## Madeira Beach Fundamental X-8

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January 2018

#### **Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8**

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At A Glance

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Student Hours: K-5th 7:55 a.m. - 1:55 p.m. 6th-8th 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

#### **Mission:**

Madeira Beach Fundamental will provide a rigorous student-centered learning environment to ensure 100% student success by working collaboratively with all faculty, staff, and community stakeholders.

Hello MBFS community,

Happy New Year, and happy second semester. The second half of the school year is now upon us. While we focus on academic achievement, I often remind our students that character does define who we are, not our report card. Make no mistake, we are an academic institution where standards are held high, and where student achievement is our goal. But, when students are happy, excited to come to school, comfortable and respected, I believe student achievement will even grow further because they want to be at school. The last two years we've implemented T.H.I.N.K. (Are our words Thoughtful, Honest, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind) campaign, reminding students to be careful with their words on line, with each other, and in print. This campaign reminds students to just think about words. I am proud to say our number of incidents of bullying (on line, and in person) continue to decrease significantly. We will continue to promote student civility.

T.H.I.N.K. is a positive prevention initiative that works to prevent bullying before it starts by teaching students to lead a movement to change the culture school, and simply T.H.I.N.K. It asks students to engage in simple acts of kindness. Students have shown that given the tools, they will stand up for others as empathetic and caring not as passive bystanders. Unless we provide students with tools, social isolation can take place.

What is social isolation? Social isolation is the feeling of being left out, lonely, or invisible. There are students in schools who quietly suffer from loneliness and isolation throughout each day. This feeling of loneliness leaves students to fend for themselves socially.

How are social isolation and bullying connected? Social isolation is often the precursor to bullying. School communities with a culture of inclusion will have far fewer instances of bullying and cruelty.

Why social isolation? Don't schools have bigger problems like bullying and violence? By reducing social isolation, we believe we can help end much bullying and violence.

- Students Can Improve Their Own Communities to make a tangible change in their own community by making sure that everyone T.H.I.N.K.
- Inclusive school communities create happier and more successful students while also empowering youth to be agents of change.
- Social isolation is oftentimes the precursor for bullying. School communities with a culture of inclusion have far fewer instances of bullying.

Enjoy the second semester, and let's all T.H.I.N.K.

Mr. Ateek, Principal



#### January Important Dates

1/15/18 - School Closed for Students

1/16/18 - SAC Meeting

1/17/18 - All Pro Dads Breakfast

1/17/18 - Idol Goes Mad Auditions, K-5 at 5:30 p.m. & 6-8 at 6:30 p.m.

1/18/18 - Idol Goes Mad Auditions, K-5 at 5:30 p.m. & 6-8 at 6:30 p.m.

1/19/18 - Report Cards Distributed

1/22/18 - PTSA Meeting

1/26/18 - C2C Breakfast

1/30/18 – 100th Day of School

#### <u>Friday Spirit Days</u>

1/12/18: Mirror Mirror Day (Twinning Day)

1/19/18: Hot Mess/ Mismatch Day

1/26/18: Athlete/ Mathlete Day

Hurricane make up days: January 8, 2018 March 12, 2018

## Welcome back Mr. Rapp!

MBFS community is very happy to welcome back Mr. Rapp, one of our awesome volunteers who also helps with the car line!

#### YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Be sure to reserve your copy of the 2017 Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle School yearbook! THE COST IS \$35. Choose one of the options below:



**OPTION 1:** Books may be purchased on:

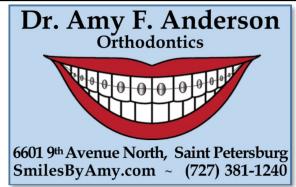
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Please make checks payable to **Madeira Beach Fundamental School** 

Please note that these are the ONLY dates the books will be sold IN PERSON!

<u>OPTION 2:</u> Books may also be purchased online for \$35 by credit card on or before **January 20**. Log onto <u>www.yearbookordercenter.com</u> and use order number 15039.

