

The RamGram



Award Winning Newsletter of Robinson Secondary PTSA

Dec 2007/Jan 2008

December 2007 & January 2008 at a Glance

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

Tuesday, December 4	MS Bands Winter Concerts – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 5	PTSA SEC Inclusive Schools Week Breakfast – Davala Hall – 7 – 7:20am HS Bands Winter Concerts – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Thursday, December 6	HS Bands Winter Concerts – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Friday, December 7	MS Band/Orchestra Assembly for 6th Graders – 10am
Monday, December 10	MS After School Program Interest Meeting – Gym – After School DECA Metal Health Awareness Week
Tuesday, December 11	Symphonic Band <i>Tiny Tots</i> Concert – Russell Theatre – 9:30am & 11am DECA Metal Health Awareness Week
Wednesday, December 12	Volunteer & Parent Coffee – Starbucks (by Burke Giant) – 9am DECA Metal Health Awareness Week
Thursday, December 13	MS/HS Orchestra Concert – Russell Theatre – 7pm DECA Metal Health Awareness Week
Friday, December 14	8 th Annual Depression Screening – Check with your counselor or school psychologist Interims Mailed DECA Metal Health Awareness Week
Saturday, December 15	DECA Gift Wraps – Fair Oaks Holiday Gift Wrap Store
Tuesday, December 18	Deadline for HS Yearbook Orders Before Price Escalates
Wednesday, December 19	DECA Gift Wraps – Fair Oaks Holiday Gift Wrap Store
Thursday, December 20	MS Choirs Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm MS SGA Winter Dance – 2:15 – 3:45pm Choral <i>Sounds of the Season</i> Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Mon – Tue, Dec 24 – Jan 1	NO SCHOOL
Friday, January 4	Theatre Sports Competition – Russell Theatre – Evening Junior District Orchestra Event – Lake Braddock
Saturday, January 5	Junior District Orchestra Event – Lake Braddock – 3pm MS/HS District Band Auditions – Robinson
Tuesday, January 8	RBOPO Meeting – HS Band Room – 7pm
Wednesday, January 9	PTSA General Membership Meeting – Recital Hall – 7:00pm DECA Teen Dating Violence Discussion – Davala Hall – 7:15pm
Thursday, January 10	S.T.E.P. Teen Program – Lake Braddock – 7 – 9pm
Monday, January 14	Academic Booster Meeting – Principal's Conference Room – 7pm
Tuesday, January 15	PTSA SEC Alternatives to College Meeting – Kings Park Library – 7pm
Wednesday, January 16	IB Info for Rising 9th Graders/Parents/Guardians – Davala Hall – 7:30pm Snow Date: DECA Teen Dating Violence Discussion – Davala Hall – 7pm
Thursday, January 17	S.T.E.P. Teen Program – Lake Braddock – 7 – 9pm
Friday, January 18	Deadline for Placing Senior Congratulatory Ad
Monday, January 21	NO SCHOOL
Thursday, January 24	S.T.E.P. Teen Program – Lake Braddock – 7 – 9pm
Friday, January 25	NO SCHOOL End of 2nd Quarter
Monday, January 28	DECA Competes at Leadership Conference – Lake Braddock Secondary School
Tuesday, January 29	NO SCHOOL
Thursday, January 31	Beginning of 3rd Quarter District Band Event for Select Students S.T.E.P. Teen Program – Lake Braddock – 7 – 9pm
Tuesday, February 12	Academic Booster's AMC 10 & 12 Math Exams – Cafeteria – Morning
Friday, February 15	MS <i>Musical Bye Bye Birdie</i> – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Saturday, February 16	MS <i>Musical Bye Bye Birdie</i> – Russell Theatre – 2pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, February 17	MS <i>Musical Bye Bye Birdie</i> – Russell Theatre – 2pm
Saturday, February 23	Art Auction to Support 2008 ANGP
Friday, February 29	Theatre Sports Competition – Russell Theatre - Evening

The Writing SOL for 8th grade students will be March 4, 5, and 6. Please do not schedule doctor or other appointments on those days.

JOIN PTSA TODAY ♦ Dec 2007/Jan 2008 ♦ Robinson PTSA Newsletter ♦ 1 ♦ JOIN PTSA TODAY
James W. Robinson Secondary ♦ 5035 Sideburn Road ♦ Fairfax VA 22030

Meet the Board...

The PTSA is launching a new column for the purpose of introducing the Robinson PTSA Board Members to the Robinson Community. Each month a different Board Member will be highlighted.

December's PTSA Board Member:
Tobi Schwartzman
PTSA 2nd Vice President

Resident: Fairfax, Virginia (7 years)

Husband: Rob

Children: Jeremy (Class of '09), Joshua (Class of '15)

Occupation: Senior Technical Advisor for the DoD/OSD/PA&E (Defense Planning Corporation)

Member of Robinson PTSA Board: since 2003 (former RamGram editor 2003-2006)

Remarks: When my oldest son entered Robinson in 2003 I realized many things: Robinson is an enormous learning environment; Robinson faculty and staff are among the most caring and dedicated that I have ever encountered (I believe that some of our administrators and faculty never go home); Robinson is a caring community; Robinson would not be all of the above if it were not for all of the members of this community.

I was never involved in the PTA's at my son's schools prior to Robinson, some of which was caused by my being a 'working mom'. I was not available during the school day and at the elementary school level that was apparently an issue. When I first received the volunteer form for the Robinson PTSA I filled it out and did not expect anything to come of it, it never had before. I was so wrong. I received the most enthusiastic call from Sharon Brown, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator, and she said I was wanted and needed to help at Robinson. That innocent telephone call turned into a three-year run as the RamGram editor. All of a sudden I was part of the Robinson community. I am now in my second term as 2nd Vice President of the PTSA and couldn't be happier to work with such amazing people. I consider the some of the administrators and faculty at Robinson valued friends.

There has got to be a point in all of this information. Robinson is a caring community but everyone needs to play a part. From Drama to the Athletic Boosters to the Band/Orchestra Boosters to the Academic Boosters to the PTSA to the All-Night Grad Party to the different clubs each of these areas of Robinson life is run by volunteers. Most of all, each of the parents in the Robinson community is considered a wonderful and valuable asset. Just getting to know an administrator, faculty member, or another parent you never knew

makes all of the difference to feeling a part of this community.

If every parent could volunteer just 1 hour per quarter (4 hours per school year) to Robinson, this community would grow even stronger. If you don't know who to contact just send an email, call, or sign up through Keep In Touch. If you do not want to get involved with the PTSA or the Boosters contact one of your children's teachers and ask if they need assistance in the classroom or something you can do at home. Teachers are always looking for ways to reward our wonderful children (snacks on exam days, surprises for trying their best in class, etc.) and you can help with the 'little things'. These little things turn into memorable and meaningful things to our children as they grow, it is amazing what they remember.

I want encourage each of you to become involved in Robinson it is definitely a rewarding experience. Thank you for letting me and my family become a part of this amazing community. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

January's PTSA Board Member: Marissa Torres
PTSA Treasurer

Marissa Torres is in her third term serving as PTSA Treasurer. Moving to Fairfax, VA from New York with her husband and three children in 2002, she was immediately impressed by Robinson's large student body and considered how she could best serve the school community. Upon the urging of a neighbor, Marissa volunteered to serve in her current capacity as Treasurer. Marissa is a CPA and consults clients in the Metro DC area. Marissa has a daughter, a 2006 Robinson graduate, attending GMU, a son who is a freshman at Robinson, and another who is a fourth grader at White Oaks Elementary.

As Treasurer, Marissa enjoys the opportunity to interact with all members of the PTSA as well as other students, teachers and school staff. Marissa has learned a lot about what Robinson can offer all students and finds satisfaction seeing PTSA resources helping students and teachers achieve personal academic growth.

Marissa hopes that her involvement with the PTSA can spur other parents of diverse cultural backgrounds to get involved in the school community.

PTSA News

**Notice: Robinson Secondary School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2008
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Recital**

Purpose: To present and vote upon proposed amendments to the association's Bylaws. (See the following proposed amendments.) After the PTSA meeting, there will be a DECA presentation regarding Dating Violence (see Boosters, Clubs and Departments for more information.)

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS Robinson Secondary School PTSA Bylaws

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

ARTICLE XI: Executive Board, add Section 5

AMEND TO READ:

Section 5. Only the President shall have the authority to call for an electronic vote. The established quorum of the executive board shall prevail. Results must be recorded in the minutes. Rules governing electronic voting shall be established.

RATIONALE: This new section is being added to allow the executive board to conduct unexpected, necessary business between normally scheduled meetings. This addition to the association's bylaws is in compliance with the Virginia Code which allows for electronic voting. At the 2007 Virginia PTA Annual convention, an identical amendment was added to the state's bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

ARTICLE XI: Executive Board, Section 1. g.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

g. the sub-parent representative

AMEND TO READ:

g. the sub-schools' parent representatives

RATIONALE: When the association's bylaws were retyped by Virginia PTA at the latest five year revision, they made this error. This change clearly defines our PTSA Sub-school coordinators as members of the association's Executive Board.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3

ARTICLE XII: General Membership Meeting, Section 1.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held at least five (5) times during the school year, unless otherwise provided by the association or by the executive board, five (5) days notice having been given.

AMEND TO READ:

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held at least four (4) times during the school year, unless otherwise provided by the association or by the executive board, five (5) days notice having been given.

RATIONALE: Because of school size and the complexity of the programs presented by the association it seldom links General Membership meetings with programs and realistically only needs a maximum of four meetings to conduct business requiring action by the general membership. In addition, the school has reduced its back-to-school nights from three to two thus eliminating one of the five such meetings held each year. For clarity it is preferable to amend the bylaws rather than have the association or executive board change this number annually.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4

Article XIV: District Membership, Section 1.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Section 1. This PTA/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by the Virginia PTA/PTSA. This PTA/PTSA is in the Fairfax District of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

AMEND TO READ:

Section 1. This PTA/PTSA shall be a member of the district designated by the Virginia PTA/PTSA. This PTA/PTSA is in the Northern Virginia District of the Virginia PTA/PTSA.

RATIONALE: At the district's spring meeting, it voted to change its name from Fairfax District to Northern Virginia District. This amendment makes that change in the association's bylaws.

