@verizon.net
9 th Grade-	Maria Bray – 703-426-9813 – Braymaria@hotmail.com Mary Smith – 703-322-0246 – Marywsmith6@verizon.net
10 th Grade-	Illyse Gart – 703-978-4979 – jirra@aol.com Mary Spence – 703-425-2243 – mespence@cox.net
11 th Grade-	Robyn Walden – 703-266-8646 – rwalden2@juno.com Sam Madden – 703-323-5288 – Samantha_madden@yahoo.com
12 th Grade -	April Dougherty – 703-425-4520 – AABDougherty@aol.com Karen Baxter – 703-978-0975 – karenbaxter@earthlink.net Judy Ottosen – 703-543-8281 – KJOJFS@aol.com

**This
year...VOLUNTEER!
Robinson
Volunteer Program
Help the school...
Meet other parents and
staff...
Learn your way around
the halls of Robinson...
Visit the Robinson
PTSA website,
www.robinsonptsa.org
to learn about volunteer
opportunities!
Any questions?
Call Sharon Brown,
Volunteer Coordinator
at 703-385-2649**

PTSA VOLUNTEER COFFEE

Thursday, September 25, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Media Center
Come and join us!



ROBINSON 2008-2009 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

ALL VOLUNTEERS, NEW AND RETURNING, ARE REQUESTED TO USE THIS FORM! Below is list of volunteer opportunities for the 2008-2009 school year. Please check all activities you are interested in participating in and mail to Sharon Brown, Robinson Volunteer Coordinator, 5303 Lindsay St., Fairfax, VA 22032 or drop off at the PTSA Membership Table on Locker Distribution Days (8/27/08 & 8/28/08), Back to School Nights (9/17/08 & (9/24/08). Thank you for your support! Any questions, call Sharon Brown, Volunteer Coordinator, 703-385-2649.

OPENING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- o Subschool – Help staff with locker assignments, form collection/filing and orientation – Aug. 27, 28, 29, GRADE(S) _____
- o P.E. Uniforms – Sell shirts/shorts to students prior to opening of school (Aug. 27th, 28th,) & during first week of PE classes (Sept.2, 3, 4,5)
- o Welcome “NEW TO AREA Families” – Help provide refreshments and/or greet new HS students and parents – BOTH students and parent volunteers needed! Aug. 28 = HS; Aug 29 = MS

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES – SHORT TERM

- o Back to School Night – () Sept. 17= MS; () Sept. 24 = HS
- o School Pictures (Sept. 24,25,26, 27) – Assist photographer as needed.
- o Health Screening (TBD) () VISION Check or () HEARING Testing – nurses/therapists with audiometer experience needed
- o PSAT Reservations – Assist Career Center w/student registration () Sept. 24 Back to School 6:00-8:30pm; () during lunch periods 10:30-12:45 TBD
- o Academic Letter Awards (TBD) – Bake/organize afternoon (2:45) reception for HS recipients of school academic letter
- o Veteran’s Day Open House/Touching Bases – Nov. TBD () Help bake and/or () be a greeter for visiting parents
- o Thanksgiving Lunch Helpers (Nov.) – Assist cafeteria staff with serving turkey lunches
- o Student Art Show (April) () Bake for reception and/or () Setup/Take Down student art work
- o Exam Proctor (Feb./Mar.) – Proctor H/S Math and/or Language exams

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY

- o Magazine Drive – (Sept.-Oct.) – Very important fundraiser! Help with () Prize distribution or () Daily order tallying
- o 8th Grade End-of-Year Party – Assist staff, if requested, with decoration, set-up or food serving
- o Middle School Yearbook (Late May/early June) – Assist staff with yearbook distribution.
- o Middle School TEAM Helper – assist a team with clerical work, e.g. copying;
Circle all that apply: Red Green Blue Purple Gold Stars Comets Lasers Eagles Champions
- o Sunshine Club – Help plan events for the MS teachers.

REGULAR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- o Clinic – Assist clinic aides with sick & injured students and paperwork – weekly/biweekly. Training session required
- o Media Center Aide – Assist with library duties ½ day () weekly () biweekly _____ (Day of week)
- o Parent Volunteer – Class of: 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 (Circle all that apply)

WHEN NEEDED

- o Call Me If Needed Committee – Short notice activities, and when I’ve run short of volunteers

PTSA COMMITTEES

- o Education (Middle) o Education (High School) o Education (Special)
- o Health and Safety (Middle and High School)
- o Hospitality – Bake/cook for PTSA activities, such as Subschool coffees & activities, Teacher appreciation, Art Show, etc.
- o Ramgram Newsletter Production
- o Ramgarden Landscaping – Help with Robinson’s lovely front garden and other beautification activities.
- o Scholarship Committee – award PTSA scholarships to deserving scholarship candidates (9th, 10th and 11th grade parents only)

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

We will contact you via email/phone to confirm the vent you have signed up for. There are times when there is a limit on the number of volunteers needed. If you are very interested in volunteering for a particular event, please contact SHARON BROWN, Volunteer Coordinator, Directly: 703.385.2649.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL(s): _____

NAME & GRADE of your student(s) _____



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Parent Teacher Student Association

2008 - 2009 Membership Drive

Join Now!!!

