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PTA PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE: *by Jodi Call & Laurie Scatterday*

Dear Rancho families:

The time has come for Laurie and I to write our last Ranchogram message as PTA Co-Presidents. Two years is a long time and we've become accustomed to the process and will miss the correspondence. What an amazing year it has been...

We have truly achieved incredible milestones during the 2003/2004 school year. The beautiful 4 R Park area, new traffic lanes easing the headaches of seeing our children off to school in the morning and picking them up in the afternoon, a personalized and unique mural in the multi-purpose room, the success of Measure A, and hopefully next August we return to a newly painted school. None of this could have been accomplished without you – the parents, staff, and principal.

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER: *by Pat Garrett*

Dear Rancho Families,

It's hard to believe that this is my last Principal's Letter for the Ranchogram! The District recently interviewed for my replacement. The interview team members represented staff members (Janet Mattson, Dorothy Keen, Shirley Davis and Michelle Fitch), parents (Laurie Palmer and Laurie Scatterday) and District office personnel. The leading candidates were interviewed by Superintendent, Rob Kessler, who made the final selection. David Gold, a principal from San Lorenzo, has been named the new principal. Our last school-wide assembly will be June 10th and we will present awards and honor our Students of the Month who have displayed the lifeskill, Honesty.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| June 4 | Dance Festival / Family Picnic, 11:15am-12:55pm, Upper Playground |
| June 7 | 5 th Grade Graduation/Awards Assembly, 9-10:10am, MU (reception to follow in the front courtyard) |
| June 7 | 4 th Grade Awards Ceremony, 10:45am, MU |
| June 7 | RREF Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm, Library |
| June 8 | 5 th Grade End of School Picnic |
| June 9 | 5 th Grade vs. Staff Softball Game, 9-10:10am, upper playground |
| June 9 | 5 th Grade Musical, "America Rock" (1-2 pm, 7-9 pm performance, MU) |
| June 10 | Awards Assembly - 4 th /5 th 8:45-9:15am, 1 st -3 rd 8:45-9:30am |
| June 10 | Last Day of School - Minimum Day-Dismissal at 12:10pm for 1st-5th grades. Kindergarten will attend school from 8:15-11:35am |
| June 11 | Teacher Work Day |
| August 16 | Rancho Romero School Office Opens |
| August 17 | Registration Packet Pick-Up, 8:30am-3:30pm, front of office |
| August 18 | Registration Packet Pick-Up, 8:30am-3:30pm, front of office |
| August 19 | Registration, 4-7:00pm, MU |
| August 23 | Registration, 9:00am-12:00 noon, MU |
| August 26 | PTA Executive Board Meeting, 9:30am, Donna Motta's home |
| August 31 | First Day of School (Minimum Day-dismissal 12:10pm) (Kindergarten Schedule-A.M. Classes 8:30-10:00 and P.M. Classes 10:30-12:00) |
| August 31 | PTA Welcome Back To School Dinner, 5-7:30pm |

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In a time when enormous amounts of information are processed each day, with hectic schedules and so many places to be, we are truly amazed at how we continue to pull together as a community. We should be proud of the many accomplishments of our Rancho community.

Our staff and principal deserve our support. Our children are blessed to have such caring people who have their best interest at heart. The preparation and hard work provided by everyone associated with Rancho creates a terrific and memorable experience for our children.

Laurie and I are grateful to have such advocates rallying for our children and the whole Rancho community. We have enjoyed the past two years as your PTA Co-Presidents. We are ready to pass the duties on to Annette Lance and Donna Motta. They are terrific and full of new energy and ideas.

Thank you, to everyone. You are what make this school great!! Have a safe, wonderful and restful summer.

Jodi Call and Laurie Scatterday, PTA Co-Presidents

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My sincere thanks goes to you for working with me this year. We have accomplished a great deal and, I think, made Rancho a better place for our students. Think of me when you sit in 4 R Kids' Park, walk through the multiuse room, see a child stand up to bullying, read the quote about respect or witness a random act of kindness! May our character traits of **Respect, Kindness, Cooperation, Perseverance, Responsibility** and **Honesty** reside in the hearts of all of our community and be modeled by all.

I will miss you! I love your kids!

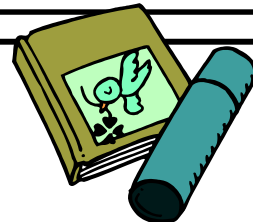
Warmly,

Pat Garrett

Special Thanks ...

to all the Room Parents for organizing their class' Teacher Appreciation Week and to the parents who brought food for the breakfast and luncheon. Honorable Mention goes to Marina Cuenin, Deb Westeen, Debbie Page, Mona Tom, Shelly Yaron, Mike Kyle, Claire Campbell, Christine Roder and Robin Gowen's Girl Scout Troup for their help during the week. We know the teachers and staff appreciated your efforts!