Robinson Secondary School



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Parent Teacher Student Association

2007 - 2008 Membership Drive

Join Now!!!

(Please see back for list of activities sponsored/supported by your PTSA)

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**		\$ _____
(See back for additional tax information)		
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.

Alternatives to Four Year Colleges Resource Fair
Co-sponsored by Robinson, Lake Braddock and West
Springfield PTSAs

May 8, 2008 – West Springfield HS Cafeteria – 6-8 pm

Do you work in a field that provides opportunities for entry-level employees with a high school diploma? Please consider setting up an information table at our third annual fair. The fair was a tremendous success again last year, attracting approximately 87 students plus their parents from around the county. The planning committee needs your help to make this year's event even better. Twenty-five employers and two year colleges provided information on how to enter careers that afford opportunities for further advancement. The purpose of the fair is primarily educational, to show students the broad array of possibilities that are available to them: they need not settle for minimum wage jobs!

If anyone in the Robinson community can suggest specific employers for us to invite, or can themselves provide information for a table, please contact Margaret Fisher jrosenthal2@cox.net 703.968.2971. In addition, if you would like to help with the logistics of the fair, our next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7 pm at the Kings Park Library.

Inclusive Schools Week Breakfast

To honor all participants in the essay/art project and their teachers, the *Inclusive Schools Week Breakfast* will be held 7 – 7:20am on Wednesday, December 5 in Davala Hall. Questions? Contact Dan Converse P9870@msn.com.

PTSA Reflections Winners Announced

Congratulations to all who entered the PTSA National Reflections Competition. The judges had difficult decisions as the entries were outstanding in every category. The following students have placed at the school level. The 1st place "Outstanding Interpretation" entries will be forwarded to the Council level of competition. Council level judging begins in December. Congratulations to all and good luck to those moving on to Council level.

High School Photography

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Larissa Staszak
2nd place *Award of Excellence*: Laura Kalina
3rd place *Award of Merit*: Sarah Russell
Honorable Mention: Sarah Russell

Middle School Photography

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Rachel Murphy
2nd place *Award of Excellence*: Shannon Garcia
3rd place *Award of Merit*: Rachel Murphy

High School Music Competition:

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Danny Jun

Middle School Music Competition:

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Jeremy Day
High School Visual Arts

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Dae Yong Jang
2nd place *Award of Excellence*: HyoJin Jang
Middle School Visual Arts

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Dong Hee Kang

2nd place *Award of Excellence*: Dong Hee Kang

Tie: 3rd place *Award of Merit*: Ah Young Kim

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Honorable Mention: Narmeen Darwish, Yujin Han

High School Literature

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Lindsey Hardenbergh

Middle School Literature

1st place *Outstanding Interpretation*: Ariana Grundvig

2nd place *Award of Excellence*: Narmeen Darwish

3rd place *Award of Merit*: Elizabeth Dodson

Honorable Mention: Samantha Patrini, Noah Green

S.T.E.P. Teen Program

Robinson PTSA announces that The Robinson Community Coalition and Lake Braddock Coalition are offering the S.T.E.P. Teen Program (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teens). This five week program will be held on Thursday nights.

When: January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7.

Where: Lake Braddock Secondary School

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Facilitator: Tracey Butler-Johnson

Registration Fee (per person or couple): \$40 pre-registration; \$45 on the first night, includes one parent handbook. Space is limited to 30 seats so pre-registration is highly recommended. To register please contact Ellen Sica at vsica@aol.com.

Volunteers & Parents

Take a break from all your holiday preparations and join me from coffee and conversation on Wednesday, December 12th at Starbucks (in Burke by the Giant) at 9:00am to whenever you want to go home! Hope to see you there!

Goodbye 2007, Hello 2008! – Many thanks to those who have chaired a committee and to all the parents that have volunteered their time to work with these people. There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities in the new year! Please update your Keep In Touch profile so you can be contacted. It's not possible without you! And for all of YOU, I am most grateful! Wishing you and your family a very happy holiday and all the best in the new year!

Remember: "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted." - Garrison Keillor

~ Sharon Brown, Volunteer Coordinator, 703-385-2649

Robinson PTSA Named Virginia PTA School of Excellence at 2007 VA PTA Convention



The 2007 Virginia PTA Annual Convention was held the weekend of October 26-28, 2007 at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference

Center in Portsmouth, VA. The convention attracted some very high profile speakers and presenters on very timely subjects. One hundred twenty-nine local units or ten percent of the total number of local units within the state were represented at the convention by 187 credentialed, voting delegates. Pat Wirth, Robinson PTSA President 2005-2007, represented Robinson. There were 9 councils and 18 districts represented. Currently, there are more than 354,000 Virginia PTA members making Virginia the fifth-largest state PTA organization in the nation.

Virginia PTA Unit of Excellence/ Local Unit Standards Certification/ Outstanding PTA Newsletter Award:

Virginia PTA has approximately 1,200 local units. The Robinson Secondary School PTSA was recognized as the 2006-2007 Virginia PTA Unit of Excellence and was presented with a lovely, engraved trophy. Criteria considered for this award included how well Robinson's PTSA demonstrated adherence to its bylaws, membership recruitment, communication with its members, leadership development within PTA, student participation in Reflections and the VAPTA Scholarship program, participation in the Legislation process, sponsorship of programs for parents and/or students, collaboration with the Robinson community, participation in school decision making and advocacy, volunteering, and fostering student learning. The Robinson PTSA collectively earned this outstanding recognition and thanks go to the 2006-2007 officers, Executive Board and the dozens and dozens of wonderful PTSA volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to contribute to the many successes of our association and ultimately Robinson!

In addition, the Robinson PTSA earned the Local Unit Standards Certification along with 103 other schools throughout the Commonwealth. Robinson was the only combined Secondary school to be recognized. There were 24 MS's and 12 HS's that received the award.

Robinson was also one of nine schools in the state to receive an Outstanding PTA Newsletter Award! RamGram Editor, Andrea Teague, continues to do a fantastic job!

Proposed Bylaws Amendments: Virginia PTA put forth 18 Proposed Bylaws Amendments to the State Bylaws most of which were innocuous changes. However, some proposed amendments, if adopted, would have affected

Robinson's PTSA including one that would have eliminated all reference to PTSA's wherever PTA/PTSA was mentioned. This proposed amendment failed. There was great opposition to eliminating the use of "PTSA" from local units using that designation because it omitted a bonafide group of members, our students.

Virginia PTA recommended an increase in the state dues from \$.75/member to \$1.00/member. This proposed amendment failed because Virginia PTA did not have their audit completed and ready for review and approval by the general membership. The members did not want to approve a dues increase without an approved audit.

Another controversial proposed amendment that failed would have required an individual to serve on the Virginia PTA Board of Managers at least 18 months prior to being eligible to be nominated for a state officer position. There was great opposition to this and a feeling by many that this was a political move to obstruct some members from serving as officers. As it stands now, one must serve on the Board of Managers one year to be eligible to be nominated as a state officer.

The final amendment that would have affected Robinson included limiting the amount of money to \$250 for which the executive board could make changes in the budget without general membership approval. Before much discussion took place the proposed amendment was referred back to the Bylaws Committee. Robinson originally drafted this language for its bylaws three years ago, PTA Virginia picked up our language last year and it became an approved bylaw amendment for all local units without a specific dollar amount included so that each local unit could decide what it needed. Robinson currently is allowed to make up to a \$500 change in a budgeted line item without General Membership approval.

Convention Resolutions: All five of the convention resolutions passed including 1) Reduction of Environmental Mercury Pollution, 2) Ban on Cell Phone and Other Electronic Device Use by School Bus Drivers (while driving), 3) Career and Technical Education, 4) Automated External Defibrillator and 5) Health Insurance for Virginia Children.

Enough is Enough: It was announced that in 2006 Virginia PTA partnered with "Enough is Enough," a non-profit company whose goal is to be a formidable resource for parents about internet safety. Nationally known advocate and COO of Enough is Enough, Donna Rice Hughes, spoke about the dangers of predators on the internet. With a \$40,000 grant from Verizon, a 90-minute DVD is being developed entitled "Rules 'N Tools" that will be made available to all Virginia PTA local units. A preview of the DVD was aired. This program is being developed with the understanding that many children

know much more about using the internet than their parents do. Thus it is parent, user-friendly

Election of State Officers: 156 ballots were cast. Melissa Nehrbass moved up from President Elect to President. Morgan Bell is President Elect (141 votes). Debbie Abide is Vice President (149 votes). Phyllis Ayers is Secretary (151 votes) and Trisha Rudolph is Treasurer (153 votes)

2008 Legislative Program: The program passed with a total of 29,981 votes being cast (out of 354,000). There were 28,136 yes, 617 no and 984 abstain. Fourteen Districts voted. Robinson cast more votes than any other local PTA unit!

Workshops: Mrs. Wirth attended four workshops seeking information and topics to bring back to Robinson.

Teen Dating Violence was an excellent workshop that discussed abuse in teen relationships. There are signs of abuse which every parent should be aware to determine whether their teen may be in danger. Every parent should attend this program and learn these critical warning signs. Teens who are new to dating don't know what's "normal" in a relationship and can unwittingly allow a relationship to turn violent. PTSA has identified a local expert to present the program in January, Lori Carver-Johnson. Mrs. Carver-Johnson is the Community Educator, Victim Assistance Network on the Fairfax, Falls Church Community Services Board. She is an expert on domestic violence, a problem that has no social, economic, racial or ethnic boundaries. See elsewhere for exact time and location of the program.

The Impact of Poverty on Students and Parents – A Framework for Understanding Poverty This program discussed the difficulty an impoverished student has in overcoming an adverse lifestyle when academic progress is achieved. The most salient example of poverty's limitations on those who get an education and break out of the mold is that the poverty mind set is tough to leave behind. A prime example discussed was Michael Vick, an accomplished, financially successful athlete raised in poverty, who, after becoming successful, continued to keep the "old" friends and engage in high-risk activities.