Only a limited number of books will be ordered. Preserve your memories for a lifetime by purchasing a book today. We know that you don't want to miss out!



## MIDDLE GRADES ONLY

## **DON'T BE LEFT OUT!**

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## **PRE-ORDER**

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ONLINE @ YearbookOrderCenter.com (Order # 15039)

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**Questions? Contact the school bookkeeper at 547-7697** 

#### You, Your Child and Homework:

Students can't always learn everything they need to know in class. That's why homework is so important. Use the following steps to help your student be successful with homework:

- Make sure you set up a study area where your child can do homework each day.
- Make sure you schedule daily homework times and see that your child sticks to them!
- Don't do your child's homework. He/she won't learn if do the work.
- Motivate your child to do his/her best. Your words and actions make a difference.
- Help with study skills. Work with your child on ways to: organize assignments, schedule time, follow directions, take notes, plan long-range assignments and study for tests.
- Show that learning matters. Your example carries a strong message!
- Team up with teachers. Together, you can help your child succeed in school and in life.

#### Student Homework, and Drop off at the Office

At the middle school grades, homework may be assigned any day of the week. Students who do not have homework assignments completed and in class by the assigned date will receive two demerits. However, the student will be given credit for the portion of the homework that is completed. When parents/guardians sign a homework paper, it is an indication that the parent/guardian has looked over the assignment for accuracy, completion, neatness, name, and appropriate responses. Students whose homework does not have the required parent/guardian signature will receive one demerit. Students who do not bring the necessary materials to class will receive one demerit. Students will not be allowed to use the school phone to request forgotten materials be brought to school. Homework which is forgotten at home and brought to school by the parent/guardian will not be delivered to the classroom.

#### Perfect attendance in the month rewards

In each month of the school year MBFS will look at student attendance closely. All students with 100% attendance for the entire month will receive a Shorts Day/ Hat Day as a reward. Award recipients can select any style of shorts or hat to wear. Students who qualify will be notified in advance.

Additionally, K5 students will receive a brag tag for perfect attendance thru out a grading period and will receive an attendance brag tag to wear indicating this. All the names of middle grades students who qualify for perfect attendance in a grading period will be placed in a drawing, and up to 20 will be selected to receive a special ice cream sundae social during their lunch time.

#### Perfect attendance for all of the second semester

All students with perfect attendance all year, and/or for all of second semester will have their names placed in a drawing to win a prize.

Fundamental guidelines require active parent involvement. If your child is having a serious health problem or there is another issue interfering with your child's regular attendance, please keep us in the loop. We do understand that children sometimes become ill or other circumstances result in an occasional absence.





#### KUDOS -

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped in the month of December. We had a lot going on and we could not do it without you.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED US OUT, WE TRULY HAVE THE BEST VOL-UNTEERS IN PINELLAS COUNTY!!!!

#### MBFS has the best Volunteers!

## **Help Needed!!**

We are in need of mentors at our school. We are looking for volunteers who are committed to the development of our students. If you can help a student gain new insights and work towards their goals, please contact Stacie Allen, Family and Community Liaison at 727-547-7838 or allensta@pcsb.org

## Wanted all registered volunteers!!

Please remember to log in your volunteer hours so that Madeira Beach Fundamental gets credit for all your hard work. If you are not a registered volunteer, please contact Stacie Allen, Family and Community Liaison allensta@pcsb.org or 727-547-7838

#### REPORT ABSENCES

Now on our school website you will find a new icon that says "Report Student Absence". This icon will be on each of our website pages. When families click on this icon it generates an email that will go to the Outlook mailboxes of our office staff notifying us of a student absence. Families should be informed that they can use this method to report absences in addition to all the existing ways such as calling and writing notes. They will also be able to include an attachment such as a doctor's note.