Julia Millias and Darcy Jones

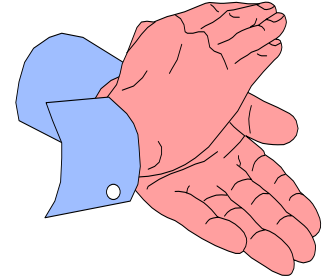
**YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!**

If your child did not receive the yearbook you ordered or you would like to purchase another one, there are still some yearbooks available. The cost is \$20 and you may contact Susie Back at 831-1862 or email her at: back_family@sbcglobal.net

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER VACATION!

CAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

Our final Cause for Applause this year goes to none other than Olga Pande. Olga has been typing, formatting and delivering the monthly RanchoGram for the past 6 years. She has put in countless hours delivering the RanchoGram to us all via hardcopy or website, always on time, always free of typo's and always great to read. Thank you, thank you, thank you--you are terrific!!! We will miss you and Brian next year and wish you luck at middle school.



THANK YOU OLGA!

BE INVOLVED, SUPPORT THE PTA!

Join Rancho's 2004-05 PTA and get to know Rancho and the community while helping our school. General Board positions available and need filling include: Alamo Music Festival, Family Outreach, PTA Job Fair, Hospitality, Open House Dinner, and the Spring/Fall Picture Day Volunteer Coordinator. For more information, please call our new PTA Co-Presidents, Donna Motta at 855-1697 or Annette Lance at 820-1332.

Summer Reading Book Sale!

The Rancho Romero Library will be sponsoring a Scholastic Summer Reading Book Sale during after school pick-up on Tuesday, June 1st, through Friday, June 4th. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase new paperbacks and best-sellers for your child's summer reading. All proceeds benefit the Rancho Romero library.

Looking for one last opportunity to volunteer? We would love volunteers to help staff the book sale from 1:45 to 3:15 daily. It's quick! It's fun! Please call Nancy Riley at 820-6776 or email nriley01@aol.com or Claire Campbell (944-9532) to sign up.

SRVUSD Enrichment Classes

The SRVUSD is offering two new summer classes for students entering the 6th-8th grades. The classes are Drama: Improvisation & Scene Work and Cartooning & Illustration. You may register online by going to www.srvusd.k12.ca.us then use the Summer Programs link, link to Enrichment and sign up for Summer Fun In The CWMS Art Room!

Two summer camps will be offered at Greenbrook Elementary School by Tuffli All Sports Camps. The camps are "Elementary Steps Dance Camp" and an "All Sports Camp." You may register by going to tuffliallsports@yahoo.com or by calling (925) 552-4183. (Brochures are available in the office).



It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to the monthly RanchoGram and to Rancho Romero. After 6 years, 54 publications and many, many corrections, the time has come for me to see this other child of mine "graduate" from Rancho. Many people are involved in the production of the RanchoGram, and I want to thank **EVERYONE** that

has helped me deliver this newsletter over the years. Thank you to past and present PTA presidents, principals and committees' secretaries - even with their busy schedules, they were able to deliver their articles on time; Thank you to Matt Graham, our technology specialist, for teaching me and backing me up on the website; and a very, very special Thank you to Shirley Davis in the office for her patience, keen eye, and wonderful sense of humor. It's been a real pleasure working with all of you. I'm going to miss you all very much!

Olga Pande
RanchoGram Editor

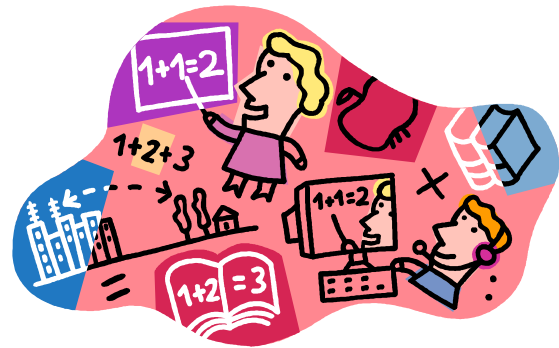
PACKET PICK-UP AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

It is that time again to start thinking about Registration for the 2004-2005 school year. Packet pick-up dates will be August 17 and 18 from 8:30 am to 3:30pm in front of the school office. Registration will be on Thursday, August 19, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm and on Monday, August 23, from 9:00 am to noon in the MU. If you are unable to register on either of those days, you may do so on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 31, from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the MU. If you would like to help on the days of Registration or help stuff Registration packets, please call Jill Pasichuke at 837-5670), Sue Pickett at 988-9801, or Melinda Wood at 362-4753. Fifth grade students who would like to earn Superstar points should call one of the numbers above. We need your help to make Registration go smoothly! (Jill Pasichuke)



PURCHASE 2004- 2005 SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!