Making Membership Everyone's Business As we know, an individual's membership in a local unit includes membership in both the state and national organizations. In the past ten years, PTA National has lost more than a million members! It is essential that the local units educate parents, teachers and administrators about the aggregate benefits of belonging locally to not only support the school, but to also support the state and national organizations and their essential legislative efforts. If PTA National is to remain the number one children's advocate, it needs to maintain a healthy base of members. If you are not a member of Robinson's PTSA, please consider joining the only organization that represents every student, family, teacher and

administrator. A membership form can be found at the association's website: www.robinsonptsa.org. Part of your dues are tax deductible.

Why Teens Act the Way They Do – The Adolescent Brain This was one of the best workshops of all time! The speaker coordinated all of the medical and scientific data about this topic and presented it in layman's terms in one concise program so that parents could easily understand the physiological changes in adolescents' brains and how those changes affect day-to-day behavior. The presenter likened the Teen Brain to a "high performance car with an inferior braking system." This would be an excellent program for our parents and PTSA is looking for a local expert to present to the Robinson community.

1st Annual Robinson PTSA Legislative Roundtable A Success

The Robinson PTSA held its 1st Annual Legislative Roundtable on Thursday, November 29th from 2:30PM - 4:00PM in Davala Hall. The Robinson PTSA Board, US Government Students and US Government Faculty welcomed our distinguished elected officials or their staff to Robinson to discuss issues important to the Robinson School Community. Attending the Roundtable were School Board Members Tessie Wilson(Braddock), Liz Crenshaw(Springfield), Ilryong Moon (At-Large), Supervisor Sharon Bulova and Delegates Dave Marsden(41st District) and Delegate David Bulova(37th District). Also in attendance was the legislative aide to State Senator George Barker (39th District). Issues included facility renovation, later school start times, public/private partnerships, the proposed School Board budget, the proposed Fairfax County budget shortfall, educational funding from Richmond, Kings Dominion Rule, school calendar and class sizes. The lively discussion ended with the School Board Members inviting Robinson students who had so eloquently discussed issues to please sign up and speak at a school board public hearing.

The Robinson PTSA thanks all the students and faculty who participated in the legislative roundtable. Our elected officials made it very clear that there will be a shortfall in education funding in 2008. It will be extremely important in the next couple of months for students, parents and faculty to sign up to speak at the school board meetings and email legislators in support of education. The PTSA will be holding a school budget informational meeting for parents, students and teachers after the winter holiday. Please watch the Robinson announcements and Keep In Touch for the date and time. We must all work together to ensure that our children have quality educational facilities, resources and opportunities. If you any questions on the roundtable, please contact Terry Matlaga Bell, 1st Vice-President and Legislative Chair at tmatlaga@yahoo.com.

Robinson Secondary General News

Robinson High School Class of 2008
All Night Graduation Party Fund Raiser

MULCH SALE

New Choices for 2008! High quality hardwood, pine & color.

Free delivery*! On **Saturday, March 29, 2008.**

- ❖ Orders of 10 bags or more will only be delivered to driveway edge by house or garage.
- ❖ Orders under 10 bags are "pick up" only on Saturday, March 29 between 9am and noon at Oak View Elementary School (on Sideburn Rd., across from Robinson's campus).

Don't need mulch? Please consider donating below.

The Class of 2008 and their parents **THANK YOU** for supporting
a fun and safe graduation celebration.

For more information call: Marilyn Stoney (703) 818-7112.

For your records: I bought _____ bags of _____ for \$ _____

All profits support the All Night Grad Party and are tax deductible.

(Mail portion below dotted line with check or money order. Keep top portion for your records.)

Robinson ANGP Mulch Sale

Mail orders no later than: Friday, March 21, 2008

Make checks payable to: Robinson ANGP

Mail form and check to: ANGP Mulch Sales
PO Box 419
Clifton, VA 20124



Mulch type	Price/Bag	Quantity	Total
Double Shredded Hardwood Mulch (3cu. ft. bag)	\$4.50		=
Color Enhanced Hardwood Mulch (Red) (2 cu. ft. bag)	\$4.75		=
Pine Bark Mini Nuggets (3 cu.ft. bag)	\$5.25		=
Donation (thank you!)	-----	-----	
	Grand Total		=

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

Please check one:

_____ Please deliver my order (10 bag minimum; Robinson School District area only).

_____ I'll "pick up" at Oak View Elementary Parking Lot between 9am and noon on March 29th.

Exchange Student Needs New Home Before the Holidays



I am a volunteer with the American Field Service (AFS) exchange program. One of our students, who is attending Robinson from Germany, needs a new host family. She is temporarily staying with a family in West Springfield who are driving her to and fro while we seek another home in the Robinson area. The student is a sweet girl and we hope to have her settled in time for the holidays. I can provide all sorts of information, including her application and what is involved in hosting. A family who is interested, would first need to fill out an application complete with references and have a background check. We interview the family and arrange for them to meet the student prior to making a final placement. AFS would really appreciate any help. Please feel free to call (703)759-3166 or e-mail me with any questions or comments, Jerene Elizabeth Thomas, Virginia AFS Chair.

The Perfect Gift for Your 18 Year Old!



With the holidays just around the corner and some quality family time coming up during winter break it's a great opportunity to bridge the conversation gap between U.S. Government class and home concerning the political process

and the 2008 Presidential election. Get your student a Voter Registration Card application! If you're not registered, consider doing so too. If your student will be 18 by the next general election you can submit the application in advance of the birthday. For more information Google: Fairfax County Voter Registration. Applications can be picked up at the government center, libraries, board of supervisors' offices, etc.

Kids learn from the examples set by their parents; if you don't vote, they won't vote or consider the process important. It is embarrassing to see the low percentage of voter turn out in the United States election after election while our military are dying around the world to give others the democratic life style we take for granted.

Assist your college students in getting registered too and then with obtaining their absentee ballots for upcoming elections. We guarantee it will be thrilling to walk into your polling site with your HS student to share in this "adult" activity together!

Your political preferences are not important, but supporting them is. Every level of government affects your family life: local, state and national. If you are proud to be an American, then you must take your responsibility as a citizen seriously and exercise your constitutional right to vote. Remember, every vote counts! This is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

Art Auction Saturday, February 23, 2008 Save the Date!



Treat yourself and significant other to an adult evening out. Tell your friends and make it a date! We promise this will be an event you won't want to miss! Tickets and detailed information will be available in January. All proceeds to benefit the Robinson Rams 2008 All Night Graduation Party.

IB Information Presentation



Attention parents of rising 9th graders: IB Coordinators Wendy Vu and Lisa Green will give an information presentation about the IB program on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Davala Hall. Parents will learn about the requirements for the IB Diploma as well as the many options students can pursue as part of the IB program.

First Quarter 2007 Honor Roll

Middle School "All A" Honor Roll

SEVENTH GRADE

Nicole Aaron	Jordan Buzzell	Zev Gurowitz	Emily Kleman	Laura Newcome	Lisa Saling	Maria Robelaine
Mariya Andreyeva	Talisa Caldwell	Alejandra Gutierrez	Sarah Koucheravy	Pedram Pejman	Katrina Seaver	Tenefrancia
Gwendolyn Apgar	Chancellor Chambers	Brian Heck	Joseph Krallinger	Michelle Ponce	Fatima Sheikh	Angela Tuo
Christine Azir	Evan Christian	Collin Holston	Anna Kulbaski	Nikolai Rabinowitch	Adam Summers	Laura Turkekul
Marcela Balderrama	Kaitlyn Cunningham	Ashley Huynh	James Larmour	Alyssa Randell	Jessica Pauline	Leif Van Acker
Muyba	Allison Dillon	Seung Yeon Ju	Angela Lee	Anthony Reiter	Sykioco	Katelyn Winkler
Megan Barlow	Nicole Garcia	Alexis Kampanos	Morgan Meyer	Allison Robins	Aakanchhya	Alex Winkowski
Thomas Bozetarnik	Vijay George	Helai Karim	Brittany Molinari	Blaire Rowe	Tamrakar	Christina Wu
Holly Brimberry	Annie Goetz	David Katahira	Zeena Mubarak	Diane Saling		Arjuna Yost

EIGHTH GRADE

Song Hyun An	Jin Soo Chung	Emily Keenan	Diane Mechner	Rebecca Plotkin	Tae Yoon Seo	Caroline Weaver
Joseline Avendano	Christopher-Hung Do	Sae-li Kim	Kathryn Mireles	Allyson Prodo	Akif Shameem	
Carly Buckholz	Amanda Famiglietti	Ju Young Lee	Katelyn Mueller	Ann Rutt	Sophia Son	
Eugene Cai	Ariana Grundvig	Jonathan Lykins	Jennie Paine	Collin Schumpp	Lauren Stapleton	
Joy Chappell	Jin Hyun Jeng	Katya McGough	Barbara Platenberg	Eun Hye Seo	Michael Tirre	

