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Speeding Your Way Monthly ~ August/September 2010



Welcome Back!

From Rancho PTA

Hello Rancho Families,

Welcome to a new and exciting year here at Rancho Elementary! My name is Wendy Timmons and I will be serving as your 2010-2011 PTA President. I have a 4th grader, a 3rd grader and my youngest just started kindergarten. This will be my fifth year being involved with PTA. It has given me the opportunity to participate in my children's education and get to know many of the amazingly dedicated staff, teachers, parents and students. We have many wonderful and talented parents that have lead us to create one of the finest PTA boards in our district. I look forward to working with all of you to make this coming year a rewarding year for our students. With your participation and contributions, EVERY student at Rancho Elementary will enjoy field trips, assemblies, book fairs, the Fall Festival and so much more! The role of PTA is to support our school and enhance each and every child's experience here on campus. Rancho has a proud history of parental involvement through the PTA and while they might not want to admit it, kids love it when their parents are involved with school! Whether you want to support our events and programs by simply becoming a member or volunteering your talents for any amount of time, there's a place for you! Our theme this year is "Catch the Wave." I invite you to "Catch the Wave."

Thank you,
Wendy Timmons

Upcoming Events

September

- August 27th-September 10th: Fall Fundraiser
- September 6th: No School - Labor Day
- September 8th: Fall Festival Planning Meeting
- September 15th: Science In The Garden Night
- September 16th: PTA Assoc. Meeting 9:15am
- September 23rd: Picture Day

October

- October 2nd: Fall Festival 1:00pm-5:00pm
- October 25-29th: Red Ribbon Week
- October 29th: Family Fun Night "Monster Mash"



Please send newsletter suggestions and feedback to Camille Wettlaufer at blakecamille@verizon.net by the 15th of the month.

Ahoy Mateys!

Get ready to sail into Adventure at our
"High Seas Buccaneer Bash"
Fall Festival

Saturday, October 2nd, 2010
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Hoist the date upon yer' calendars!
You won't want to miss it!

All hands on deck! If you would like to be part of the planning crew or have a high school student that would like to earn community service hours, please contact: Lynda Lindow at Lindow8@yahoo.com. A planning crew meeting has been scheduled for Sept 8th at 9:30am in room 29.

Volunteer Update

Thank you so much to all who signed up to help at Rancho. The response has been amazing! We are busy organizing our list and hope to see you soon.

Thank You!

Rancho PTA would like to say Thank You to the following companies/individuals for their support:

~Ron Rock Photography ~Chick-fil-A
~Clear Blue Promotions ~Legoland
~Greg Ertel

Membership

"Catch the Wave." You can become a member of the Rancho PTA for only \$7 (being a member does not obligate you to volunteer, but shows your support for the children and the school). For every paid membership, you will receive a pencil pouch with a few school supplies and various coupons. And each class that reaches 100% participation will receive playground equipment! Every family's support is greatly appreciated.



Rancho's Fall Fundraiser!

Rancho Families...Friday, August 27th was the kick-off of our Fall Fundraiser! We are so excited about all of the fun products that are being sold. As we have done in years past, we are offering a wonderful catalog filled with gift wrap, cookie dough, and specialty items. Smartcards are also being offered. In addition to the cards, Smart Card is offering a new "Screamin Deal" email based program. Mixed Bag Designs are new this year. These fashionable bags are reusable, eco-friendly and come in various styles, colors and prints! A direct donation program is also part of our program for the Fall Fundraiser. With the direct donation, 100% of your dollars go directly to the PTA to help in funding your child's activities. We look forward to and encourage your involvement. Get ready Rancho, this year is gonna be great!!!!



Reflections

Do you like to write poems, take photographs, paint or write songs? Get creative and start working on your Reflections entry NOW. The 2010-11 PTA Reflections program theme is **"Together We Can."** Reflections is an opportunity for ALL of our students to create original works in: Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, Video Production, and Dance Choreography. All entries are due in the library by October 8, 2010. For information, rules, and forms please visit us at <http://ranchopta.cfsites.org/>. Entry forms will also be available at Friday Morning Line Up. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Gallon at margaretgallon@yahoo.com.



