

# The Ram Gram



Award Winning Newsletter of Robinson Secondary PTSA

May 2009

May 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.

Thursday, April 30	PTSA People's Choice Awards – Blue Cafeteria – 2:45pm Drama HS Spring Musical <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Friday, May 1	RBOPO HS Concert Sinfonia – Hershey Park, PA
Fri & Sat, May 1 & 2	Drama HS Spring Musical <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Saturday, May 2	Crew Plant Sale – Burke Nursery and Garden Center
Wed & Thu, May 6 & 7	MS Elementary School Visits
Fri & Sat, May 8 & 9	Drama HS Spring Musical <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Monday, May 11	Academic Boosters Meeting – Principal's Conference Room – 7pm
Tuesday, May 12	MS Comets Field Trip RBOPO MS Band Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Thursday, May 14	MS Stars Field Trip MS Honors Information Night – Recital Hall – 7pm
Friday, May 15	RBOPO MS String Ensemble, Orchestra & Sinfonietta – Busch Gardens PTSA Last Day Donations Are Accepted for Used Book Sale MS Music Department Busch Gardens Spring Trip LAST DAY FOR PTSA USED BOOK SALE DONATIONS – MAIN OFFICE
Sunday, May 17	ANGP Car Wash – Burke School and Burke Midas – 12 – 4pm
Monday, May 18	RBOPO Senior Recital – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm PTSA General Membership Meeting – Gold Cafeteria – 7pm
Tuesday, May 19	RBOPO Band Concert & Reception - Farewell to Denny Stokes'
Thursday, May 21	RBOPO MS Orchestra Spring Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm
Friday, May 22	Drama Theatre Sports - Russell Theatre – 7:30pm SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS DUE HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 25	SOL Testing
Tue – Wed, May 26 – Jun 3	LAST DAY TO BUY ANGP TICKETS BY CHECK – NOT INCLUDED IN SR. DUES
Wednesday, May 27	RBOPO HS Spring Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:00pm
Thursday, May 28	ANGP Tickets – Last Day to Purchase by Check
Wednesday, May 31	RBOPO Orchestra Banquet – Gold Cafeteria – 6:30pm
Tuesday, June 2	RBOPO MS Chorus Concert – Russell Theatre – 7:30pm Yearbook Distribution Day LAST DAY TO BUY ANGP TICKETS BY CASH – NOT INCLUDED IN SENIOR DUES
Friday, June 5	MS Beginning of Finals: 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Tests MS Culminating Activities
Friday, June 12	MS Eighth Grade Day – 9:20am – 2:05pm MS Eighth Grade Day Dance – Gold Cafeteria – 7pm – 9pm
Monday, June 15	MS Exams: 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Period Tests – Dismissal at 11:35am
Tuesday, June 16	MS Exams: 4 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Period Tests – Dismissal at 11:35am Graduation – GMU Patriot Center – 7:30pm All Night Graduation Party – ESPN Zone – 11:15pm – 4am
Wednesday, June 17	MS Exams: 5 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Period Tests – Dismissal at 9:20am
Thursday, June 18	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Monday, June 22	RBOPO Fairfax County Summer Band Camp Starts – Frost MS – 8am

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# PTSA News

## *President's Letter*

### *Recap of the Month*

April has been a busy one for the Robinson Community including the Robinson PTSA

- The annual **Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on **April 16, 2009**. Thank you Patti Barber for coordinating the event.
- The **People's Choice Award Reception**, held on Thursday, April 30 honored our 16 award winners and recognized numerous faculty, staff, and students for their efforts at Robinson.
- The PTSA is entering an affiliate program with **Subway, Footlocker, and Travelocity**. The School PAX program is a simple one. Every time you dine at SUBWAY restaurants and pay with your registered SUBWAY Card, a percentage of your purchases will go directly back to Robinson. The percentage we were quoted is 2%. It is my understanding that this program is good in 90 countries and over 30,000 Subway restaurants. It is an opportunity for current Robinson, Robinson alumni and Robinson friends and family to participate and donate to the school no matter where you are. As SUBWAY would say "Eat Fresh and Support Robinson." Member packets have been shipped to Robinson. I am anticipating that member packets would be available May 1. If you are a frequent SUBWAY eater, the PTSA would love for you to sign up and use the SUBWAY card. Stay tune for times and events locations where these SUBWAY/Robinson sign-up packets will be distributed.