## **End of the Year Calendar (May)**

- 14- 15- 8th grade breakfast at American Legion (tentative as we await confirmation from the American Legion)
- 18- Open Court, 1:00 PM, 3rd and 4th grade
- 18-8th grade dance, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM (location TBA)
- 19-8th grade Busch Gardens Trip
- 21- 5th grade breakfast at American Legion (tentative, awaiting confirmation from the American Legion)
- 21- 5th grade Kickball game, 12:30 PM
- 22- Seniors Graduation Breakfast, 7:00 AM Kinder graduation/, 8:30 AM in gym
- 22- 6th grade awards ceremony, 1:00 PM in gym (students dismissed from gym)
- 23- 5th grade awards, 8:30 AM in gym and 7th grade awards, 1:00 PM in gym (students dismissed from gym)
- 24-8th grade awards, 8:30 AM in gym
  - a) All awards last no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes
  - b) All award presentations begin at either 8:30 AM, or 1:00 PM for easy advertisement
  - c) All 1:00 PM award presentations dismiss from the ceremonies.

#### Tea Room

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- Special Events by Reservation
- Tea Trimmings Gift Shop

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## Birthday Parties

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- Tea & Treats
- Games & Prizes
- Make & Take Craft Favor

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#### The Pinellas County School's Open Application

<u>The Pinellas County School's Open Application</u> period begins January 10, 2018, and concludes January 19, 2018. As students and families make high school decisions for the 2018-2019 school year we highly suggest students and families review all programs, and to visit all high schools. All school's offer unique student learning opportunities. We encourage your child to attend school tours if offered as well.

**To 8**<sup>th</sup> **grade families** As an important reminder, all 8th grade students attending a fundamental middle school receive a feeder pattern priority into a high school fundamental school, provided the parent makes an application during the January application period, and ranks the fundamental high school of their choice as their first choice application." What does this mean? It means if your intent is to progress into a fundamental high school you must apply! One of the biggest mistakes past 8th grade families have made was to not apply for a fundamental option. Those families made the assumption of a direct entry into a high school fundamental program without making an application. For other grade level families, there is no need to reapply during the application period January 10 – 19th, 2018 if the intent is to remain at MBFS.

#### **Key Open Application dates**

January 2018

**Jan. 10:** First day to apply for a choice program. Parents must use the Student Reservation System at reservation.pcsb.org. After entering their User ID and password, obtained at any school, they can select up to five programs in order of preference.

Jan. 19: Last day to apply.

**Feb. 14-21:** Period when families can accept invitations to programs for which they have applied. During this period, families can change their mind and select a different program, as long as they do it before the Feb. 21 deadline. Failure to accept an invitation will render a student's application invalid.

#### **Getting help:**

District officials will help parents with applications during three evening sessions:

Jan. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sandy Lane Elementary, 1360 Sandy Lane, Clearwater

**Jan. 17**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Gibbs High, 850 34th St. S, St. Petersburg

Jan. 18, 4:30-7:30 p.m., District Student Assignment Office, 301 Fourth St. SW, Largo

For more information, visit pcsb.org/choice or call the district's Student Assignment office at (727) 588-6210.

#### **Advocacy:**

"Support your Education Professional who is running for public office. They are the ones who know what is really going on in public schools, not the current elected politicians who are only interested in unaccountable charter schools that use taxpayer's money to their own advantage. Know who you are voting for, and why! Exercise your right to VOTE!"



## **Happy January Birthdays!!!**

Kohl H. Michael R. Cataleya T. Milena A. Gabriel M. Kai W. Kelley B. Caleb H. Emilio P. Zoe M. Rosalie C. Vincent G. Rvan S. Anabella R. Adam B. Kaelyn D. Luca G. Blaze B. Lindsey G. Taylor P. Daniella A. **Evan H** Jacev S. Jordvn S. Dianara C. Madden W. John C. Steven O. Trent A. Noah C.

Hayden W. Julian L. Lauren H. Preston W. Noah P. James P. Ava S. Joshua B. Carolina M. Luigino S. Allison H. Cassandra M. Walz, William Cody **Skinner, Olivia Grace** Moon, Josephine Pineiro, Benjamin Rori P. Brianna W. Maverick M. Hannah W. Ashley P. Addyson S. Lilly B. Brieanna K. Macie S. Bryce D. Evan F. Jackson H. Gabriella S. Sean B.