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SEVENTH GRADE

Nicholas Alfieris	Macgregor Collins	Yu Jin Han	Bo Hyun Kim	Kyle Martinez	Nicholas Priftis	Samantha Stallings
Ahmed Ali	Eoin Conrick	Hayley Harris	Michael Kim	Lauren Mason	Michaela Proctor	Kyhl Stephen
Jose Ignacio	Scott Cook	Mitchell Hartigan	Richard Kim	Filip Mayernik	Tiffany Quach	Karina Tait
Alzerreca	Kelsey Coss	Yanar Hashlamon	Sung Min Kim	Melinda McCalley	Robert Quinn	Rachel Taitano
Antoinette Ancho-Ward	Christopher Crumplar	William Hewlett	Amanda Knight	Bernard McInerney	Soshiant Raeesian	Tomiko Tamashiro
Jubitza Antayhua	John Cummings	Christopher Hiponia	Hannah Koch	Mary Meier	Lauren Rainford	Pardo
Margaret Araneo	Brandin Curry	Rylie Hirst	Maria Kosmakos	Alyssa Michener	Elnaaz Rashid	Carmel Tebyanian
Alessandra	Narmeen Darwish	William Hite	Mark Kozy	Brittany Molinari	Lauren Rauch	Chase Terry
Aristizabal	Maya Davis	Alexander Hodges	Katherine Krause	Gisselle Montoya	William Rehm	Lauren Thomas
Yulia Arkhipova	Jeremy Day	Ebony Holmes	Miranda Kubal	Stephanie Morales	Iman Rehmatullah	Sean Tkacik
Andres Artze	Rowanne Dean	Michael Hugney	Minji Kwon	Kelly Morgan	Matthew Reynolds	Brian Tong
Nana Asare	Alexander Diamond	Wesley Hunt	Peter Lake	Katherine Morin	Lawrence Robinson	Kacie Townsend
Chan Bae	Peter Dingilian	Allison Hunter	Dana Lee	Michael-Vinh Morris	Alonso Romero	Tyler Tracey
Chase Bailey	Hawa Dirie	Karla Carissa Inoferio	Judy Lee	James Mosteller	Madeline Rose	Cristian Turain
Kai Bawcom	Katherine Donovan	Zachary Israel	Paul Lee	Matthew Mulligan	Sarah Rosson	John Turner
Tomas Beck-Rife	Mary Donovan	Taylor Jackson	Morgan Legatie	Catherine Munch	James Rowan	Emily Uosseph
John Bennett	Carly Estrada-Palma	Michael Jacobs	David Levinson	Ryan Musso	Nicholas Runkel	Noemi Ursprung
Zachary Blake	Benjamin Ferrell	Tyler Jagggers	Madeline Lewis	Carolina Myers	Salman Salman	Tehmina Usmani
Paula Bobsin	Benjamin Flint	Emily Jaumillot	Johanna Maria	Nicole Myers	Nahzic Salomon	Rachel Van Meter
Sean Boland	Josellyn Flores	Sameer Javed	Liwanag	Scarlett Nahas	Sage Saltsman	Richard VanArsdel
Alexander Boock	Nicolas Foster	Andrew Jiang	Stephanie Loftus	Arjun Nandra	D'Arcy Sampson	Jackson Viccora
Ellie Borkowski	Kevin Fox	Michelle Jocz	Oliver Lopez-Gomez	Nadine Nasr	Emma Sanzotta	Jacqueline Villarroel
Catina Boster	Kayla Frederick	Molly Johnson	Rosemary Lopez-Yanes	Lauren Newcomb	Aya Sarsour	Maritza Villarroel
Magdalena Brudvig	Naveed Freshvadi	Ellen Johnston	Shannon Lopynski	Julie Nguyen	Kiran Saund	Elizabeth Watkins
Brian Bui	Thomas Friestad	Emily Jordan	Ankoni Lowman	Simeon Nguyen	Jacob Schreiman	Shelby Weatherbee
Nicholas Bynum	Megan Fuller	Tommy Jun	Christopher Luber	Trang Nguyen	Kyle Scott	Gabrielle White
James Case	Madeleine Gaiser	PaMomodu Kabia	Anh Luong	Megan O'Bryan	Samuel Scott	Wyatt Willis
Kathryn Castellow	Min Soo Gang	Sonia Kahn	Brianna Mackie	Travis Oishi	Sandra Seipel	Jackson Wonderly
Yae Cha	Kayla Garcia-Neal	Megan Kania	Sara MacMillan	Andrew Osiecki	Nicole Selz	Jackson Wood
Julie Charnrissuragul	Luke Georges	Mohammad Karimi	Hunter Madden	Drew O'Sullivan	Jacob Shaffer	Jonathan Woodruff
Tiffany Chen	Nouran Ghanem	Daniel Katleman	Katharine Mahon	Lauren Packett	Brian Sharp	Jiahui Wu
Emmanuel Chiappini	Megan Gillon	Brennon Kauffman	Kuzin	Patrick Packnett	Michael Sherburne	Alaina Wuerfel
Jessica Chivington	Amy Glen	Shea Kearns	Ethan Malamud	Min Hee Pak	Kishan Shingala	Pierre Yanger Terbio
James Choulas	Noelle Bernice Go	Sean Kelley	Jesse Mancia	Patrice Pannell	Yael Silberman	Abigail Youngen
Bhakti Chudasama	Steven Golden	Andrew Kennerley	Brittany	Kristina Parise	Sarah Slife	Kathleen Yu
Jacob Cisarik	Delia Goldin	Bridget Kennerley	Mansourimoaied	Amber Patterson	Micah Smalley	Eunice Yun
Robert Clark	Cela Gonzalez	Jacob Kerr	Karla Mariscal	Paige Pauroso	Anna Smith	Jennifer Zajic
Tiffany Coad	Blair Gruendl	Cyrus Keyvanfar	Joseph Marotto	Turner Peterson	Sophie Smith	Samantha Zarek
Renee Colligan	Pedro Guerrero	Sara Khaffagy	Alec Martin	Michael Pham	Todd Smith	Lauren Zavaleta
Griffin Collins	Jacob Gunnarson	Miran Khan	Dylan Martin	Narayan Pillai	Julia Song	
	Clara Hahn	Sareena Khosla		Nicole Ponce	Kristianne Sooknanan	

EIGHTH GRADE

Angelique Abbey	Miranda Boyd	Theodore Goff	Jung Min Kim	Isabelle Merritt	Nicholas Reese	Andrew Thompson
Jana Abutayeh	Dennis Braden	Benjamin Gomez	Nam Hee Kim	Erin Meyer	Jacqueline Restrepo	Sebastian Trinh
Antonette Jane	John Bradley	Merino	Sue Kim	Christie Michals	Tucker Riner	Kelsey Trouton
Academia	Amanda Bray	Allison Graine	Catherine Kinsley	Daniel Moline	Evan Roberts	Elise Truong
Christian Acosta	Meredith Burroughs	Zachariah Gray	Mary Koszycki	Ryan Muldoon	Skylar Robins	Steven Tuchrello
Rodriguez	Amanda Busigo	Remi Griffin	Brian Kropaczek	Rachel Murphy	Graham Rockwood	Santiago Valdez
Jean Acosta Vega	Alan Campbell	Claire Grinstead	Molly Kulbaski	Benjamin Nagao	Margaret Rogers	Mabel Vasquez
Hayley Aguayo	Rachel Canty	Courtney Hafner	Brigitte Kuter	Alexander Napier	Kathryn Roman	Postigo
Chris Ahn	Sun Young Cho	Christopher Hall	Jenna Lamb	Vivek Narang	Matthew Roof	Arianna Vessal
Ryan Alexander	Yong Min Cho	Thomas Hammill	Jamie Larkin	Brittany Nedved	Kelsey Rooney	Marco Villela Gomez
Katherine Allen	Daniel Clark	Michael Hanlon	Julliette Laroche	Mariah Neston	Emmanuel Roque	Sarah Walden
Sanaa Almiski	Daniel Cochrane	Jennifer Harazin	Nathaniel LaRouche	Charles Nguyen	Jamie Roth	Miranda Wang
Maria Alvarez	Patricia Cohen	Kyle Hatterrick	Shannon LaVoye	Ian Nibbe	Diana Ruiz Hernandez	Paul Warren
Villegas	Jerry Collender	Lauren Hauck	Lauren Lebien	Taylor Nutt	Candace Rumbold	John West
Carly Amurao	William Coster	Samantha Hennerty	Joyce Lee	Sean O'Connor	Zachary Russell	William Wheeler
Kathryn Apperson	Dayton Coupland	Kaitlyn Hines	Sang Jun Lee	Tristram Osgood	Nicholas Scyoc	Sophia White
Giselle Arica	Joseph Creighton	Elizabeth Hodgdon	Su Joung Lee	Cameron Parker	Kayla Sechrist	Jordan Whitmore
Kristin Arndt	Nathanael Crow	Brian Hong	Matthew Lengyel	Sarah Paul	Sang Wook Seo	Joseph Wilkinson
Emmanuel Asenso	Michaela Marie Danie	Ashley Hunt	Zachary Lintzau	Caroline Pearson	Farah Shahsavarian	Arch Wilson
Carter Auch	de Asis	Emma Hyland	Megan Linton	Julia Pettis	Elana Stuart	Kyle Withers
Priya Aurora	Kristin Deegan	Hyo Bin Im	Victoria Litman	Alexia Pinto Marin	James Simon	Drew Witter
Melissa Ayers	Katelyn Diamond	Austin Jenkins	Kelly Lohrmann	Pallav Pokhrel	Elizabeth Sirney	Michaela Wright
Michael Azir	Michael DiCarlo	Kyle Jenkins	Chang Lu	Kevin Polkinghorne	Katelyn Skirlo	Hae-Jin Yang
Nathaniel Banks	Matthew Dickerson	Stephanie Jenkins	Kristina Lutz	Allison Poms	Emily Smith	Samuel Yardley
Alexander Barber	Brenna Dolan	Timothy Johnson	Samar Madi	Michael Popovich	Ethan Steen	Hee Gu Yea
Leah Barker	Miriam Eackloff	William Johnson	Shoumik Maitra	Allyson Prodo	Jordan Stern	Joseph Yoon
Daniel Barr	Michael Esposito	Amy Jones	Marielle Mazzuchi	Jack Prothero	Katherine Sturiale	Sung Sin Youn
Kyle Barry	Alexandra Ffield	Rachel Jones	Genamarie McCant	Sivasankari	Joyce Su	Nickzaman Zadrán
Gunnar Bedford	Christian Fischer	Jose Justiniano	Kelsey McGee	Rajamarthandan	Erin Sutherland	Diego Zalles
Madison Benfield	Christina Fischer	Garrett Kearns	Clare McGowan	Sidney Randolph	Ahmed Swadek	Rodriguez
Keith Bennett	Kelly Frost	Jessica Kenah	Kathryn McHugh	Avneet Ratte	Stephen Szyszka	Julia Zhao
Ashley Booth	Natalie Gee	Daniel Kiesel	Daniel McNamara	Alexander Ready	Teresa Tedrick	Andrew Zylstra
Cory Bowersox	Hunter Gillon	David Kim	Richard Melito	Samantha Reale	Rachael Thomas	

High School "All A" Honor Roll

NINTH GRADE

Stephanie Carl	Katherine Dempsey	Kelly Gawne	Sae Rynn Kwon	Rachel Mehaffey	Firas Nasr	Barton Terry
Ashley Carpenter	Michael Dulan	Carly Gordon	Emily Le	Fatima Mubarak	Zoe Padgett	Alamelu Udayappan
Timothy Cho	Timothy Ferrell	Benjamin Italiano	Christina Lehman	Abigail Muller	Meghan Smith	