### *Upcoming Events/Programs*

May will continue be busy. Mark your calendar now for these events.

- **PTSA General Membership Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009** in the Cafeteria beginning at 7 PM. Hear what our mystery guest speaker will say. Come and see who it will be.
- Spring Cleaning? **Donate your gently used books (hardback and softback), DVDs, CDs, Videos, Computer Programs and Games for the Robinson PTSA's Annual Used Book Sale.** The sale will take place in November 2009 but we need to begin collecting now. Box your items up today. Donations will be accepted at Robinson Secondary School's Main Office any school day or other designated locations from **April 13, 2009 to May 15, 2009. Local Business Drop Offs include Saxby's in University Mall, Safeway, Burke Centre and Giant, Burke Centre.** For donations of 200 or more items, call 703-606-2937 to schedule a pick-up.
- **Robinson Beautification Days** are right around the corner. Watch the announcements.
- The PTSA Education Committee is working on an **Internet Safety Program**. Stay tuned for details.

**Once again, the PTSA is only as good as its volunteers.** The PTSA Board welcomes parents who would like to know more about the PTSA and who would like to step up to a school-wide leadership role. If you are interested in serving on a PTSA committee, contact me at [tmatlaga@yahoo.com](mailto:tmatlaga@yahoo.com). If you are interested in serving the PTSA as an elected officer, contact Karen Floyd at [kfloyd@starpower.net](mailto:kfloyd@starpower.net).

I hope to see or hear from you soon.

Terry Matlaga Bell, Robinson PTSA President

## Parent Volunteers Needed for PTSA Board Positions



The Robinson PTSA will have a number of parents whose last child will be graduating from Robinson in June and will not serve next year on the Board.

The PTSA is beginning its search for committee chairs and members for the 2009-2010 school year. We are looking for self-motivated volunteers to head many committees.

We have many positions that will need to be filled. Listed are just a few:

- PTSA Reflections Program
- Health and Safety
- Education
- Fundraising
- Public Relations
- Legislative

Also, the PTSA is very interested in training parents who are interested in taking over committee positions even for the 2010-2011 school year. Since many of our PTSA Board parents will be graduating their last child in June 2010, we are interested in recruiting parents who want to learn the ropes by shadowing a Board member and will be interested in taking over the position in 20120. If this is you, please contact us. We need you. If you are interested in serving Robinson Secondary as a PTSA Committee Chair or Committee member for 2009-2010 or learning the ropes for 2010-2011, please contact Terry Matlaga Bell at [tmatlaga@yahoo.com](mailto:tmatlaga@yahoo.com).

### PTSA 2009-2010 Nominating Committee Formed

If you are interested in being a candidate for President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact Karen Floyd at.

Robinson Secondary PTSA is always looking for energetic, dedicated parents who want to work to ensure a quality and equal opportunity education for Robinson students.

### Don't Forget the PTSA's New Parent Service

The PTSA is creating a frequently asked question (FAQ) Robinson Parent Page on our PTSA website. Please visit the website <http://robinsonptsa.org/> and post a question about Robinson or the PTSA you would like to have some clarity on. The PTSA will attempt to answer all questions posted. Questions and answers will follow this format:

**Question:** Can I join the Robinson PTSA anytime during the year?

**Answer:** Yes, you can join the Robinson PTSA anytime during the school calendar year (End of August to Mid-June). The membership form can be found on our website. Just complete the form and mail it in. Your membership will be greatly appreciated.