Evelyn H.

Marissa V. Annika I. Mikayla I **Delaney P** Sophia M. Cecilia C. Andrew J. Morgan P. Madison F. Aayusha G. Alan P. **Brady P** Collin P. Marilyn A. Erin M. Scott M David S. Wade G. Xavier W. Renee F. Colin D. Brynna S. Megan S Jacob L Marco C Colin D. Tayla T. Tyler S. Olivia S. Ravan M. Michael N.

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## 10 Things Loving Fathers Do for Their Children

"He saved me," said thirteen-year-old Gracie Johnson, after her parents, sister, and two cousins were tragically killed in a rock slide. She was speaking about her dad, Dwayne Johnson. The family had gone for a hike along the Agnes Vaille Falls trail in Buena Vista, Colorado. Recent rainfall had made areas of the mountains unstable. As they were walking, one witness described what sounded like loud thunder cracking and boulders the size of cars coming down the mountain as the Johnson family stood helplessly in their devastating path. In an act of heroism, Dwayne dove on top of Gracie as a shield, saving her life and surrendering his own.

In situations like that you have no time to think, instinct takes over. Dwayne Johnson's natural instinct was that of a lovng father. <u>Loving fathers are self-sacrificing and protect their children.</u> (Click to Tweet) Here are 10 more things a loving father does for his children.

#### 1. Loving fathers... love their children's mother

Love your wife without reservation - you can't do much more for your kids than that. (Click to Tweet) If you are divorced, treat your children's mother with respect, even if it is not reciprocated. Never return disgrace with disgrace.

#### 2. Love them unconditionally

Make sure that your children know you love them no matter what. Don't confuse this with permissiveness. Unconditional love does nothing to encourage the wrong kind of behavior. In fact, kids who are secure in their father's love tend to act out less, not more.

#### 3. Grow up

We're talking about us here, not the kids. Children don't want another buddy; they want a dad. They want someone who thinks things through, makes tough decisions, and engages life with responsibility. Someone they can count on.

#### 4. Be there

"Quality time" is all well and good, but it has nothing on <u>quantity time</u>. Make the time. Everyone has the same 24 hours available. Make yours count.

#### 5. Provide

As best you can. Material provision can be tough when jobs are lost and tough times hit. However, you can always provide a stable home with love and affection.

#### 6. Discipline

Children appreciate an even hand, balance, accountability, and love-drenched discipline. It's called consistency and, without clearly defined boundaries, it is very difficult to grow up.

#### 7. Value education

Don't just read to them; read with them. Don't just fuss about grades; get involved with their homework. Don't just talk about learning; be a hands-on advocate. <u>Be a presence at their school by joining or starting an All Pro Dad's Day Breakfast</u>.

#### 8. Raise them to leave

The simple goal of being a family and parenting our children doesn't look any more complicated than this: Raise them up well-equipped to leave home and to establish faithful lives.

#### 9. Teach them to take responsibility

Kids who learn how to duck responsibility and avoid cost will – sooner or later – fall flat on their faces. <u>Loving fathers</u> make sure their children know how to own up, clean up, and move forward.

#### 10. Teach them to love this life

The best predictor of happiness in children is happiness in their parents. If we learn how to love this life and then give that blessing to our kids, they will be well prepared for satisfaction.

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#### Please use our car line

Enrollment in our school is a privilege enjoyed by Madeira Beach Fundamental students and their families. Therefore students are expected to exhibit exemplary achievement and conduct while at school. We always appreciate exemplary conduct from our parent community, as the neighborhood and businesses which surround our school are an extension of us.

Part of being a good steward in the community is to respect the wishes of local businesses. They have requested that you do not direct your children to be dropped off or picked up from the local businesses nearby, like the Publix Shopping Center, and Walgreen's.

The school is in lock step with these businesses. We do not advocate parking in private parking lots. Students just do not look out for cars and motorists sometimes just don't see them. Additionally, increased traffic, where our families block entrances or exits, and use businesses as a second or third car line, discourages business from the community at student drop off and pick up times, and prevents their staff from find parking for work.

