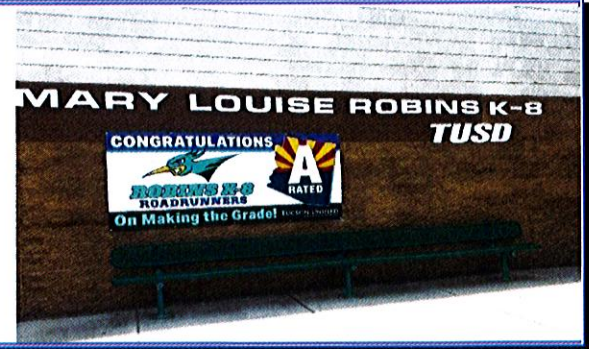




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July 12, 2023

Dear Families of Robins K-8 School,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope your summer was safe and you found some excitement and had some fun. I want to WELCOME all new students and families to Robins K-8 and welcome back our returning students! It is a great place to be! Thank you for saying "YES" to Robins K-8! As students are getting ready for their physical return to the school, please know that we are preparing for their arrival.☺ Here are a few reminders for you:

1. **School starts IN PERSON on Thursday, August 3rd @ 7:45 a.m.**
 - a. Supervision will be provided on campus at 7:15 a.m. *Please remember that before 7:15 a.m. your child (ren) should not be on campus for safety reasons.*
 - b. Kindergarten students will be dropped off and picked up at the purple kinder gate at the front parking lot by their classrooms.
 - c. 1st – 5th grade students are dropped off and picked up at the main playground.
 - d. 2nd - 5th grade students will line up at 7:40 a.m. on the playground and 1st grade students line up on the west cafeteria patio. Teachers will have signs so that students will know where to line up.
 - e. K-5 students will receive a color-coded NAME CARD for parents to display in their windows for quicker/smoothen pick up during the 1st full week of school.
 - f. 6th-8th grade students will wait in the middle school courtyard until the 7:40 a.m. bell and then proceed to their first class.
2. School ends for K-5 at 2:00 p.m. (Mon, Tue, Thurs., Fri.) and at 1:00 pm on Wednesday.
3. School ends for Middle School at 2:45 p.m. (Mon, Tue, Thurs., Fri.) and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.
4. There will only be ONE bus pick up time from the school, due to the different ending times between K-5 students and middle school students. We will only provide supervision for those students that are waiting for the bus and must remain at school until the busses arrive at 2:45 p.m. Mon, Tue, Thur, Friday. Our monitoring staff will provide supervision for BUS students only. All other students in K-8 must be picked up at their designated dismissal.

5. Breakfast and lunch are only FREE or REDUCED price to those students that qualify for free/reduced lunch. We encourage all parents to complete an application as this supports the Title 1 budget allocations that our school utilizes to support reading and math.

| MILK = \$0.50 | Breakfast | Lunch |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| Elementary (K-5) | \$1.50 | \$2.50 |
| Middle School (6-8) | \$1.75 | \$3.00 |

Here is the link to the online application: <https://www.tusd1.org/food-services-meals>

6. Please see the enclosed information regarding immunizations. If you have questions, please give our school nurse or our health assistant, a call at 908-4317.
7. After school care- KIDCO. Yes, we will be offering afterschool care through KIDCO. Please register through their website for KIDCO at Robins K-8. Registration begins Monday, July 17, at 8 a.m. at EZEereg.com, or you can call 520-791-5912.
8. **General School Safety & Health Protocols:**
- We are committed to keeping our students and staff safe and maintaining healthy school environment. We ask that parents, guardians, and family members remain in their vehicles during drop off and pick up or park your vehicle and escort your child to the designated gates. We are asking that you remain on the outside of our fencing to ensure that we keep the number of people on campus limited.
 - You are welcome to volunteer in the school and classroom. We ask that you pre-arrange this with the teacher or school. Volunteers will be able to begin as early as August 21st, as this will allow the teachers and the school time to settle into our routines and connect with our students. There are specific requirements for authorization to volunteer, please contact the front office for the specifics.
 - We will continue to have masks available for students if requested. All classrooms and common areas will have access to hand sanitizer. We will also work to create social distancing where and when possible. We ask that you send a reusable or a disposable water bottle with your child daily, especially on extremely hot days.
 - We will not permit parents, families, or guardians to wait for their child(ren) in the hallways, foyers, or front office for safety reasons. The office area will be for those needing to pick up their child(ren) earlier than dismissal for appointments. If you need to pick up your child early, we ask that you give us a call so that we can have your child ready for you to pick up at the front office.
 - Please review the enclosed flyer regarding Birthday Celebrations at school and our protocols and procedures.