### 2009 Robinson PTSA Meeting Schedule

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

General Membership Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2009

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2009 Peoples Choice Awards Winners

Each year, the Robinson PTSA presents the People Choice Awards to those members of the Robinson school community who have done an outstanding job promoting positive human relations in the school. Congratulations to the following individuals on their selection to receive the 2009 Peoples Choice Award.

**Eileen Doyle, Admin., Career Center Coordinator**  
**Rogelina Brown, Admin., Main Office Secretary**  
**Cindy Tran, Admin., SS8 Secretary**  
**Tami Marcheski, Counselor**  
**Ellie Borkowski, Student**  
**Elizabeth Donovan, Student**  
**Katherine Donovan, Student**  
**Alyssa Michener, Student**  
**Laura Newcome, Student**  
**Shaheen Ahmed, Instructional Assistant, English SC**  
**Michele Legatie, Teacher, Instructional Assistant, Math SC**  
**Deborah Rudolph, Teacher, Special Education**  
**Lynne Hicks, Teacher, History**  
**Eileen Noonan, Teacher, Social Studies Chair**  
**Robert (Bob) Hardy, Volunteer – Coach 30+ years**  
**Mark O'Meara, Volunteer – Parent**

### **SLEEP and Start Times Update**

At their March 19 meeting, the School Board deadlocked on how to proceed toward achieving healthy school start times and rejected FCPS' 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the proposed bell schedule change.

SLEEP co-founder Phyllis Payne states that to make sure that Fairfax remains a great place to live we must focus on progress and making changes that benefit people. "We need a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system to help ensure that we have the best system in place for our students. With every draft, FCPS has found more and more money for the classroom and all of this while still using pieces of paper to figure out bus routes. Imagine how much more we could save if we fully utilized 21<sup>st</sup> century technology? SLEEP will continue to advocate for 21<sup>st</sup> century solutions that can provide additional money for our classrooms."

SLEEP co-founder Sandy Evans states, "While SLEEP didn't regret the rejection of the latest FCPS draft of a bell schedule which had proven too radical and disruptive a shift, we did regret that the Board could not figure out the best way to move forward. SLEEP remains as dedicated as ever to achieving healthy start times for our teenagers, as this is a critical health issue. Our organization will work on this until the problem is resolved.

See editorials supporting continued work on the later start time issue: "[Snooze Control,](#)" [The Washington Post, March 9, 2009.](#) "[Later Start Times Still Possible: Not this proposal, but later start times still worth the effort, without hurting athletics and activities,](#)" [The Connection Newspapers, March 3, 2009.](#)

**Support for later start times:** FCCPTA and Virginia State PTA; FCPS Student Advisory Council's High Schools of the Future; School Health Advisory Committee; National Sleep Foundation; Medical Society of Northern Virginia; League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area; members of police groups (juvenile incidents peak during unsupervised time after school).

Submitted by Terry Tuley, SLEEP Chair  
[www.SLEEPinFairfax.org](http://www.SLEEPinFairfax.org)

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## 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](mailto:bushbrood@cox.net).

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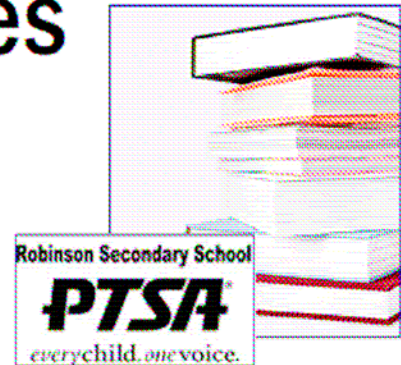
[www.robinsonptsa.org](http://www.robinsonptsa.org)

# DONATE

## BOOKS (Hardbacks, Paperbacks), CDs, DVDs, Videos, Computer Programs and Games

to

Robinson Secondary School PTSA  
5035 Sideburn Road  
Fairfax, Virginia



Donations will be accepted at Robinson Secondary School 's Main Office any school day or other designated locations from **April 13, 2009 to May 15, 2009.**

Support Robinson Secondary School by dropping off gently used books, CDs, DVDs, Videos, Computer Programs and Games for the Robinson PTSA's Annual Used Book Sale. The sale will take place in November 2009 but we need to begin collecting now. Box your items up today. Check the Robinson PTSA website for a complete listing of local businesses and corporate drop off locations. For donations of 200 or more items, call 703-606-2937 to schedule a pick-up .