Our car circle is available for your use. It is safe, and efficient. There is also adequate parking in our visitors parking lot for our families who wish to park and walk up to drop off or pick up. We all recognize the value of time and realize traffic can be tough. We have found traffic to be lighter for families who arrive a little early in the morning (no earlier than 7:15 AM middle grades, and no earlier than 7:25 AM K5). On the other hand, traffic can be lighter in the afternoons for families who arrive a little later (no later than 2:25 PM K5, and no later than 2:45 PM middle grades).

Thank you for understanding and working together with the school and the community at large.

## Afterschool pick up protocols

So that we can be consistent with our car line drop off and pick up protocols, and use the same processes in uniformity, ALL K5 after school activity student pick up (except the YMCA after care program) will now take place near the elementary PE court (red lane/ car line). ALL middle grades after school activity student pick up (except the YMCA after care program) takes place in front of buildings 8 and 13 (the area with the covered side walk, and between the cross walks closest to the front office and dolphin statue). Students who participate in afterschool activities will be waiting for pick up in those locations.

No students will be released across parking areas without adult supervision. Thank you for being prompt in your pick up of students from afterschool events.



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## **English Classes**

**ESOL** classes offered by Pinellas County Schools

Madeira Beach Fundamental School is hosting English Classes for adults 5 mornings a week right here in the portable in front of the elementary school building. The classes are being taught by Pinellas County Schools certified teachers. The fee is \$30.00 per semester. Tell your friends and family about this wonderful opportunity. Call the adult education office at 547-7872 for more information.



#### **Counselors' Corner**

Any families in need of school supplies, we have plenty of backpacks, pencils, pens, glue sticks etc. Please contact your Guidance Counselor.





## \*\*Fishing Club\*\* Needs You!

Are you an experienced fishing guide or experienced Angler??

## Mad Beach Fishing Club NEEDS YOU!!

We would like experienced fishing guides or experienced anglers to come and talk to our fishing club!

### Topic Suggestions:

- Cast net techniques
- Fishing rigging and presentation
- Offshore and Inshore strategies
- Knot tying
- Artificial baits and how to use them
- Cleaning fish
- Cooking fish and recipes

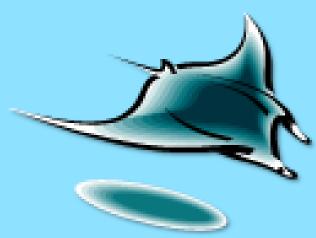
The fishing club meets from 2:20-4:00 every other Thursday. Speakers could attend for the whole meeting or parts of the meeting. If you could help us out please contact Mr. Bardes at bardese@pcsb.org





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## **Additional ways to earn General Membership credits**



The month of January has arrived, and there are multiple ways to earn general membership meeting credit for this month. If you did not attend a November of December general membership meeting opportunity for January credit (Daddy Daughter Dance, NJHS induction ceremony, helped in the mornings or afternoons with covering some of the gates or helping in the parking lot on campus, or served on the Intervention and Appeals Committee), there are still plenty of options for this month to earn your credit.

On January 16 there is a SAC/ Parent University Meeting at 5:30 P. On January 22 there are two PTSA Meetings you can choose from, at 5:30P, or 7:00P.