TENTH GRADE

Florence Ahn	Jennifer Brouder	Cody Clarke	James Honnold	Rebecca Johnson	Jocelyn Moratzka	Noah Pisner
William Barlow	Edwin Chu	Laura Dodson	Kristin Horneffer	William Keenan	Emily Morgan	Brian Weaver
Audrey Barry	Colleen Clark	Mackenzie Griffin	Britton Jeter	Kaitlin Lohrmann	Simay Okyay	

ELEVENTH GRADE

Lubna Al-Nsour	Monika Criman	Hyo Jin Jang	Joshua Lansford	Christopher	Philip Roth	Ashley Yun
Stephanie Allard	Daniela DiCarlo	Michaela Jones	Michelle Lynch	McCloud	Stuart Steen	
Bonnie Beckner	Matthew Dunham	Kaitlin Kallini		Matthew McConnell	Rachael Stein	

TWELFTH GRADE

Rasha Azouqha	Erin Henning	Richard Kitterman	Andrew Lee	Andrew Mowry	Dennis Shiraev	
Erin Benefiel	Courtney Hoang	Vanessa Lambert-	Jack Lund	Karlyn Pollack	Sarah Sims	
Cara Di Silvio	Lauren Imbt	Williams	Alissa Marco	Jacob Sheldon		

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NINTH GRADE

Muhammed	Jaclyn Basanes	Fabiolla Brennecke	Jaison Choe	Sean Cummins	Chloe Donahue	Vanessa Ekouevi
Agcayazi	Sunna Bashir	Da Silva	In-Young Choi	Mayra Dalence	Ankita Dosaj	Sarah Elkhatib
Nour Alamiri	Kristi Batchelor	Patrick Brimberry	Jodie Choi	Garcia	Cameron Doyle	Alexander Emmons
Tahmina Amani	Jessica Beckett	Elizabeth Brown	Brandon Clark	Kevin DeCoster	Meghan Doyle	Ian Evancho
Luis Arroyo-	Madeline Bender	John Buono	Rachel Clark	Jack Dingilian	Anessa Duffle	Andrew Everett
Gonzales	Megan Bishop	Megan Bush	Lindsay Coker	Elmira Direcksze	Lauren Duffy	Matthew Everett
Jessica Aviles	Miae Bok	Emily Cali	Meghan Comer	Jose Emmanuel	Kathleen Dwyer	Lauren Falkenstein
Anthony Avino	Christian Bolivar	Shamik Chakraborty	Rachel Cook	Divina	Scott Dykes	Julia Federici
Victoria Baker	Cody Boyd	Christine Chen	Jahan Cooper	Michael-Quan Do	Kaitlyn Eberly	Alec Fernandez

Benjamin Field	Isabella Hur	Bo Min Kwon	Richard McGalem	Taylor Pearman	Leah Scheunemann	Stephanie Tso
Sarah Fisher	Emily Italiano	Alexandra LaCroix	Kevin McLaughlin	Kylie Giselle Pelayo	Kevin Shanahan	Austin Tussing
Nicole Fitchett	Kevin Izadpanah	Catherine Lam	Andrew Miller	Alexis Penater	Zachary Sheldon	Brian Uosseph
Heather Flint	Lizzie Jaldin	Daniel Lee	Timothy Miller	Kara Polley	Amanuel Shitaye	Taren Vail
Haley Fuller	Dae Yong Jang	Kyu Hoon Lee	Brett Montague	Jillian Powers	Daniel Slocum	Jacqueline Valenti
Christopher Garcia	James Jindra	Ye Eun Lee	Elise Morin	Meghan Presing	Margaret Snare	Margaret Veale
Jason Gart	Kiley Johnson	Alexander LeGore	Kathryn Morris	Joseph Priftis	Carla Stefaniak	Caitlin Viccora
Laura Gartrell	Natalie Johnson	Samantha Levinson	Fabio Mugnaini	Catherine Raithe	Anne Stickley	Uvindu
Aidan Geaghan	Julia Joyce	Anna Lewis	Fahma Mukhtar	John Rathburn	Alexandra Swords	Wanniachchige
Hayato Gibbons	Katherine Karas	Brandon Lindsay	Rachel Nathanson	Nicholas Reed	Lindsey Taitano	Nathaniel Weiner
Erwin Joseph Go	Matthew Karas	Winnie Liu	Tanner Naughton	Alison Regan	Meghan Taitano	Lane Wenner
Katherine Goetz	Samuel Kelaher	Amanda Lloyd	Frances Nejako	Ethan Reish	Gillian Tarbett	Megan Wester
William Gogoel	William Kennerley	Michael LoPresti	Emily Nice	Michael Rice	Maria Desiree	Clair White
Stephen Goodrick	Ainsley Kilgo	Tainiko Lowman	Casey Oesterle	Matthew Ridenour	Tenefrancia	Mila Whiteley
Jordan Goodwin	Kyung Rae Kim	Sosan Lutfi	Courtney Olson	Doris Rivera	Mariam Thomas	Billie Yi
Travis Gregory	Min Kyung Kim	Kaitlin Mackie	Charlotte Owens	Ashley Robinson	Julia Tolbert	
Kimberley Griffin	Shannon Knight	Lauren MacPherson	Da Keun Park	Kathleen Rowson	Peter Torres	
Vinay Gupta	Jason Ko	Ada Francesca	Joo-Eun Park	Kathryn Rozelsky	Erin Toth	
Alyssa Hard	Jean Hee Ko	Malamud	Hanna Parsons	Alison Ruckstuhl	Zachary Townsend	
Jennifer Horan	Bryan Kong	Jessica Marco	Kelsey Patel	Ali Salman	Jonathan Truong	
Charlotte Hord	Kristin Kunze	Emily Martin	Stephen Paul	Matthew Sbotto	Samantha Tsen	

TENTH GRADE

Yasmine Ahmed	Carlo Cavallaro	Samuel Frost	Scarlett Koga	Brent Natsuhara	Carly Salas	Tiffany Tuan
Michael Ahn	Kaylan Celestin	Jeremy Galanos	Aaron Kohn	Meghan Neary	Katherine Saling	Ryan Turkekul
Margaret Albertson	Enoch Cha	Carolena Garrison	Stacey Kropaczek	Dustin Nguyen	Dominic Sanzotta	Erika Vanarsdel
Saly Aldabbagh	Zongyu Chai	Paul Gay	Eunji Kwon	Clare O'Brien	Nidal Sarsour	Nomelie Anne
Alexandre Alferov	Lucas Champion	Christa Genovese	Alexander Lopian	Carolyn O'Loughlin	Medha Satyal	Veluz
Mary Allison	Francesca Chesler	Kelsey Glass	Hien Le	Catherine Oakley	Avalon Schuler	Dylan Verster
Eric Anderson	Su Young Chi	Elizabeth Graver	Christine Lee	David Ogunjimi	Jason Scicchitano	Jordan Vessal
Katherine Araneo	Sophia Cho	Kylie Gustanto	Edward Lee	Tyler Oishi	Jung Wook Seo	Hong-Nhan Vo
Madison Auch	Ahsan Chowdhury	Jaе Won Ha	Daniel Lengyel	Ellen Olson	Quannah Shade	Anna Vrana
Luis Avendano	David Christian	Karl Hallauer	Francesca Licari	Devon Packett	Rima Shah	Hannah Walden
Christina Baker	AnSeob Chung	Joshua Harrington	Joshua Lindeman	Jeanhee Pak	Katherine Sharp	Shannon Walsh
Caitlin Barba	Courtney Cisarik	Ramez Hashlamon	Kathryn Lohr	Ji Young Park	Christopher Shea	Benjamin Weiss
Robert Barbu	Marcus Confino	Mary Hazard	Fadi Mahmoud	Jun Ha Park	Kristina Shichanin	Aileen Weldon
Julia Bartus-Dobson	Michael Creighton	Alison Heck	Margo Maier	William Park	Grace Shin	Amy Weldon
Jesse Betha	Brooke Curtis	Jackson Henderson	Matthew Maiorana	William Park	Devin Shiple	Mark Whetstone
Allyson Beck	Nathan Davison	Alan Hicks	Alison Malkowski	Samantha Partonen	Anish Simhal	Wilfrid Wilkinson
Michelle Bedker	Melissa DeBarr	Alexander Hilert	Joshua Mann	Christina Peck	Nicholas Sitney	Katrina Wilson
Lauren Boenau	Megan Dougherty	Alexandria Hiponia	Nicholas	Daniel Peck	Lauren Slay	Jason Witter
Jacqueline Bond	Bridget Duffy	Jennifer Hogan	Mansourimoaied	Angela Perez Paz	Chrysantha Smith	Harrison Woo
Monica Bonilla	Elaine Dunavant	Iulia Hogas	Shelby McIntosh	Morgan Pietruszka	Elizabeth Smith	Sarah Woodruff
Kimberley Bossu	Courtney Duncan	Troy Howell	Corinne McNulty	Drake Platenberg	Emily Smith	Dawn Xiang
Marcy Bowdren	Alexander Dunfee	Ivan Huynh	Alexandra Mendoza	Nicholas Rebold	Forrest Smith	Gin Suk Yang
Laura Brackett	Thomas Dziura	Harleen Jassal	Robert Meyer	Kara Reffitt	Jensen Smith	Gunwoo Yi
Casey Brown	Sarah Eaton	Holly Jones	Julie Michals	Katharine Rehm	Joshua Son	Milgo Yonis
Kelly Buckley	Nancy Edmundson	Min Sung Kang	Alexandra Miller	John Ro	Ian Stanchi	Hyun Jeong You
Vera Buckley	Elizabeth Ehrreich	Erica Kim	Amanda Miller	Sarah Robins	Lauren Steppe	Alice Yu
Oriana Bughi	Kayla Elias	Gloria Kim	Cole Miller	Katherine Roderick	Kate Stern	Sung In Yuk
Rachel Bui	Katherine Evans	Hanna Kim	Kristofer Monson	Julian Rosen	Stephen Sul	Kevin Yumping
Jaelyn Buono	Jennifer Fisher	Ji Eun Kim	Rachel Moody	Eric Roth	Kevin Sunga	Alice Yun
Bradley Burgess	Michael Fisk	Matthew Kim	Rachel Moore	Erin Rowe	Larissa Szyszka	
Mark Burka	Christopher Font	Nam Kyung Kim	Carly Ann Morris	Adam Rubel	Julie Taguding	
Cody Canard	Benjamin Fox	Austin Kirkland	Kevin Murphy	Adam Rutt	Paige Tedrick	
Alisha Candelario	Kristen Fox	Annavictoria	John Musick	Kathryn Ryan	Johanna Tesfay	
James Carter	Kortney Frederick	Knight	Vimal Nair	Farhat Safa	Elizabeth Tran	