If you would like to be a sponsor or patron, or need more information on the book sale, contact Terry Matlaga Bell, [tmatlaga@yahoo.com](mailto:tmatlaga@yahoo.com).

## Middle School and High School Class News

### THE VIEW FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The National Junior Honor Society Students made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Monday April 20 in the Gold cafeteria. The President, Jordan Buzzell and his mom, delivered the sandwiches to the Arlington/Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless after school. The staff at the Arlington location was delighted to receive over 300 sandwiches that our members made. We are very proud of our students. National Junior Honor Society members have been working all year with the GOAL program (Go Ot And Learn). They have been earning service hours after school by tutoring middle grade students. Our last session will be later in May where we will have a pizza party and the members who have completed all requirements will receive an award.

Debbie Anderson and Roisin Burford NJHS Sponsors

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.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Ghandi Abdulrahman  
Asya Billett  
Coralie Colindres  
Sarah Pigg  
Cory Staton

Ben Achtermann  
Brendan Cevasco  
Gina Gasparotto  
Megan Quintanilla

Leanne Bell  
Jennifer Cockrell  
Andrew Iooss  
Jonathan Shea

Did you know that the Robinson *Sentry* was the only yearbook in the state of Virginia to receive the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Crown Award? Did you also know that the yearbook will be all in color for the first time? You don't want to miss out on this award winning book!

Yearbook Distribution Day is **Friday, June 5**. The last day that students may purchase books and still get them with their team on that day is **Friday, May 22**. Yearbooks are \$42 and a yearbook with autograph pages is \$45. Order forms are available in both subschool offices, downloadable off the Robinson home page and in Mrs. Hinman's room, A223. Send the order form with a check made out to Robinson in the mail or take it to either of the subschool offices. Questions? Call Mrs. Pat Hinman at 703-426-6848.

**Friday, June 12**, eighth grade students will be taking part in our annual **Eighth Grade Day**. As this is the first day of the exam schedule, all students will be taking their final exams for high school classes and culminating activities for their middle school classes during first period. After first period, eighth graders will begin their activities with a jazz concert in Russell Theatre. More details about this day and how parents can assist will be coming through your students' teams.

The **Eighth Grade Dance** will be held on **Friday night, June 12** from **7:00-9:00 PM**. This is an annual event that is sponsored by our SGA. **THIS IS NOT A FORMAL!!** That being said, we do require our eighth graders to come wearing semi-formal attire (suits, sport jackets, dresses). Jeans are not allowed and the wearing of sneakers is discouraged. This is also a Robinson Middle School

eighth grade event. **No high school students or students from other schools are permitted to come.** It is a great way for our eighth grade students to have a special and fun evening as they prepare to say goodbye to their middle school years. Please plan to pick up your students promptly at 9:00.

**Attention Spanish Immersion II Students and Parents of Sra. F. Hunt Branch's class:**

**What:** Middle School Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony, "Los alumnos de inmersión"

**When:** Thursday, May 28, 2009 promptly at 2:30 P.M.

**Where:** Robinson Secondary School's Recital Hall

***Please encourage your child to dress nicely, preferably no jeans/no sneakers. Thanks!***

**Middle School Guidance News**

SOL Tests: The purpose of the Standards of Learning (SOL) testing is to provide information about student achievement in subject areas. Scores from the tests will be used to determine whether students fail to meet standards, are proficient in meeting the standards, or are advanced in the standards.

Please plan to have your student attend school on May 26 to June 2 for SOL Testing. The testing schedule: May 26, English 7; May 27, History 7; May 28, English 8; May 29, Science 8; June 1, Math 8 and Algebra I Honors; June 2, Civics 8; June 3, Math 7 and Math 7 Honors. Please avoid appointments that take your child out of school during this time period. It will help your child perform his or her best if he/she had a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and comes to school with a positive attitude.