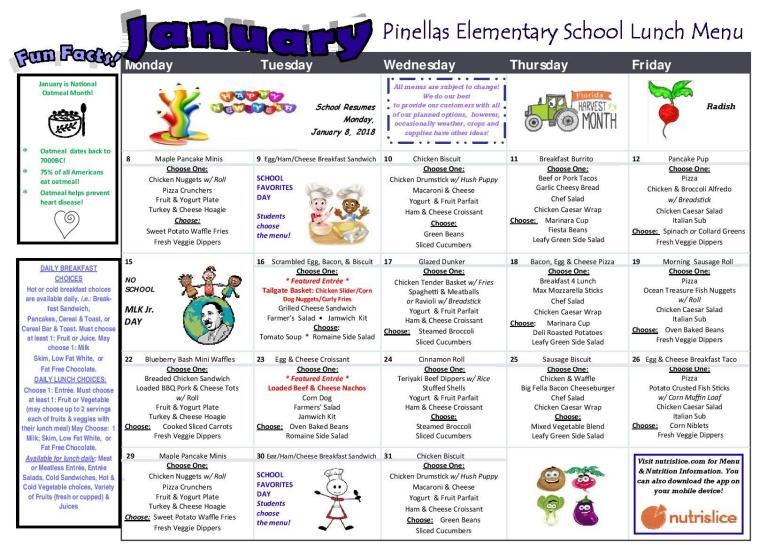
ALSO! Our jazz band is going to New Orleans. With that in mind, we need your help. The Jazz Band is trying to raise a large sum of money in a short time. Our friends at Ferg's are sponsoring a special event to benefit our jazz band. This benefit takes place Monday, January 22 at Ferg's at 1320 Central Avenue North, St. Petersburg from 5-8 p.m. Families, and friends of the school are welcome to attend. Our Jazz band will perform, and a silent auction will take place. Proceeds from the event will benefit both families. Best yet, you can receive January membership meeting credit by attending the event! We realize this event competes with the January PTSA general membership meeting, so you can decide which to attend. Let's help make sure our kids get to New Orleans!

For meeting credit, you must arrive no more than 15 minutes from the start of the meeting opportunity you attend, and remain for the entirety of the meeting you attend. Parking will be tight so arrive early, and available to you on our middle grades pe field. General membership meeting cards will be found in our media center for sign in.

We could also use your help in the mornings and afternoons with covering some of the gates or helping in the parking lot on campus. If you are willing to help out for two mornings a month, or longer if you can, you will receive membership credit for the month of January. You would need to be at school for about a half an hour each shift. You do not need to be a Level II volunteer but you MUST be a registered volunteer that has reactivated their focus account for this school year. If you need help with this please contact our Family & Community Liaison, Stacie Allen. Please clink the link below to signup.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0449A8AA28A64-january1

Additionally, if you are interested in earning meeting credit without attending a night time meeting Our IAC needs you! Our IAC committee meets on Tuesday and Thursday. You don't have to be free all of the time but serve when you can. Please email Mrs. Crandall, assistant Principal (K5 interest) <a href="mailto:crandallb@pcsb.org">crandallb@pcsb.org</a> and Mrs. Ivy (middle grades interest) <a href="mailto:ivyd@pcsb.org">ivyd@pcsb.org</a> to be added to the list of volunteers. If you serve on two IAC meetings then it will equal one month's meeting credit.



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#### SHOPPING PROGRAMS

January 2018

**Target Thanks a Billion Campaign:** As part of the social campaign, guests are encouraged to share a message of appreciation through <u>Target's Facebook page</u> or the <u>Thanks a Billion website</u>, honoring a teacher who has made an impact on their life. When a guest submits a note of gratitude (certain <u>terms & conditions apply</u>), Target will donate \$25 to the teacher's school with the opportunity for each school to receive up to \$25,000. But here's the best part: Target won't stop until it's given away a grand total of \$5 million. For more information please go to this website: <a href="https://corporate.target.com/article/2015/05/thanks-a-billion">https://corporate.target.com/article/2015/05/thanks-a-billion</a>

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**KULA** has partnered with Red Robin to create the "Burgers For Better Schools" program that is an extension of their loyalty, or "Royalty" program. Royalty members can login using their existing royalty account, or create a new one. From there they can select any school of their choice as their designated school to automatically receive 1% of the total bill from their meal each time they dine at any Red Robin locations. The donation is automatic and the customer only needs to notify the Red Robin employee of their royalty account number at the time of payment. Because we do not track individual patrons donations to separate clubs or organizations, the donation is to be used at the school's discretion. Please visit <a href="https://www.redrobin.com/betterschools">www.redrobin.com/betterschools</a> for information and FAQ's.