

Winship-Robbins Elementary School District

ROBBINS SCHOOL

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Dear Robbins Parents and Community Members,

On October 23rd, several Robbins parents met with Dr. Goodman, Mrs. Richter and Mrs. Van Ruiten at the Knights Landing Community Center. Parents were able to hear about the many opportunities available to Robbins students including homework before and after school, high levels of academic success to prepare students for high school and college as well as sports, art and music.

At the meeting several great suggestions were given in order for Robbins students and families to be even more successful. One suggestion was to develop the strategies and study skills needed for college and to foster a college bound culture. We are requiring students to use their agenda, take notes from text, increase their reading level, and think critically in math. Next year, we will be looking at implementing AVID which is a program designed to make sure students are ready for college. We will also be taking specific grade levels to visit university and community college campuses in the spring.

Another suggestion was that Robbins students develop a school-wide mentorship program similar to the Tribes program which was once at the school. We are in the process of developing a similar program called LINK CREW which will allow our younger students to learn the best student behavior from our older students under the supervision of an advisor. Please look for information regarding our mentorship program at Robbins School.

Communication through our website and through parent representatives was also identified as an important aspect of Robbins School which continues to improve. We have up-dated the calendar on the website and each week, publications are posted. If you are interested in being part of a parent phone/email tree and receive information from each grade level as well as the school office to pass on through your friends and neighbors, please call Robbins School or email Dr. Goodman at laurieg@sutter.k12.ca.us.

There is no doubt that Robbins School will be one of the highest performing schools in the area because we are well on our way. The 2012-2013 state testing scores have identified Robbins as an Open Enrollment School which gives parents the option to transfer.

A pupil who transfers to a school pursuant to the Open Enrollment Act and is currently enrolled in that school shall not be required to reapply for enrollment in that school, regardless of whether the pupil's school of residence remains on the list of 1,000 Open Enrollment schools.

A district of enrollment may allow a pupil who has transferred to and is currently enrolled in a school in the district pursuant to the Open Enrollment Act to matriculate to a middle or high school in the district without having to reapply, regardless of whether the school into which the pupil would normally matriculate in the pupil's district of residence is on the list of 1,000 Open Enrollment schools.

On November 17th at 10:30 a.m., we will be celebrating achievement again at Robbins School and you are invited to join the students and staff of Robbins School to celebrate the success of our students as well as stay for lunch. Our nutritional services provider will be providing a free box lunch per family on that day. Parents are invited to join their son or daughter for lunch on the lawn if weather permits or inside our MVP room.

After school and before school homework help has been a blessing to our parents and students at Robbins School. We have received several requests for students to stay longer than the allotted time to continue to grow in achievement. We are working on a notification system to keep our students safe as well as a way to supervisor our students on days when they can stay longer. Please look for more information next month regarding this opportunity.

After the first of the year, Davis University will be bringing university tutors into Knights Landing to mentor and work with our students who live in Knights Landing. Davis tutors have been in Knights Landing before and thanks to our wonderful involved parents, Dr. Goodman was able to meet and speak with one of the program leaders on Friday and share the requests and concerns from our parents. We will have more details regarding the Davis tutors in Knights Landing coming your way in the month of December.

Finally, please know that we are honored to be trusted with the most important people in your lives, your children. We take this obligation for their growth and success very seriously and we appreciate your partnership in this important work. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Robbins School and ask for Dr. Goodman. You may also email her at laurieg@sutter.k12.ca.us.

Respectfully,



Dr. Laurie Goodman
Superintendent/Principal