



THE GOOD NEWS IS . . .

STUDENT RAMBLAST

WEEK OF

NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 20, 2009

- We had quite a turn out for our traditional Touching Bases mini-conferences. We appreciate and applaud this home to school partnership.
- The following students received free admission to a movie at University Mall Theaters in our weekly RHS drawing: Alyssa M, Dylan R, Grace L, Kayleigh S, Michael I.



UPDATES/CALENDAR DATES

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 16
BLUE DAY
LATE BUSES DEPART AT 3:30

- **Picture Retakes and Make Ups During Lunch on the Cafeteria Stage**
- Annie Full Cast Company Meeting, Davala
- Art Club—Open Studio, E203
- Club RAMBO, Lower D Pod
- ESOL Tutoring Partners, Blue Cafeteria
- Fitness Room Open, **Sign-up Required at Lunch/Change into your PE Uniform**
- Games Club, A103
- GEMS Girls Group *7th Only*, A224
- Homework Club, A202
- Math Club, A110
- Robbie Book Club, Library Computer Lab
- Theatre Sports, D106

SGA Sponsored
Canned Food Drive
Which team will bring in the most cans to their science classrooms by Monday, November 23rd?

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 17
GOLD DAY

- **Picture Retakes and Make Ups During Lunch on the Cafeteria Stage**
- Animation and Comic Book Club, Blue Cafeteria *Parent Pick-up by 4:45*
- Babysitter Training, 509 *Parent Pick-up by 4:00*
- Soccer, Blue Cafeteria *Parent Pick-up by 4:15*

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 18
BLUE DAY
LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

- Annie Full Cast Rehearsal, Davala
- Builders Club, A227
- Homework Club, A100
- Jump Start Reunion, Lower D Pod
- Science Olympiad, A101
- Sentry Yearbook Staff, A223
- Sewing Club, Blue Cafeteria
- Zumba Aerobics, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the fitness room by 2:20

No Gym Use This Week
Due to High School Basketball Tryouts

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 19
GOLD DAY
LATE BUSES DEPART AT 4:00

- Annie Full Cast Rehearsal, Davala
- Babysitter Training, 509
- Classic Cinema Club, A114 *Showing The Wizard of Oz*
- Fitness Games, Change into PE Uniform and meet in the fitness room at 2:20
- National Jr. Art Honor Society, E203
- Peer Helpers Group, A103
- Spanish Immersion Jr. Honor Society, A211
- Tech (TSA) Club, E108

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 20
BLUE DAY

- Annie Leads, Davala
- Dance Team, Main Hallway near the Middle School/*Parent Pick-up 4pm*
- Flag Football, A100 **Sign-up at lunch/Limited to 40/Parent Pick-up at 4:15**



WHAT CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO?

NOVEMBER

- 11/16, 11/17: MS PICUTRE MAKE UPS or re-takes
- 11/19: Depression Screening begins
- 11/23: Jr. District Orchestra Auditions@ Frost
- 11/25: 2 hour early dismissal
- 11/26/27: HOLIDAY
- 11/30: Winter Ram Rally 5-7pm

DECEMBER

- 12/8: MS Band Concert 7pm Russell
- 12/10: MS Chorus Concert 7pm, Russell
- 12/15: MS Orchestra Concert 7pm, Russell
- 12/18: 2nd Quarter interims mailed
- 12/23: 2 hour early release
- 12/24-1/3: Winter Holiday

JANUARY

- 1/4: Return to school after break
- 1/8: Jr. District Orchestra (select students @TJ
- 1/9: MS/HS District Band Auditions @ RBSS
- 1/18: Martin Luther King HOLIDAY
- 1/27: IB info night, 7pm Davala Hall
- 1/28: End of Quarter 2
- 1/29: Student holiday, teacher workday

FEBRUARY

- 2/4-2/6: District Band, select students, Woodson HS
- 2/5: Report cards mailed
- 2/11: Jazz Band Sweets n Swing 7p.m. Gold cafeteria



RAM TRIVIA

QUESTION

How well do RAMS do academically?