Summer Program: Fairfax County Public Schools is offering a Middle School Summer Program for students who have failed one or two core subjects (English, mathematics, science and/or social studies) or who have failed both the English and mathematics 2009 SOL test(s). The program will focus on literacy and numeracy to assist students in preparation for their next school year. The summer program will be held from **July 6 -24** at Robinson. Attendance is required for the duration of the program.

Other Summer Opportunities: Please check online for information about summer enrichment activities at [www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/prek12.html](http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/prek12.html). You can find information and registration forms at that county website.

Waiver of high school grades: Middle School students taking courses that result in high school credits—Algebra or a foreign language—and do not want the end of year grade recorded on the high school transcript may have the class and grade removed from the transcript. A request to remove a course from the transcript must be made in writing to the high school director of student services.

If you have questions or concerns regarding any of this information, please contact your child's counselor.

Announcing the  
***Fairfax County Summer Band Camp***  
(formerly known as the Frost-Robinson Summer Band Camp)  
June 22 – July 10, 2009  
8:00am-11:30am  
Held at Frost Middle School  
Open to any rising 5<sup>th</sup> through rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader  
Beginners welcome!  
Visit [www.frostbands.com](http://www.frostbands.com) for more details.



**Class of 2009 Parents' Committee for the  
Robinson Secondary All Night Grad Party\*  
P.O. Box 424, Fairfax Station, VA 22039**

April 1, 2009

Dear Senior Parents/Guardians:

Graduation is only a few months away! Plans for the alcohol and drug free All Night Graduation Celebration are underway. The party will be held on Tuesday evening, June 16, 2009, after graduation at the ESPN Zone, Washington, D.C.

To ensure the success of the party, we need your support. Please purchase your student's ticket NOW! We will maintain a computerized list of the students who have purchased tickets. Tickets can be purchased, during the following lunch periods: Tuesday-Thursday April 21, 22, 23, and April 28, 29 and 30. Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to pay by check to the sub-school office or mail to the P.O. Box. After that we will accept cash or money order up until June 5<sup>th</sup>

Ticket prices are \$100.00. Please make your check payable to RANGP. To help fund the activities that make this such an exciting event any additional monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

Guidelines and answers to your questions can be accessed through the ANGP website, Ramgram, and in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade sub-school office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Darlene Nye 703-250-0843  
Diane Dempsey 703-239-0144  
Ticket Sales Committee

Enclosures:

Ticket order form

Class of 2009 All Night Grad Party Ticket Order Form  
June 16, 2009 \* Immediately Following Graduation  
ESPN Zone - Washington DC  
[www.ramsangp2009.com](http://www.ramsangp2009.com)



Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket price \$100: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(ANGP is a 501(c)(3) so your gifts are tax deductible)

GMU Seat Raffle ticket \$5 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ANGP 2009 Rules are located on the website @ [www.ramsangp2009.com](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

Make check payable to: RANGP

Send form and payment to:

ANGP 2009

PO Box 424

Fairfax Station, VA 22039

\*\*\*GMU Front Row Seat Raffle\*\*\*

Try for your chance to be one of 4 winners to EACH have 8 **RESERVED** front row seats at George Mason University the night of graduation. Raffle tickets are \$5 a piece.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Buy your ANGP Ticket! B4 U 4get!! Wednesday, May 27 is the last day you can buy ANGP tickets with a check. After that date, only cash or money order will be accepted. Friday, June 5 will be the last day to buy your ANGP ticket. Send in your check for \$100 and with a completed ANGP ticket form and your student will be all set for the ANGP party on graduation night. These forms are on the ANGP website as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> grade office. Please mail your checks & forms to the PO Box on the ANGP ticket form or drop off your check & form at the 12<sup>th</sup> grade office.