ELEVENTH GRADE

Busra Agcayazi	Benjamin Bissell	Sean Carpenter	Ishita Dosaj	Kenneth Fung	Marcus Hathaway	Mackenzie Johnson
Kelly Agnew	Anna Boeuf	Jessica Cea	Autumn Dougherty	Elizabeth Gallop	Peter Hays	Rebecca Johnson
Connor Alexander	Jeffrey Bohnwagner	Daniel Choi	Megan Dunleavy	Stacey Garrett	Piper Hillman	Dalton Jones
Naid Allasan	Benjamin Bowden	Hannah Chong	Abigail Eastman	Mecal	Justin Hinton	Byeong Hoon Jun
Lorena Alvarez	Carlin Bowersox	Daniel Chung	Sarah Edwards	Ghebremichael	Ryan Holder	Kelly Jung
Shane Ard	Katherine Bowles	Youjin Chung	Adam Elkhatib	Matthew Godwin	Ryan Holston	Min Jung Kang
Cheryl Attard	Lauren Boyer	Yueh Ru Chung	Brianna Ells	Chelsea Guill	Katherine Houle	Hyun Soo Kim
Brittney Baker	William Bradley	Alexandra Clark	Eric Fischer	Katherine Hagerty	Anne Hovland	Joan Kim
Bailey Banks	Stephanie Bray	Jeremy Cockrell	Matthew Fitzpatrick	Eileen Halpin	Lauren Howerton	Loren Kim
Samantha Barber	Joseph Buono	Christina Connor	Sean Foley	Thomas Hanson	Hsiu-Chu Huang	MiJi Kim
LeighAnne Baxter	Alexander Callo	Niall Conrick	Sarah Foote	Stephen Hardy	Andrew Huynh	Stephen Koelbl
Brad Bazow	Michael Calve	Samuel Coster	Emily Ford	Lauren Hargarten	Linh Huynh	Charles Koo
Kevin Bell	Caitlin Campbell	Sukhpreet Darhele	Emma Friedheim	Jazmine Harris	Justin Hylton	Caroline Kotila
Jared Berma	Cara Cannon	Aaron Dixon	Casey Frost	Justin Hasnat	Cara Iselin	

Meredith Kozikowski Brandon Kuter Thomas Lopian Megan Learn Angella Lee Na Lae Lee Sarah Lee Jonathan Lehman Christophe Lejeune David Levonian James Lewis Spencer Li Sun Jae Lim Russell Lloyd	Farah Madi Roxanne Fatima Magalong Ahmed Mahmoud Yuka Mahn Kathryn Markovich Jacob Martens Gunita Matharoo Lauren McCook Elisabeth McDonald Laila McQuade Timothy Meier Rebecca Merritt Andrew Monick	Sarah Moody Jillian Moran Sonia Mundackal Mohammad Nazam Amanda Nevlud Bradley Nye Kara Oyhenart Yu Han Pan Brian Parady Seong Ha Park Peyman Pejman Katelyn Priftis Francis Pulju Scott Rayermann Caroline Reist	Allison Reiter Christopher Rice Alexandra Roca Trigoso William Rockwood Jessica Roffenbender Nicholas Rooney Kevin Root Sean Rushlow Sarah Russell Gregory Ryan Alan Safferson Rachel Saltarelli Amy Schafer	Aleksandrs Schuler Jeremy Schwartzman Shannon Scyoc Teaba Sedghi Marco Segura Hermoza Shelby Shaffer Emily Sherman Brienne Smalley Cassidy Smith Katherine Smith Sands Smith Noemi Solares Emily Sparks	Sara Stanton-Hoyle Larissa Staszak Kathleen Stefaniak Sarah Stringer Michael Strong Stephanie Swieter Ashley Swim Khue Manh Tran Dominic Trinh Soham Trivedi Elayna Tursky Candice Tussing Faviola Valdez Valerie Vega Lenway	Ivan Volonsevich Allison Von Hausen Brian Vonack Emily Weiler Alicia Wheeler Jeremy Wilson Laura Witherspoon Samatar Yonis Xiaochen Yuan Stephen Zavaleta Alexander Zorychta
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TWELFTH GRADE

Daniel Albert Emily Ali Jasmine Azimi Kerrie Baciocco Allison Baker Justin Bales David Baranowski Christine Barry Shelly Barry Dennis Bazow Jamie Beckett Matthew Bedker Amanda Betzold Hannah Blechman Karin Bloomquist Scott Boensel Amanda Bonilla Christopher Booth Lauren Bowdren Ian Boyd Reid Broendel Christopher Brown Ryan Broyles Steven Bruder Nicole Brzozowski Sarah Bufano Brian Bui Derek Bui Jessica Bush Cindy Capriles Paul Carpenter Jennifer Carr Julieta Ceballos Jin-Ah Chang Telma Chavez	Jackson Cheek Phillips Choe Cecilia Choi Jamie Clark Livia Cohen Evan Collins Christopher Colon Moira Copeland Michael Criste Matthew Crumplar Eric Curtis Taryn Cutrona Stephanie D'Souza Brianna Dalrymple Honganh Dang Kimcuong Dang Adriana Del Vecchio Christine Dibiasio Mai (Amy) Dien Dara Downs Erin Duffy Kathleen Duffy Asia Echard Jessica Echard Melissa Edwards Baha Elayan Teresa Evans Theodore Faris Abbey Farwell Rachel Felcorn Erin Fenner Michael Ferrette Lindsay Ferris Dimitri Fineskos	Alison Fram Christopher Gabriel Harrison Gandee Ryan Gawne Caitlin Geaghan Grant Gibson Elizebeth Gilliland Brian Glen Samantha Goldstein Alexander Goodwin Mariella Gozalo Emily Grant Hunter Graver Nicholas Greco Meghan Griffin Katelyn Gross Samantha Grozbean Prasiddha Gustanto William Hagerty Elias Hajjar Mackenzie Hamilton Charles Han Seong Gan Han Lindsey Hardenbergh Deva Helmand Stacy Hernandez Thomas Hertz Hailey Hewitt Shannon Hicks Richard Hoeser Sylvia Hong Kevin Hovell Laura Howton	Charles Hsu Thomas Hughes Catherine Ianni Tahseen Ibrahim Dylan Jackson Manjot Jassal Adam John Amanda Johnson Fatmata Kabia Mariama Kabia James Kalina Andrew Kang Caitlin Kear Philippe Keefe Sarah Keithly Regan Kevan Alexander Key Jonathan Kilbourn Bo Ram Kim Daniel Kim David Kim Hee Kyung Kim Jin Hyung Kim Alexis Kimmelman Steven Klein Abigail Knight Priyam Kumar Su Kyung Kwon Michelle LaFalce Sebastien Laroche Brittany Lawson Da Long Lee Jae Seok Lee Kevin Lee Paul Lee	Samantha Lee Yun Sun Lee Denise Lenihan Nicholas Leverone Rebecca Linder Amanda Litman Anne Lollar Ryan Lopynski Risabel Marian Magalong Iliana Mancia Philip Marotto Christopher Marr Nikkithasha Marwaha Amy McGrath Aashna Mehta Angela Melito Christina Mero James Mikula Thomas Mitchell Dong Hun Moon Steven Moxham Bryant Natsuhara Anna Nguyen Patricia Nicastr Eric Noh Kyle Novak Esther Nsiah Tuffour Molly O'Connor Lindsay Oakley Stephanie Offutt Peter Oh Paul Otten	Kate Owens Alice Park Allison Parker Daniel Parris Shyam Patel Cameron Patterson Allison Pearman Julia Peck Benjamin Peek Jenna Popovich Nicolas Prada Brittany Prather Mariah Proctor Alexis Pulling Summit Quach Lauren Rabb Cecilia Ramos Vijay Rathinasamy Michael Rauch Esther Remington Michael Roberson Joseph Robinson Geron Roper Jeffrey Rose Joshua Rosenthal Lauren Rudy Jay Salbert Ruby Sangha Thomas Schaefer Neal Schneier Katelyn Schoolfield Fallon Segarra Cara Shaffer Daniel Shim Esther Shin	Young Joon Shin Nicholas Shumate Brittany Simmons Anna Slagle Kristen Smith Emily Stanchi Aaron Staton Caitlin Story HyeJin Sul Kylie Sullivan Katy Summerlin Amy Taguding Jacob Tamburrino Forest Thrush Michelle Triolo Whitney Tso Elizabeth Urrutia Kristy Vannoy Jessica Vara Patrick Weaver Michael Weckman Anna Weems Martin Wester Mark Whitaker William Wieboldt Courtney Williams F. Netherton Williams Kenneth Williams Eileen Willson Kellyn Wolber Katherine Yen Linda Yen Katherine Yount
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Middle School and High School Class News

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

Letter from the Principals

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who came out for the Touching Bases event on November 12! The turnout was great and the feedback that we received from you was very encouraging.

Congratulations to Sandy Lamb, one of our eighth grade social studies teachers, who recently learned that she has been recognized as a National Board Certified teacher. This is a quite an accomplishment and we are proud of Mrs. Lamb for earning this distinction.

As most of you heard before the Thanksgiving holiday, one of our eighth grade students, Bobby Dadzie, died on November 16 due to complications from Sickle Cell Anemia. Bobby was a member of the Green team this year and was on the Eagles team last year. He was a wonderful student, a great friend, and a fine example to his peers. All of his teachers and classmates miss him. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Comets Team "Student of the Quarter" Winners



The Comets Team of Robinson Middle School chooses about a dozen students each quarter as "Student of the Quarter" honorees. The award is based on the core teachers considering each student's passing grades, classroom behavior, meeting the Comets Team expectations, and overall Ram pride! The vote must be unanimous among the teachers, and each student may win only once during the year. They receive an invitation to a fantastic breakfast party during school hours, and a certificate commemorating the occasion makes a great keepsake from their middle school years. Please join us in congratulating these outstanding Robinson seventh-graders.