ANSWER

Of the 385 Robinson high school student athletes, 63 % of them maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average. WOW!
This first quarter at the middle school level, 308 middle graders received all "A's" on this first quarter report card. In addition, 552 middle graders had all "B's " or better. **DOUBLE RAM WOW!**



HELPFUL HINTS

STUDENTS

Middle School can be a complicated and demanding time and everyone feels "down" and overwhelmed at times. When is feeling "down" more than just a normal "case of the blues"? When that feeling along with other symptoms lasts more than a few weeks, it may be a more significant problem called depression. On Thursday 11/19, a Depression Screening will be held for students who have concerns related to depression. The

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goal is to help students, along with their parents to determine whether further assistance or intervention is needed. Parent permission is required for a student to be screened. Students may pick up forms in SS 8 from school psychologist, Jeanette DeGuzman or Dottie Smith, school social worker. Student school counselors will also have forms. Starting on November 19th, a school psychologist or social worker will meet with students individually (and with parent permission), discuss concerns and follow up with phone call to parents/guardian. If you have questions, please call 703-426-2213.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDERS CLUB	The next regular meeting of the Builders Club will be Wednesday, November 18th , in A227. We provide 7 th and 8 th graders the opportunity to develop leadership skills and earn community service hours. A service activity is planned. We do require that you sign up in advance of each meeting so that we know how many students will be helping with our projects. The sign-up posters will be in the science halls near the activity bulletin boards until the end of the Tuesday before the meeting.
SGA <i>CANNED FOOD DRIVE</i> <i>NOV. 10TH-23RD</i>	There is a Mandatory SGA Meeting for all SGA Representatives and Council members on Monday, November 23rd in D106. The Canned Food Drive is underway!! Bring in your canned goods to your Science classrooms by Monday, November 23rd! Help feed the needy during this holiday season. The TEAM that collects the MOST number of canned goods will get a prize , provided by the Middle School SGA! Bring in soup, tuna, packaged goods, veggies, canned milk, tomato sauces, peanut butter & jelly, or any non-perishable food. Remember, NO glass containers! Just think, just a few minutes and a few cans, and you can make a BIG difference!
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	Science Olympiad will meet in room A101 after school on Wed., Nov. 18th.
PICTURE MAKE-UPS OR RETAKES	Did you miss getting your picture taken in September? Or were you unhappy with how your pictures turned out that you ordered? Next Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 16 and 17 are picture make-ups during both lunches on the cafeteria stage. If you bring in the packet you ordered, you can get a new one taken for free. Everyone who did not get their photo taken, should receive a note reminding them to get theirs taken. If you wish to purchase pictures, forms are available in the subschool offices. Questions? See Mrs. Hinman in A223.
GAMES CLUB	Games Club meets on Mondays in A103. Games are available, game players are available. If you haven't been to Games Club on Monday, come and check out what games we have. If your favorite table game isn't there, let us know and we might be able to get it. No backpacks, please.
ROBBIE BOOK CLUB <i>CONTEST INFORMATION</i>	Plan ahead! The Robbie Book Club will meet next Monday Nov. 16th in the Media Center Lab. PLEASE BRING YOUR COPIES OF "Princess Bride". Have you read "Dormia" by Jake Halpern? Well, the author is sponsoring a contest called "The Blank Page". Each school that participates will have a winner and the winner's name will appear in Halpern's next book, tentatively called "World's End." Entries may be in the form of an essay, drawing, comic strip, poem, a score of music or other creative piece of work. See Mrs. Keith in the media center for details.
CLASSIC CINEMA CLUB	There's no place like home, so join the Classic Cinema Club on Thursday, Nov. 19 in Room A114 for the spectacular Wizard of Oz . Watch Dorothy, Toto, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and the Scarecrow as they battle the Wicked Witch and her army of flying monkeys. Can Dorothy keep the enchanted ruby slippers from falling into the witch's evil clutches? You know the answer, but join us for a fun film over the rainbow on Thursday.
FITNESS ROOM	The fitness room is now open on Mondays and Thursdays . Please sign-up at lunch for the Monday session. Come and play team handball on Thursdays .
SENTRY YEARBOOK <i>ORDER INFORMATION</i>	Order forms are available in SS offices and in Room A223. They were in your September packet as well. Prices will only be good until just after Thanksgiving. Order yours now! Lists of all students who <u>have</u> purchased yearbooks are now posted near English classrooms. If you are <u>not</u> on the list, you have not ordered a book as of November 3.