It is very important that your children are on time each day. Tardiness is not acceptable and has a negative impact on their learning. The bell for students to line up, rings at 7:40 a.m. Teachers begin to walk students in at 7:43 a.m. Start of school bell rings at 7:45 a.m. and a tardy bell at 7:47 a.m. Students are considered tardy after the 7:47 a.m. bell daily. All tardy students must sign in at the front office and receive a tardy admit slip to class. Please see enclosed information from TUSD on how attendance and office procedures are followed for tardiness and absences as required by A.R.S. (Arizona Revised Statutes). Parents will need to accompany their child into the building to sign them in after 7:47 a.m. for security purposes. If your child will be absent please call Ms. Kayla Acosta, the

attendance technician @ 908-4313 or Ms. Kristy Melendez, the office manager @ 908-4300 or email us at Kayla.Acosta@tusd1.org or Kristy.Melendez@tusd1.org.

Safety is always a priority at Robins K-8. Please remember that all doors to the school including the front office and perimeter gates will be locked during the school day. Please remember to use the appropriate drop off and pick up areas located at the east and west parking lots. There are two lanes of traffic. The inner lane is for pick up/drop off and the outer lane is for exiting the area. Please remind students to use the marked crosswalk areas.

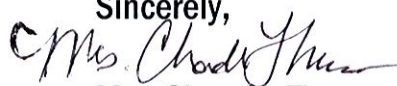
We also ask that you follow all designated parking, and no parking area signs. Our parking signs require that you stay in your vehicle during drop off/ pick up for safety of the students and effective traffic flow. At dismissal, all students will be escorted to the designated pick-up area (west parking lot for 1st-5th, kinder @ purple gate, 6th-8th at middle school gate). Please adhere to the posted **HANDICAP** parking signs or marked spaces, as they are not open spots for drop off or parking without appropriate permits on your vehicle.

All of us here at Robins K-8 are committed to providing the best education for your students. We need your involvement, ideas, and support. Feel free to call me at 908-4300 or email me at Chandra.Thomas@tusd1.org. You can stay informed about our school and upcoming events by visiting our website at <https://robinsk8.tusd1.org/>. Please join our PTO 2023, email PTO at robinspto@yahoo.com to receive updates and other information.

Below are our important dates and events:

- ★ On Wednesday, July 26th between 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. by grade level, we will host MIDDLE SCHOOL Orientation only for *all 6th, 7th & 8th students*, and schedule selection/pick-up. *The schedule is enclosed for middle school parents.*
- ★ On Tuesday, August 1st, it is "MEET YOUR TEACHER" day. This event will take place from 9-11 a.m. This is the perfect time to meet your teacher and to drop off any supplies that you may have picked up for the classroom over the summer. ☺
- ★ On Thursday, August 3rd "PTO's Meet & Greet for **New** Parents to Robins K-8" in the library, shortly after the start of school, we will make an announcement on our speaker system.
- ★ Back to School Night (a.k.a. Open House) for K-5 is on August 22nd and 6th-8th on August 24th.
 - Summer hours = The front office is open daily for registration from 8 a.m. – 1p.m.
 - Regular school hours= The front office is open 7am-3:30 p.m.

See you on the first day of school: *Thursday, August 3rd*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chandra Thomas



Birthday Celebrations!

We all love to be celebrated, and Robins K-8 wants to be able to allow for such celebrations, as it creates a positive community for our school.

So, for those families who celebrate birthdays and want to include their child's classmates, we ask that you follow the guidelines below, as this will help us keep all students safe, and allow us to celebrate in an equitable manner:

- Parents/Guardians **MUST** confirm with the classroom teacher the day that you want to celebrate your child. We only celebrate at the end of the learning day for K-5 (between 1:30-1:50PM), and for Middle School (between 2:20-2:40PM). Celebrations should be a maximum of 20 minutes. Please do not show up unannounced or unscheduled as we will not allow the disruption to the learning and the classroom.
- Parents/Guardians are welcome to come. Please do not bring the entire family. We ask that you limit the number of people celebrating with you to TWO (that's you and ONE other person).

FOOD:

- We are required to follow the Pima County Health Department guidelines for food. Therefore, all food **MUST NOT BE HOMEMADE**, and **MUST BE PRE-PACKAGED INDIVIDUALLY** by the manufacturer and not by anyone else.
- Due to allergies, health reasons of students, and safety in health matters for our students, the following foods **will not be allowed** to be distributed to students:
 - Cupcakes, fruit snacks, brownies, donuts, chocolate, candy, rice krispy treats, sweet cakes, cakes, sugary snacks, etc. We have many students with sugar intolerances who are unable to consume such products. (These are examples; if it's sugary, please don't bring it to school);
 - Peanut butter, peanut items/ingredients; Nuts of any kind;
 - Please note: These are examples, and not a full list of prohibited items.

What can I bring?

- Check with your classroom teacher to see if any of the classmates have a specific food allergy beyond the above list;
- Fresh fruit (individually packed by the manufacturer);
- Goldfish/ Graham crackers (individually packaged by manufacturer);
- Capri Sun (or similar low sugar juices);
- Pencils, stickers, erasers, school supplies;
- Coloring books, books, crayons, etc.

Thank you, parents and guardians, for following these guidelines as this will allow us to safely celebrate your child and provide their classmates with appropriate items that will not put them at risk for health issues.

Mrs. Thomas, Principal & Health Office