Annie Goetz
Hayley Harris
Sarah Koucheravy
Joe Marotto
Joey McInerney
Kristina Parise

Lauren Rainford
Sarah Rosson
Diane Saling
Lisa Saling
Anna Smith
Tyler Tracy

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now \$40. Nameplates are no longer available. New forms are available in the subschool offices and in A223. Any old forms and checks that are brought after Nov. 26 will be returned. You may still pre-order a book guaranteeing that your son or daughter will receive their book with their team in June.

Choral Productions



The RMS Choirs will be performing their Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 PM in Russell Theater. All chorus students are required to attend and we hope families will come for an evening of wonderful music. Students need to arrive prior to the concert at 6:30 PM. They should be dressed in the chorus polo and khaki pants. Please contact Ms. Bookbinder if there are any questions regarding this event. See you there!

Classes of 2012 & 2013 Continued...

Theatre Productions

Robinson Middle School Drama presents this year's production, *Bye Bye Birdie* Feb. 15 - Feb 17 in the Russell Theatre! Tickets go on sale mid-January and can be purchased in school with ticket order, at lunches, or online at www.robinsondrama.org, or at the door. Past productions have sold out, so grab those tickets early! Show times are Friday, 2/15 & Saturday, 2/16 at 7:30pm; Saturday, 2/16 & Sunday, 2/17 at 2pm. Technical Crew positions are still available to all students. Please see Ms. Hard in D106 for additional information, or to be added to the *Bye Bye Birdie* Blackboard site!

Middle School Guidance

Counselors discussed study skills, time management and other strategies in classroom guidance lessons in November. Counselors will be presenting Career Exploration Units to classes in December.

Please mark your calendar for the following events:

- ❖ Interims will be mailed December 14.
- ❖ Interest meeting for parents and 8th grade students to learn about the International Baccalaureate Program at Robinson. The meeting will be Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Davala Hall. The IB coordinators will present an overview of the IB program and answer questions.
- ❖ Rising 9th Grade Parent Information Night will be Thursday, January 31 in Russell Theatre. Meet the high school counselors at 6:30. Snow date is Wednesday, February 6.
- ❖ The Writing SOL for 8th grade students will be March 4, 5, and 6. Please do not schedule doctor or other appointments on those days.

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

After School Program Update

In addition to our program information being available on the Robinson website, *The Ramblast* and are now accessible through 24-7. Please read *The Ramblast* weekly for confirmation of all meetings and activities and use the calendar to help your student plan his/her time after school.

New activities featured this quarter are coed basketball intramurals, beginning on Monday, December 10, and meeting every Monday and Wednesday until late bus departure time, with the exception of December 12 and January 16 and 30 due to the hosting of high school athletic events. Interested students are being asked to complete a registration form, available during lunch, indicating their experience. We hope to have three levels of play, including space for those students wanting to practice basic skills. An interest meeting will be held on Monday, December 10 in the gym to explain the program to students.

Additionally, Mrs. Hammer, one of our art teachers, will be sponsoring an art club on Mondays. An interest meeting was held in late November and all are welcome. The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course will be taught beginning in January. This is an eight week course that requires attendance at all classes in order to receive the official course certificate. The start date will be announced on Mondays in the Middle by mid-December.

An updated second quarter schedule is posted on the website for your reference. Thank you for your support and please contact Mary Aunon, by calling 703-426-2339 or by emailing mary.aunon@fcps.edu, with any questions or concerns.

Classes of 2008 - 2011

Yearbooks and Ad Space

The deadline for pre-orders for the high school yearbook before the price escalates is December 15, 2008. After that date nameplates will no longer be available. The deadline for placing a congratulatory ad for your senior is January 18, 2008. For questions or a copy of the current order form, please contact *The Above and Beyond* yearbook at 703-426-2284 or Linda.Hughes@fcps.edu.

Boosters, Clubs and Departments



ROBINSON CREW

www.robinsoncrew.com



Crew is a co-ed, varsity sport at Robinson with over 100 rowers competing against schools within the region and across the nation. It is a growing sport that teaches commitment, dedication, and

teamwork. Rowing is one of the top aerobic activities and requires excellent overall physical conditioning. Most importantly, it gives students the opportunity to be part of a team at Robinson, a team that values commitment and rewards effort. Although crew has the full support of the Robinson administration, we receive no financial support from Fairfax County Schools or the State of Virginia. We must look to individual contributions and fundraising efforts to cover our expenditures.



Looking for a tax write-off for 2007? Robinson Crew is a 501c3, Not for Profit Organization. ANY donation is greatly appreciated. Visit our website (www.robinsoncrew.com) to learn more about Robinson crew and for info about where to send a donation.

Robinson Academic Boosters

We received this note in the mail this last week, "Our son, is a sophomore and he just received a pin and letter for academic excellence. He took such pride in receiving this award..." Did you know that the giving of letters for Academics is not a standard practice in Fairfax County? It is on a school by school basis. Robinson is very fortunate to have Academic Booster's, the PTSA and a supportive administration that believe in rewarding these students.

Thank you to all the families AND a special thanks to the staff who have joined Academic Booster's this year! We are still running behind on our support compared to previous years so for just \$15 a year your family can support the various awards and special events Academic Booster's provide to encourage ALL students to do their best (and get a tax deduction!) Please take a moment and join Academic Booster's by filling out the membership form on our website at <http://www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS/boosters/abc> and mail it in to school, if you haven't already done so.

If you were at school on November 9 and were anywhere near Davala Hall, you probably could smell the pizza lunch that the

Booster's provided to the Sophomores and Juniors who earned A's for all four quarters last year in one (or more) of their core classes. There were over 300 students who earned this honor! Thanks so much to our pizza lunch brigade who did a great job and had fun hanging out with this wonderful bunch of kids, especially Gail Glover for orchestrating this event! She couldn't have done it without the help of Abby Hillman, Mary Bray, Debbie Kirali, Elaine Isreal, Kathy Ells and Karen Donais.

I had the pleasure of being one of several volunteers proctoring the American Mathematical Exam for some very bright 7th & 8th graders on November 12. The Academic Booster's provides financial support for this exam and Lorelei Allen works hard to schedule the 6 proctors needed from our volunteer base. Congratulations to all 140 kids who took the test-it is not an easy test and especially not at 8 in the morning!

Our meetings are always open and always kept to an hour or under (what a deal!), so if you just want to hear what we do or what volunteer opportunities might fit your schedule, feel free to come join us on Monday, January 14, 7pm 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.

Mathematics Department



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.

Drama



Upcoming Dates in Robinson Theatre

Theatre Sports

Jan 4

Feb 29

May 16

Bye Bye Birdie

Middle School Musical

Feb 15, 16, 17

Les Miserables
High School Musical
May 3, 4, 10, 11

For more info go to www.RobinsonDrama.org. Order holiday gifts through the Amazon link on the web site! Same price for you, and supports Robinson Drama!

Choral Department

The Sounds of the Season concert will be held on Thursday December 20th in Russell Theatre. This concert will feature all of the high school choral ensembles and the 3rd annual "Fathers & Sons Chorus." Any father or son related to any chorus student - or in the community is welcome to join us! Rehearsal schedules will be posted on www.robinsonsings.org The RCPA will be sponsoring a silent auction at the concert featuring many beautiful gift baskets and certificates just in time for the holiday season!

The students are getting excited for their upcoming spring trip to **New York City** in March. If you would like to help send the students to New York by making a donation, please visit the chorus website and find out how you can help.

Congratulations to the following students that were accepted to participate in District XI Chorus. These students completed a rigorous audition and will participate in a three day event culminating in a concert Saturday February 9th at Woodson High School.

SSA Soprano II: Jillian Powers

SSA Alto II: Jocelyn Moratzka,, Jackie Bond

SATB Soprano I: Kelly Agnew, Deborah Brownell, Christine Caputo

SATB Soprano II: Emma Friedheim, Min Kim

SATB Alto I: Brittany Carter, Jessica Johnson, Shannon Scyoc, Amy Schafer

SATB Alto II: Risabel Magalong, Mariah Proctor, Hyejin Sul, Eileen Willson

SATB Bass I: Jason Lewis

Robinson Band and Orchestra Parents Organization (RBOPO)



Marching Rams – Season Finale: The Marching Rams completed their competitive season by performing their 2007 show "From Virginia to America" in the VBODA State Marching Festival at Battlefield High School on October 27. This

competition is a rating as a part of the Virginia Honor Band program. Congratulations to the Marching Rams came away with a "Superior" rating, the highest achievable.

The home football game marching season was capped off at the Fairfax game with Senior Night as the Class of 2008 celebrated their Robinson marching memories with Mr. Meier, their parents, directors and friends. Our best wishes and sincere thanks to this

year's Senior Class marchers for your leadership, hard work and dedication to the Marching Rams. RBOPO would also like to thank all of the students, directors, parents, supporters and sponsors for your contributions toward a fun, successful and memorable 2007 season.



Junior District Orchestra: Robinson will be well represented by **fifteen** 7th, 8th and 9th grade student musicians at Junior District Orchestra on January 4 & 5, 2008. These talented students will perform under guest conductor, Susan Kervick at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The performance is free and will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2008. Congratulations!