It is time again to order school supplies for the 2004-05 school year. Order now and let Rancho Romero's PTA do the shopping for you. Simply fill out the "School Supplies" order form, attach a check (payable to RRPTA), and mail it to Caryl Peterson at 960 Underhill Dr., Alamo, CA 94507. Extra order forms are available in the school office. If you have questions call Caryl Peterson at 820-0808.



Math Olympiad

Thirty-five fifth grade students from Rancho were among the nearly 150,000 students worldwide to participate this year in the Math Olympiad program. They participated in a series of five monthly contests of 5 problems each from November to March, and weekly practice sessions under the excellent supervision and coaching of Rancho 4th grade teacher, Mr. Jacoby. He taught the students to solve unusual and difficult problems and to think creatively. The students responded well and all participants will be recognized with certificates. Congratulations to all the participants and to Katie Baker who achieved the top score!

Auction 2005 Co-Chairs Needed!

If you are interested in serving as an Auction Co-Chair, please contact Vivica Taylor (552-7321) or Jill McMichael (362-9689) immediately. This important fundraising event is essential for the continuation of many of the educational programs at Rancho. The Auction cannot be held without someone heading up the committee!

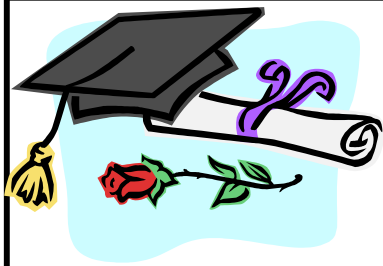
Please consider serving Rancho in this significant capacity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As you plan your summer vacation, be aware that the next school year begins on **Tuesday, August 31, 2004**. Because our district is growing, schools are very full and many continue to have wait lists.

As in the past, if your child does not attend the first 3 days of school, he/she will be dropped from the school on September 3.

In that event, you will need to re-enroll your child. A space in your resident school will not be held for your child. If there is no space in your resident school when you return, your child will be placed at the closest school based on space availability.



5th GRADE GRADUATION/AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION!

If you are the proud parent of a 5th grade student, you and your family members are invited to the Graduation/Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 7, 9:00am in the MU. A reception will follow the ceremony in the courtyard.

4th GRADE AWARDS CEREMONY!

4th grade parents and family members are invited to the 4th Grade Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 7, at 10:45am, in the MU.

NEW PRINTER NEEDED FOR ATTENDANCE The printer used for attendance sheets is wearing out and the office will be needing a new HP Laserjet printer. The cost of the new printer will be around \$650 (including tax, s/h). If you would be interested in contributing toward the purchase of a new printer, please let the office know. The office staff has appreciated your generosity when new equipment is needed. The District does not fund such needs!

CAMCORDER NEEDED! Rancho is in need of an analog camcorder in good working condition with a charger and battery. This will be used by the staff for special projects. If you have a camcorder to donate, please leave it in the school office or call Matt Graham, Rancho's Technology Specialist.

Thank you!

JUNE HEALTHOGRAM

The warts found on your child's hands and fingers are caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). These small bumps often appear hard and rough. The growths are benign but can be highly contagious and are spread through direct contact or by objects, such as towels that have come in contact with the warts. They can disappear in a month or hang around for 2-3 years. When they get bumped and irritated they can even bleed. Warts are more common in children who have either a weakened immune system or in children who pick at their hangnails and bite their fingernails. Not only do warts look bad, but they are difficult to remove and keep coming back even when using OTC treatments.

TREATMENTS

- ↓ # Cryotherapy-Performed in the doctor's office. This "freezing" technique can be painful and does not completely kill the virus.
- ↓ # Cantharidin-Similar to freezing but less painful. This treatment kills the skin around the wart but leaves the virus intact.
- ↓ # Salicyclic Acid-found OTC-Studies suggest suggest 75% effectiveness when used daily UP TO 3 MONTHS.
- ↓ # Wartner and Compound W Freeze Off-A new product in the stores this year. It is similar to freezing done in the doctor's office but does not reach as cold a temperature. It's OTC and the results of its effectiveness are yet to be determined.
- ↓ # Mediplast and Duct Tape-Not only does this method get rid of warts, but it "enucleates" them (gets rid of warts to the core). Mediplast is salicyclic tape found at the pharmacy. After wrapping a wart with Mediplast, cover it with duct tape for 3-4 days.

(The information above was obtained from: Wall St. Journal "Aches and Claims" by Robert J. Davis, keepkidshealthy.com, Children's Virtual Hospital website.)