(Please see website for list of activities sponsored/supported by your PTSA. To be mailed a PTSA card, please include with this form a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Additional Individual Membership Benefits can be seen on the PTSA web site @ http://robinsonptsa.org.)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Yes, I want to join Robinson's PTSA which includes membership in Fairfax County and National PTA

Adult/Parent Membership(s) at \$12.00 each
Student (Grade 9-12 only) Membership at \$ 5.00 each
Faculty/Staff Membership at \$ 5.00 each
100% tax deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund**
TOTAL Check #: \$

Make checks payable to: Robinson Secondary PTSA

Please print

Adult Member(s):
Address:
City, Zip Code
Phone: Email:
My student(s) is/are in the following grade(s): Circle 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Member(s):
Address:
City, Zip Code
Grade(s):
Phone: Email:

Faculty/Staff Member:
School: Sub school Mailbox Location
Position:
Phone: Email: @fcps.edu

Return Membership Form: 1) Locker Distribution Days, 2) Back-to-School Nights or 3) Mail to: Robinson Secondary PTSA, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

**Donations to Scholarship Fund are 100% tax deductible; \$9.75 of Adult membership fee is tax deductible and \$2.75 of Student and/or Faculty membership fees are tax deductible.

Middle School and High School News

Classes of 2013 & 2014: The View from the Middle School

From the Principal

We would like to welcome all new and returning middle school students. You will be getting a lot of important information in our late-August mailing and in the bulk packet that you pick up during locker distribution day.

Robinson Middle School Student Services

We are pleased to announce the following new Student Services staff members: Jennifer Miley, Kelly Ellis, Dolores Malloy, counselors; Jeanette de Guzman, psychologist; Dottie Smith, social worker. We are available to help with the transition to a new school year.

Students are assigned to a counselor by team designation.

7th grade Counselors:

Eagles & Comets	Tara Filmeyer	703 426-2226
Champions	Jennifer Miley	703 426-2219
Stars	Dolores Malloy	703 426-2225

8th grade Counselors:

Red & Gold	Kelly Ellis	703 426-2215
Purple & Green	Kelly White	703 426-2214
Blue	Jennifer Miley	703 426-2219

- Keith Hall, MS Principal

Classes of 2012 – 2009

Homecoming

Welcome back to school! The Student Government Association is excited to present Homecoming 2008: Robinson's Got Game! Homecoming week begins Monday, September 15 and will conclude Saturday, September 20 with the dance. Please see below for key dates and events:

- ❖ Monday, September 15 – The Variety Show – see students display their talents in Russell Theater at 7pm!
- ❖ Tuesday, September 16 – Powder Puff – come watch freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors play football... but it's the girls' turn!
- ❖ Wednesday, September 17 – No events due to Middle School Back to School Night
- ❖ Thursday, September 18 – Locker Bay Decorations – each grade level will compete as they have 2 hours to decorate their locker bay. Come out and see the creative decorations and ideas!
- ❖ Friday, September 19 – Pep Rally, Parade through the Robinson neighborhood, Taste of Robinson festival with food from local vendors, and the big game against Anacostia High School.
- ❖ Saturday, September 20 – Time to dance! The dance will begin at 8pm in the gym. Students attending Robinson High School are able to purchase tickets. If a student wishes to bring a date from another school, he/she must complete a permission form and have it signed by the date's principal.

We had a fabulous time last year, and we are excited to start the year on such a spirited note. If parents are interested/available to help take down decorations after the dance (at approximately 11:00), please email Eileen Noonan (eileen.noonan@fcps.edu). All assistance will be greatly appreciated!

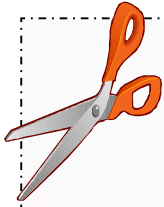
We look forward to seeing you at these spirited Homecoming events!