'Tis the Season for Concerts: December is full of opportunities to hear the Robinson Bands and Orchestras in Concert at the Russell Theatre. And 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. We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events:

- ❖ *Dec. 4:* MS Bands Winter Concert – Russell Theatre at 7:30 pm
- ❖ *Dec. 5:* HS Bands Winter Concerts – Russell Theatre at 7:30 pm – Concert 3 Gold & Symphonic
- ❖ *Dec. 6:* HS Bands Winter Concerts – Russell Theatre at 7:30 pm – Concert2, Concert 3 Blue & Concert 4
- ❖ *Dec. 7:* MS Sinfonietta, MS 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 two shows at 9:30 & 11:00 am (contact Donna DeSoto @ 703-323-1432, desotomailbox@cox.net)
- ❖ *Dec. 13:* Winter Concerts for all High School & Middle School Orchestras at 7:00pm in the Russell Theatre
- ❖ *Jan. 5:* District Band Auditions at Robinson

Volunteers Needed: Robinson's music programs would not have such wonderful opportunities without the significant contributions of time by parent supporters and volunteers. This is a great season to be involved as there are several important dates coming up. Parent volunteers are needed for the following upcoming events: Tiny Tots Concert, District Band Auditions and Jazz Sweets 'N Swing Night. If you would like to participate, please print, complete, and return the form at the link below to the band room via your student as soon as possible. http://www.robinsonband.org/pdf_files/rbopo_volunteer_request_spring08.pdf



Holiday Gifts and Fundraisers: From pies and greens to fruit and ornaments, our fundraisers were all very successful and we thank you for your support! RBOPO will again have White House Ornaments and Robinson

Ornaments available for purchase at the upcoming concerts. Both ornaments are beautiful and make a very nice gift just in time for the holidays

Please attend our next RBOPO Meeting at 7 p.m., January 8 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 & www.RobinsonOrchestra.org.



What's Love Got to Do With It?

Teen Dating Violence: Would you recognize the 10 signs of abuse?

Does your child understand the difference between a "Healthy vs. Unhealthy relationship?" Would your son or daughter share their fears with you if in fact someone that they were dating was abusing them? Are you a parent who believes that domestic violence doesn't exist in the teen population? Do you know how to talk to your children so they will listen? Or, does your child say, "Everyone does that mom, its normal. You don't understand." Are you afraid that your child may be the one harming someone else? Do you know what resources are available to you if you and your family need help? Would you like to know what's at the root of all of these behaviors? Don't wait until it's too late! Come join us for a dynamic presentation and discussion on Teen Dating Violence January 9, 2008 at 7:15pm, Davala Hall, Robinson Secondary School (Snow date, January 16, 2008). - Lori Carver-Johnson, M.A., Fairfax County Victim Assistance Network, Mental Health Therapist, Community Educator for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Sexual Assault Community Outreach Coordinator (**Sponsored by Robinson PTSA**).

Abuse Is No Excuse: How would you know if your child was in an abusive relationship? Do you know how you 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 focusing on the promoting awareness about abuse in teen relationships. Our main focus and goal is to inform our school, parents, students, and faculty where kids can get help and how they can get help if they are in an abusive relationship. Surveys show that 1 in 4 women will experience some form of abuse in their lifetime. These numbers could be greatly reduced if there was better communication between teenagers and their parents.



We have gone around the school having students take surveys about relationship abuse. We were shocked at the number of kids who said they have been in an abusive relationship. A lot of people misunderstand that the abuse doesn't just happen to girls

but also to males too. Abuse is just not physical; it also is mentally, verbally, and emotionally. We had so many people say "I love him, he doesn't mean it." Our main goal for this year is to help try and create awareness. We don't think that people take it seriously, just this one thing and escalate to something bigger such as; depression, suicide, murder, and lost of loss of self esteem.

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. It is also very important that teens know that there is help and that they aren't alone. There are so many people that they can turn to; hotlines, websites, and help-groups. Don't let love keep you in an abusive relationship, your health is what should get you out.

For handbooks, hotlines and suggestions on teen relationship abuse, please go to www.loveisnotabuse.com; www.breakthe cycle.org, and ; www.seeitandstopit.org. – Project Directors: Jessica Betourd, Charity Haynes, Kathy Alexander



2007-08 Robinson DECA Community Service Project is awarded \$1,000 from Tyson's Corner Center:

This year, Robinson DECA is concentrating on raising funds and awareness for the American Lyme Disease Foundation. The Robinson DECA project directors for this campaign are MP Abrahamson (Robinson DECA Public Relations Vice President) and Esther Remington (Robinson DECA Promotions Vice President). MP has been the driving force on this project ever since her mother was diagnosed with Lyme Disease this past summer. MP and Esther were granted the leadership role on this project after the advisors saw many students audition for the creation and implementation of the project. After issuing many surveys to the 400 Robinson marketing students, MP and Esther knew they were doing the right thing – so many students have been affected by this disease. Not a lot of people are aware of this disease or really know all the specifics about it. That is why Robinson DECA's goal for this project is to not only create awareness, but also raise funds so that a cure can be found.

In October, MP and Esther attended a Fairfax County DECA Leadership Conference that informed them of an opportunity for them to possibly earn money for their project. This opportunity is sponsored by Tyson's Corner Mall. The title of this program is the "2007 Extra Credit program sponsored by the Tyson's Corner Center." The purpose of the program is to encourage high school students to become more involved with their respective communities and to reward them for it. The project directors, MP & Esther, filled out and submitted an application to Tyson's Corner Mall



Management for the 2007-08 Robinson DECA Community Service Project. The mall received many applicants for various good causes among the county. Robinson DECA was one of only five schools that will be rewarded the \$1,000 for our Lyme Disease Community Service Project. Our chapter is so excited for this opportunity! Robinson DECA plans to host a charity dinner for this event. For further information on how you can get involved, please contact the Marketing Department Chair Teacher, Ms. Casey Hepner, casey.hepner@fcps.edu.

BREAK THE SILENCE

Robinson DECA is sponsoring the first annual Robinson Mental Health

Awareness Week: which will be held during the week of December 10-14. During this week DECA will be promoting the resources available to students throughout the school. The entire student body will be reached through "Good Morning Robinson", the "Valor Dictus" and the electronic screen board.

The inspiration for this campaign came from the alarming rate of students who die by suicide. In the state of Virginia alone an average of 1 young person per week dies by suicide. The saddest part of this statistic is that suicide is preventable. The largest cause of suicide is untreated depression. For that reason, the 8th annual depression screening will be held on Thursday, December 13th. Students or their parents can get the permission form from their guidance counselor or from Fran Gatlin, the school psychologist. Questions about depression screening should be addressed to Ms. Gatlin at 703-426-2134.

Robinson Middle School is offering depression screening for the 1st time this year. Contact middle school psychologist, Kathryn Brown, at 703-426-2213 for information.

The Robinson DECA project directors for Break The Silence Creative Marketing Campaign, Iliana Mancina, Alivea Davis, and Kaliah Lewis, will be inviting the entire school to an open assembly. This assembly will help train students in recognizing signs of depression. This campaign seeks to create an effective way to reach students and parents with the suicide prevention message.

DECA & Competition: Robinson DECA plans to compete January 25, 2007 at the Fairfax County DECA District Leadership Conference at Lake Braddock Secondary School! At this conference, DECA members from across the county will compete in various categories such as Apparel and Accessories Marketing, Automotive Marketing, Food Marketing, Restaurant Marketing, Business Service Marketing, Marketing Management, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Quick Service Restaurant Marketing, Retail Marketing, Selling, and Communications. Competition is open to any marketing student who is a DECA member and who craves a challenging, competitive, and rewarding experience. At the competition, students part-take in 2 role play situations. These situations are based on their event categories. The students must solve the problem that the role play describes. The students get 10 minutes to prepare, and then they role-play with business professionals who serve as judges for 10 minutes. It's amazing what the students create for the judges! Overall scoring is calculated by taking an average of 3 things: 1) from a test that the students take in their marketing class, 2) first role-play, and 3) second role-play. Students who participate will be honored for

their competitive spirit, efforts, and winnings at our Robinson DECA District Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 31 during the first block of the day. For students who win at the DECA District Leadership Conference, they will be given the opportunity to compete further at the DECA State Leadership Conference in Norfolk, Virginia, March 9-11! If you know a DECA student who plans to compete, be sure to wish them luck on January 25! It's going to be a great learning experience for all! If you would like to participate in this event as a DECA judge, please contact the Marketing Department Chair Teacher, Ms. Casey Hepner, casey.hepner@fcps.edu.

Robinson DECA Goes to Hemlock: This experience teaches students to work together, support one another, and to always have fun while learning!



For DECA members at Robinson Secondary School, November has been full of opportunities to help others and to get involved. Hemlock is a Northern Virginia Regional Park that gives teams and workgroups the chance to become more

comfortable with each other, but also instilling trust at the same time. The Hemlock staff took individuals wanting to become better leaders in the DECA organization, and led them throughout many challenges during the day. Two main stations include the Zip Line and the Peanut Butter Pit- which contains a muddy mess, challenging members swing across to the other side. These challenges made participants confront obstacles that required them to work together but also tested their individual confidence.



FAIR OAKS

Robinson DECA Manages and Runs the 2007 Fair Oaks Holiday Gift Wrap Store: It's that time of year again! Need a

place to get your packages wrapped?! Come out to the Fair Oaks Holiday Gift Wrap Store!! This holiday season get your packages wrapped by Robinson DECA! We will be running the store on December 14th and 18th. Various DECA Chapters throughout Fairfax County run the store throughout the holiday season – all the way up to December 24! The store is located on the lower level by Lens Crafters. The best way to get there is to park by the Corner Bakery and Cheese Cake Factory, go down the escalators, and the store will be on the right hand side. You can't miss it! This holiday gift wrap store serves a few purposes. One purpose is to teach the students how to run and manage an actual business. Students take on cash register responsibilities, as well as, learn how to provide excellent customer service to the mall customers. The second purpose of this event is that it is a fundraiser for our organization. The funding goes towards the operational costs of our club, in addition to, towards some of the up-coming field trips we will be taking to Norfolk, Virginia and Atlanta, Georgia! Thanks in advance for all your support! We hope to see you there on December 14th & 18th!

PTSA Student Directory Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (in case there are questions) _____

Please send me:

_____ Middle School Directories @ \$5 each = \$1.50 S&H = \$ _____

_____ High School Directories @ \$6 each = \$1.50 S&H = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Return this form, along with your check made payable to *Robinson PTSA*, to: Robinson PTSA Directories, 5308 Esabella Court., Fairfax VA 22032. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bush, PTSA Directory Sales Chair, at 703-239-0478 or bushbrood@cox.net.

The following students have phone number changes to this year's Student Directory:

7th Grade: Daniel Katleman (703) 278-8151

11th Grade: Lauren McCook (703) 272-8712

If you have any other corrections you would like published in an upcoming RamGram, please e-mail Tina Gibson at tbjibson@yahoo.com.

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