Box Tops

Don't forget to check out www.boxtops4education.com! Every student benefits from each dollar contributed to Rancho PTA. Box Top/Label Exchange Store Order forms can be picked up in the office. Note: Please trim all box tops on the dotted lines and do not turn in expired box tops.

Morning Fitness - Run Walk Club



2010-2011 Morning Fitness Run Walk Club has begun. Come out to the black-top and get involved, have fun and get fit! Look in your class for a yearly calendar to know when your grade will be participating. Weekly winners will be announced at Friday Morning Line-Up.

Fresh and Easy

Shop for Schools at Fresh and Easy. From September 15-December 31, 2010, Rancho will be collecting Fresh and Easy receipts totaling \$20 or more. Rancho will receive \$1 for every \$20 spent at Fresh and Easy. Students and parents can turn their receipts into their teacher or put them in the box in the office. Thank you for your support!

School Pictures

Say Cheese! School pictures will be taken September 23rd. Look for information coming home soon.



Art Room - Meet The Masters



Volunteers are needed to help with the Art Room-Meet The Masters program beginning September 15th. Please contact Rachel Spence at spencefam6@gmail.com. A planning meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 10:00am.

Book Fair

Fall Book Fair November 1-5th. We are in need of a lot of volunteers. Please be on the lookout for a signup schedule to help.

Birthday Library Books



If your child is celebrating a birthday, and you would like to donate a book of your choice to the school library, please have your child bring it to the library. Your child will be acknowledged at Friday Morning Line-Up for their donation.

Rancho Spirit Wear

T-shirts, beanies, and sweatshirts are available for purchase at select Friday Morning Line-Ups or you can also pick up an order form in the office. Just fill out the order form and deposit it in the PTA box at the front office. Orders will be filled once a week.



Community News

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Good News Club: Welcome back! The Good News Club will meet in the multipurpose room every Wednesday from 1:15 pm-2:30 pm. All students are welcome to attend, and written permission is required. (Good News Clubs are affiliated with Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. An organization that is Bible based and international in scope.)

RECYCLING

Hello Rancho Recyclers!

We just wanted to say that the first few weeks of school have been totally awesome. We have recycled lots of cans and bottles! What this means to you is that we have already earned over \$200.00 which will be used for many important things at our school such as new computers and funding for fun family events.

Every time a Rancho Roadrunner recycles at our school they should get a warm and fuzzy feeling because not only do they support our school but they are helping our environment!

Did you know that:

~Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour? Plastics are a major source of environmental pollution and are much easier to recycle than you might think.

~On average, one person uses up to two pine trees worth of paper each year.

Recycling helps Solve the Landfill Problem: Lots of our garbage is disposed of in landfills. But we're producing trash at an overwhelming rate. We're already running out of landfill space. This crisis is severest in cities and suburbs, where the problem is so pressing that landfills are slowly creeping closer to crowded human settlements. This makes us vulnerable to disease.



Recycling helps To Prevent Water Pollution: Untreated waste in our landfills leads to problems when contaminants seep down to lower levels of the soil. Eventually they reach the groundwater and pollute it. Sometimes we try to get rid of our trash by dumping waste in our oceans, with devastating results for our marine life.

As we continue our recycling drive this year we would like you to help us by doing the following things when setting aside your recycling for Friday:

Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, ink and toner cartridges

We are accepting the following items as recycling donations: plastic bottles, aluminum cans, used toner and ink cartridges through the Cartridges for Kids program.

Sort and separate

It would be a **BIG** help if you could sort and separate your aluminum and plastic and remove bottle caps. Please do your best to make sure there are no non-recyclable items in the bags.

Saturday Drop-Off

There will be a recycling drop-off set up at the school from 9:00-11:00am on the second Saturday of each month. Please tell all of your friends and neighbors as well.

The Rancho PTA will be handing out special prizes for Roadrunners who drop off separated recycling and to those classes who recycle the most, so keep up the good work!

Todd and Nick
The Recycling Dads