- Eileen Noonan & Julie Grunwald, SGA

High School Yearbooks

Above and Beyond Yearbook: Check out the yearbook button on the Robinson Homepage for deadlines for pictures and order forms for the yearbook and senior congratulatory ads. Questions: Call 703-426 -2284

- Linda Hughes, HS Yearbooks



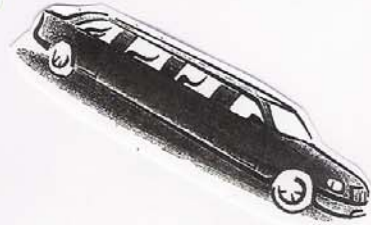
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

HOMECOMING DANCE DINNER AND LIMOUSINE RAFFLE

ENTER TO WIN

*DINNER FOR 8 AT SAN VITO ITALIAN
RESTAURANT AND LIMO RIDE TO THE
HOMECOMING DANCE*

Saturday, September 20



SPONSORED BY:
THE 2009 ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY

Tickets will be available:
During Locker Distribution
AT All Home and Away Varsity Football Games
In the Cafeteria on Selected Dates
At the Taste of Robinson on Friday, September 19

AND PARENTS AND STUDENTS CAN ALSO ORDER BY MAIL!!

TO ORDER BY MAIL

MAIL ORDER FORM TO:

2009 ANGP

P.O. BOX 424

FAIRFAX STATION, VA 22039

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROBINSON ANGP

\$5.00 for one ticket

\$12.00 for three tickets

_____ NUMBER OF TICKETS \$ _____ AMOUNT OF ORDER

Student name _____ Grade _____ Phone _____

PLEASE MAIL NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15!

Class of 2009 All Night Grad Party Ticket Order Form

ESPN Zone - Washington DC

Order ANGP Ticket Now and Save 25%

www.ramsangp2009.com



ANGP TICKET ORDER (Ticket price is \$100 or ORDER NOW and pay only \$75; ticket price will rise after December 31st 2008)

Student's Full Name: _____

Order now and pay only \$75: \$ _____

Additional donation (ANGP is a 501(c) (3)): \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

ANGP 2009 Rules are located on the website @ www.ramsangp2009.com. My student and I understand the rules of the 2009 All Night Graduation Party. We further acknowledge and agree to abide by these rules during the All Night Grad Party.

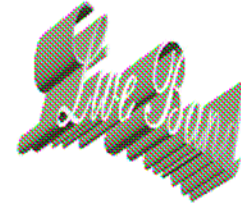
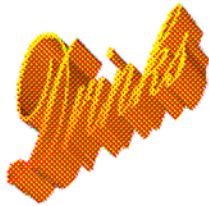
Parent signature _____

Student signature _____

Make check payable to: RANGP
Send form and payment to:
ANGP 2009
PO Box 424
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

A physical ticket will NOT be issued right away, however, a detailed list of students that have paid will be maintained and will be viewable on our website.

For volunteer information please bookmark our website for contacts and opportunities.



1st Annual RHS

“RAM RALLY”

- **Who: Robinson Community - ALL AGES!**
- **Bring the WHOLE family!**
- **When: August 27th, FREE ADMISSION 6-8pm**
- **Rain or Shine**
- **Where: Robinson High School Football Stadium**
- **Concessions will be available for purchase**
- ****HOT** new Spiritwear for sale too...and much more**



Sponsored by: Robinson Rams Athletic Booster Club

INTERESTED IN JOINING CREW?

Robinson Crew is a co-ed varsity sport **open to ALL high school students!** No experience required! Varsity rowers can letter! This sport 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! Attend the **Crew Interest meeting** on **Tuesday, September 9th** at 7:30pm in the Recital Hall to learn more about the time commitment & expectations involved. Want to give crew a try first to see if you like it? Stop by Sandy Run Park on **Saturday, September 27th** (any time from 9:00am – 12:00pm) for Robinson's **Intro to Crew Day**. Robinson coaches will put first time rowers into eights with experience rowers so they can row out on the Occoquan and experience what crew is all about! Visit the Robinson Crew website www.robinsoncrew.com for additional information about crew & directions to Sandy Run Park, or email/call our membership chairperson, Ellie Oakley, at eoakley@cox.net / 703-239-9321 with questions.



Be challenged! Push yourself! Join Us!



Technology Department Robinson Student Takes 3rd Place in National Technology Competition



Rising ninth grader Ian Doten started his summer by attending the National Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference in Orlando, Florida, where he placed third out of more than 100 competitors from throughout the U.S. and Germany. Ian competed in the electrical applications event.

Last May, he won first place in the TSA Virginia state competition earning an invitation to compete at the national conference in Orlando, Florida.

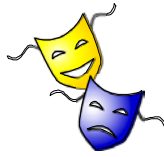
The electrical applications competition is like science class on steroids. It begins with a test to demonstrate the student's knowledge of electricity. The top 10 scorers on the test are then given a schematic of an electronic circuit and a hand full of electronic components for building the circuit. After the circuit is completed and working, judges interview the student to discuss their work.

Ian was the only student from Robinson attending the national competition, and several other schools from Fairfax County were represented and brought home awards.