**Senior Dues does not cover the ANGP ticket. Senior Dues and ANGP are different and separate from each other.**

## ***Robinson Secondary All Night Grad Party***

### *ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALL NIGHT GRAD PARTY*

**What is the Alcohol & Drug Free All Night Grad Party?** This is a party given as a gift from the senior parents to their graduates. All Night Graduation Parties were started over 20 years ago in Virginia high schools. Until last year no Virginia high school senior died after graduation due to an alcohol or drug related accident. We are very serious about keeping our children safe on this evening.

The party starts at 11:30 PM after the graduation ceremony. Buses will depart from Robinson beginning at 11:15 PM. The party gives the seniors something to look forward to that night in a safe environment where they will have lots of fun with their friends, but without alcohol, smoking, drugs or dark corners. The party will be chaperoned by over 50 senior parent volunteers and ESPN Zone security staff.

**Who is planning the party?** A committee made up of senior parents began planning this event over one year ago. Some have been attending regional and local meetings to receive additional information and ideas to plan the best possible party.

**Who may attend the party?** Graduating seniors from Robinson Secondary School Class of 2009

**Will they be able to bring a friend or a date who is not a 2008 Robinson Graduate?** No, this is a special night for the new Robinson graduates to celebrate together as a group for the last time. There are over 40 schools in the area that plan All Night Grad Parties, so everyone does have a chance to attend their own party with their own classmates.

**Where is the party held?** At the ESPN Zone, Washington, D.C. It will be closed to the public and we will use all three levels.

**How will the students get to the ESPN Zone?** Students will travel by motor coach from Robinson to the ESPN Zone and back home in the morning. **STUDENTS MAY NOT DRIVE TO THE ESPN ZONE.**

**What does the \$100.00 ticket pay for?** The ticket pays for everything at the party including the motor coach ride to and from the ESPN Zone, food and drinks and prizes. Also included are music, dancing, casino games, athletic games, all the ESPN Zone games, basketball court, movies, sports, prizes and surprises.

## *Robinson Secondary All Night Grad Party*

### **GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

#### **BE ON TIME**

Buses will begin departing from Robinson at 11:15 PM and leaving every 10 minutes. The last bus will leave at 11:55 PM. The sooner you get to Robinson and on a bus the sooner your party begins. Do not be late. STUDENTS MAY ONLY ARRIVE AT THE PARTY BY BUS; YOU MAY NOT DRIVE TO THE ESPN ZONE.

#### **CHECK IN**

Check in with the ticket committee out front of Robinson. We will give you one envelope with your name on it. Inside the envelope will be your passport to a great party and ESPN Zone game card. Next you and your friends head to a bus. Give the envelope to the bus chaperone and you will be given a color coded wrist band that matches the bus you will be traveling on back and forth. Board the bus and enjoy yourself. Wrist band must be worn all evening.. No money or purses needed

#### **EMERGENCIES**

Parents may pick up and sign out their children from the ESPN Zone. ESPN Zone emergency number is 1-202-783-3776, extension 229.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Games of chance, carnival type games, athletic games, music, dancing and many other fun activities. Winnings can be cashed in for prizes. Assorted food and drinks will be served.

#### **DEPARTURE**

Buses will begin departing from ESPN Zone at 4:00 AM arriving at Robinson at 4:30 AM.

#### **ALCOHOL, DRUG AND SMOKE FREE**

No student **OR** volunteer will be admitted under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If a student or volunteer arrives under the influence, they will not be allowed to attend. Parents or guardians will be called to pick up the graduate or the graduate will be turned over to the police. The ESPN Zone is a smoke free facility. There will be NO TICKET REFUNDS.