The National TSA Conference included more than 60 competitive events at the middle and high school levels such as racing CO2 powered cars, building structures to hold the most weight, and designing paper airplanes to stay in the air the longest. TSA's membership includes 150,000 middle and high school students in 2,000 schools across 47 states and in Germany.

The Technology Student Association is an organization devoted to experientially learning about the world of technology through practical application. At Robinson, the TSA was a new club at the middle school level last year and this year, sponsor Steve Snyder plans to begin a club for high school students as well.

For more information about the TSA, visit the website at <http://www.tsaweb.org>.



BECOME A DRAMA BOOSTER! ORDER SEASON TICKETS!

If you're a drama parent, or a fan of Robinson Theater, 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 Theater Season Pass and Booster Membership flyer in the first day packets, or go to www.RobinsonDrama.org.

Shopping at Amazon for those back to school needs? Go through the Amazon link at www.RobinsonDrama.org and Robinson Drama will benefit, at no cost to you!

2008-09 Drama Boosters Officers

Stacy Russell: President srussellcoo@aol.com 703-503-7967

Debra Kiraly: VP 1, Membership

Becky Burnard: VP 2, Fundraising & Cappies

Kelly Johnson
Julie Wharton
Deborah Hirsch

Tickets
Secretary
Treasurer

Kristin Auch
Abby Hillman
Mariana Vervena

Hospitality
Chaperones
Publicity

Robinson Academic Booster's-Who Are They?!

We are a group of parents who promote and support the academic achievements of ALL students at Robinson, grades 7-12. In the back to school packets, there was a membership flyer, we hope you will send that in with a tax deductible contribution of \$15 to help us fund the projects listed below.

All of our volunteer jobs require a minimum of effort, some just once a year, which provides an easy way for you to support Robinson students and still fit it in with the rest of your busy lives! Our committee chair positions are pretty much filled, although we can always use volunteers for small support projects. We do have a need for someone to shadow the Exam Coordinator, as this will be her last year at Robinson. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Lorelei Allen at Dj4allen@verizon.net.

Did you know that without the support of the Academic Boosters, the following would **not** happen:

- 1) There would be no Boost Tickets for teachers to hand out to reward students for their efforts?
- 2) There would be no Middle School honor roll ribbons?
- 3) The AMC 8 Math Exam, Latin Exam and German Exam wouldn't be funded, nor would there be proctors?
- 4) There would be no Science Fair ribbons or reception?
- 5) There would be no Lamp of Knowledge pins for those earning Academic Letters?
- 6) There would be no Freshman All A's Breakfasts?
- 7) There would be no Pizza Party for the 10th-12th graders who earned A's in all their core classes the previous year?
- 8) There would not be 3-4 \$1,000 in scholarships given each year to Seniors in honor of Jean Genovese?

In May 2008, we were pleased to award the following graduating seniors \$1,000 scholarships: Jasmine Azimi, Elon University; Fatmata Kabia, University of Pennsylvania; and Jack Lunch, University of Virginia. Congratulations! Class of 2009, don't forget to look for the applications in the career center sometime in April!

Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend and find out more about the Academic Booster's. They are held in the Principal's Conference Room from 7-8 p.m. and the schedule for 08-09 is:

- ❖ September 8, 2008
- ❖ November 10, 2008
- ❖ January 12, 2009
- ❖ March 9, 2009
- ❖ May 11, 2009

Please don't hesitate to contact Shari Bedker, President, sharimomcpa@cox.net, 703-830-8473 on how you can get involved or if you have any questions.

WELCOME

Class of 2009

Well, you have finally made it to your SENIOR YEAR!!! Congratulations! We would like to take a moment to let you know of some exciting things that we have planned for the biggest night of your lives. Graduation and the All Night Graduation Party!

We will be planning MANY fundraisers and activities over the next few months and will need all of the help that we can get to really make your ANGP a total success. Some of these events include, the Homecoming Limo and Dinner raffle, our annual Mulch Sale and many other ideas that we will be implementing.

Graduation is June 16th at 7:30pm at the GMU Patriot Center. The ANGP board members voted unanimously to return to the ESPN Zone in Washington, DC, after the hugely successful party from the Class of 2008. We plan to make yours even better!!!

Please make a note of our new website for all activities regarding your senior year. We are collecting any photos for our photo album and baby pictures for the slideshow that is currently on the website.

For more information please visit us at: www.ramsangp2009.com

We sincerely hope that this will be the best year of your life and look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

- Anajie Marquis, April Dougherty, Karen Baxter, 2009 ANGP Tri-Chairs

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ALL FUTURE RAMGRAMS WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY AND POSTED TO THE PTSA WEBSITE AT:

WWW.ROBINSONPTSA.ORG



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