**LET'S CELEBRATE SENSIBLY**



# THANK YOU!!!



The All Night Grad Party would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the following businesses/individuals for their wonderful support for the Class of 2009's upcoming graduation party. Without community involvement, this undertaking would not be possible. If you would like to be a sponsor for our event (you DON'T have to have a senior this year), **Please visit our website for more information at: [www.ramsangp2009.com](http://www.ramsangp2009.com)**

Drs. Lawrence Murphy & Stacey Staats  
Oakview Garden Club  
Burke Sporting Goods  
Stuart Graves, DDS  
The Honorable David Bulova  
Olde Creek Elementary School PTA  
Robinson Drama Boosters  
Swart, LaLande & Associates  
Brian Moran  
Terra Centre Elementary PTA  
Capital CFO, LLC  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Teague  
Companion Animal Clinic  
Flowers 'N' Ferns  
Ferrells PLLC  
Commonwealth Orthopaedics  
Brokers Title Insurance Agency L.C.  
Dunkin Donuts – Fairfax  
Great Harvest Bread Company  
Jerry's Subs & Pizza  
Hopsfrog Grille & Tavern  
Brion's Grille  
Pizza Hut  
Starbucks - Burke Town Centre

Mr. & Mrs. John Baer  
Drs. Susana Raygada & Richard Schneider  
Mr. Gregory Meadows  
ProTech Pest Control  
Fritz & Co CPA  
Town Center Orthopaedics & Associates  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Java - Clayton NC  
Middleridge Women's Club  
Rena Vakay, DDS  
Sisterhood of Olam Tikvah  
Doodycalls Fairfax  
Burke Athletic Club  
The Winchester Group, Inc  
Middle Ridge Civic Association  
MCG Miller Consulting Group  
Metro Silver Diner  
First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation  
Giant Foods - Burke Town Centre  
Papa Johns Pizza  
Chesapeake Bagel Bakery  
Wegmans  
Domino's  
Costco

Thank you for keeping our community and our children safe.  
*- Angie Marquis, April Dougherty, Karen Baxter, 2009 ANGP Tri-Chairs*

## Booster, Club & Department News



**ROBINSON CREW**

[www.robinsoncrew.com](http://www.robinsoncrew.com)



Robinson crew is underway. The team's upper boats participated in the Polar Bear regatta with the boys & girls 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 8s all qualifying for finals and finishing **FIRST** (boys 1<sup>st</sup>8, girls 1<sup>st</sup>8 & girls 2<sup>nd</sup>8) & **THIRD** (boys 2<sup>nd</sup>8) overall. The **Lower Boat Championship** and **Virginia State Championship** regattas will take place the first & second Saturdays in May, respectively. Come out to the park, see what crew is all about, and cheer for Robinson! Visit [www.robinsoncrew.com](http://www.robinsoncrew.com) for the regatta schedule, directions to the park, and to learn more about crew.



Mark your calendars! The Robinson Crew Plant Sale will be held on:

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**[Burke Nursery & Garden Centre](#)**

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☀ **NEW location** ☀

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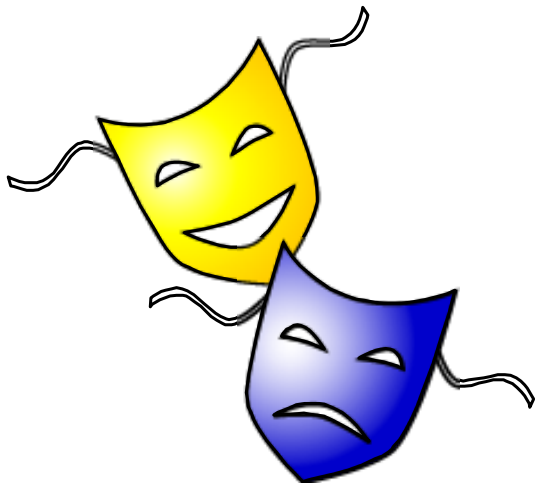
### Robinson Academic Booster's

**GOT BOX TOPS?!?!:** As the demands for resources increase and the supply of funds decrease, in addition to using membership fees to support various projects, the Academic Boosters are collecting the "box tops for kids" that are on General Mills products. If you are not already saving them for another group, we would love to have you donate them to Academic Boosters. Each box top is worth 10 cents each. Don't forget to ask family members, co-workers, neighbors to save them for us also. Just collect the box tops and either drop them off in our mailbox down in the Administrative Office, which is in the same hallway as the Career Center OR you can drop them off at our boxes in the 7th grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Main Office. Thanks to Jacqueline Lehman for managing the collection. We earned \$100 just from the first half of the year, help us beat that for the second half! Don't forget to save them up for the summer and drop them off with us at back to school night in the fall.

**SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE-APPLICATION DEADLINE May 22, 2009!:** The Academic Boosters are pleased to provide once again \$1,000 scholarships for the Class of 2009 in the name of Jean Genovese, who passed away in 2002 and was past president of the Boosters. Please see the Career Center for the applications and details.

**SENIOR ACADEMIC LETTER AWARDS BREAKFAST:** Thank you to Becky Burnard, Mary Smith, Ann McCook and Nancy Edwards for their help in procuring and setting up a light breakfast for the Seniors who earned their letter for either the first, second, third OR fourth year! Those Seniors who earned a letter all 4 years of their HS career will have their names added to the Booster Plaque in the hallway-congratulations to all the Seniors who earned an award!

**FINAL 08-09 MEETING-planning for next year!:** Our next meeting will be held Monday, May 11, 7 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room. Our meetings are always open so we invite everyone to attend! We have lots of volunteer jobs available that we REALLY need your help with for the 2009-2010 year. Most of the jobs are one or two times during the year and require just a couple of hours. I hope you can stop by the meeting or email me with how you can help support ALL the students at Robinson. Please don't hesitate to contact Shari Bedker, President, [sharimomcpa@cox.net](mailto:sharimomcpa@cox.net) on how you can get involved or if you have any questions.



# Robinson HS Drama Performs *Fiddler on the Roof*

It's time to remind audiences what keeps the Fiddler on the Roof. Tradition! Robinson's award-winning high school drama department will do that with talented singing, polished acting, and enthusiastic dance on Apr 30, May 1-2, and May 8-9 at 7:30 p.m., in Russell Theatre. Tickets can be purchased at [www.RobinsonDrama.org](http://www.RobinsonDrama.org).



Much of the same talented cast and crew performed the phenomenal *Les Misérables* last year. *Fiddler on the Roof* is led by the dynamic collaboration of Robinson's Theatre Arts director,

Douglas "Chip" Rome; Michael Horanski, Robinson's Choral Director; and Michael Cook, who conducts a live orchestra that plays the memorable score. This lively performance, which includes both traditional Jewish and Russian dancing, was choreographed by a student, Piper Hillman.



The gifted Eric Fischer plays Tevye, and he occupies the character physically and vocally. He skillfully brings us Tevye's humor, his faith, his joys and his anguish. He is supported by an elegant cast which swirls around him with rough-hewn charm. Brittenae Craig plays Tevye's wife Golde with strength and poise. Sarah Russell showcases her character acting skills portraying the aged matchmaker Yente with relish. Micah

Chelen, Madison Auch, and Erica Heer are delightful as the oldest three daughters, each graceful and talented. Although Fischer's performance and voice are powerful, the ladies hold their own with lovely voices and convincing performances. As is Robinson's tradition, the extremely talented ensemble is passionate and crisp. This high energy production is rich in historical and cultural detail, yet the themes of tradition and family values are universal and timeless. Perhaps in this economic climate we will especially enjoy leaving the theatre singing "If I Were a Rich Man" and "To Life!"



Don't miss this extraordinary performance, which is likely to sell out. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased, and more information obtained, at [www.RobinsonDrama.org](http://www.RobinsonDrama.org), or by calling 703-426-2123.



## ANGP CAR WASH Fundraiser

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 12-4pm

**Burke School** (Burke Centre Parkway & Lee Chapel Road)  
**AND Burke Midas** (Burke Centre Parkway behind Chiptole)

**Volunteers & SUPPLIES needed** –  
**Donations only**

Please contact Patti Barber at [hpsak@aol.com](mailto:hpsak@aol.com) or April Dougherty  
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