(I plan on using the last technique, but frankly I won't have any luck applying it to my daughter until first grade is over since "the kids will laugh." Also, if anyone knows where I can buy duct tape in a hot pink color -could they call me please...)

I hope the monthly Healthogram was informative and will continue in the monthly Ranchograms next year. (Kathy Larson, RN, lar-funs@msn.com)

**Rancho Romero PTA
General Meeting
February 4, 2004**

Minutes of the October 22, 2003, General Meeting were approved at this Meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: (Pat Garrett)

- ↓ # Traffic is still an issue. Blue and Red areas are the slowest. Caryl to form a small group to discuss improvements.
- ↓ # Bus System takes 13 children in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. Stone Valley supports bus system. Bus will probably stop next year because doesn't fund itself.
- ↓ # Measure A –vote on 4/13/04.
- ↓ # Tiki Dance and week was great.
- ↓ # Mission is to get to know students names.
- ↓ # Will be a quote each month i.e.: "No act of kindness no matter how small is wasted". Getting kids involved in quote. Kids will be doing a skit to perform regarding quote each month.
- ↓ # Mural in M.U. room will begin next month. Will be completed prior to next school year. Three artists donating their time. Yardbirds donated paint.
- ↓ # Working on Painting outside of school.

PRESIDENT: (Jodi Call and Laurie Scatterday)

- ↓ # Teachers mentioned at Site Council they would like PTA to pay for teachers' dinners at Open House. Need to increase hospitality budget. Motion made to increase Hospitality budget by \$150.00. Motion carried.
- ↓ # PTA approved to pay for teachers directories.
- ↓ # 294 Bricks ordered – All room moms contributed for teacher's brick.
- ↓ # Make a motion to add two needed PTA positions; Playground – Cafeteria Program and New Family Buddy Program. Motion carried. Ali Schull will fill Playground/Cafeteria Program and Laurie Scatterday and Jodi Call to fill Family Buddy Program.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Annette Lance)

The minutes from the PTA General Meeting held on October 22, 2003, are reviewed. A motion is made by Donna Motta to approve the minutes. *Motion carried.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Donna Motta)

2 Checks for \$246.62 are presented for review #2663 and 2664. Motion is made by Barbara McEldowney to ratify checks. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION: (Shelby Alms)

Measure A – Tuesday 4/13/04

Absentee Ballots are key, would like 10,000 absentee ballots sent in
Educate Seniors regarding exception

6 – 8,000 parents not registered to vote

Will start next week on campaign

Only want Yes voters to go to polls

Need 2 Yes for each No

3/17/04 Trip to Sacramento

Please write proactive letters to Editors regarding Measure A

3/4/04 Rob Kessler to speak on schools at Educational Building Forum, 7 to 9 pm

Motion made by Laurie Scatterday to donate \$500 to Measure A. Motion carried.

PARENT EDUCATION (Barbara McEldowney)

Family Survey will go out in March

Will add the following information to the Family Survey: Flat Donation for Ways and Means, Skate Night, Tiki Dance, Food at Open House, School improvements. Delete PTA to pay for teacher's membership.

2/10/04 Dating Game @ San Ramon High

2/28/04 Internet Safety @ Charlotte Wood

Teen Scene in March @ Iron Horse Middle School

Meeting adjourns 10:40 am

Annette Lance PTA Recording Secretary

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2004

Reported by Laurie Palmer

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Susan Erickson, Elizabeth Faraday, and Nina Fishman attended the meeting and were welcomed as new parent representatives beginning September, 2004. Frances, Brian, and Sandy are completing their second year as SITE Council teacher representatives. Their extensions or replacements will be decided prior to our June 4th meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM 4-23-04 MEETING

Minutes of the April 23, 2004, meeting were reviewed. No changes were made and the minutes were approved.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM PRIOR MEETING

Follow-Up Item #1: Pat provided feedback from Debbie Taylor who taught the Writing Remediation classes. The 4th & 5th grade class was held for 6 weeks and was attended by 17 of the 26 selected students. Debbie saw improvement in their writing capability during this time. A similar session for 3rd grade was taught with similar results. The Committee recommended we support a similar class next year.

Pat also reported that this year's 3rd grade Spring Write showed significant improvement over last year's 3rd grade Spring Write. 82% of the grade scored 'at or above proficient' (up from 69% last year!) vs. 76% for the District.

Follow-Up Item #2: The teachers who submitted grants for education materials were informed regarding the Committee's decisions.

Follow-Up Item #3: The calendar for next year's meetings was reviewed and confirmed by the Committee members. The proposed May 20, 2005 date will need to change, as this is a Staff Development workday.

2004-2007 SINGLE PLAN DISCUSSION (Pat)

Pat presented the Draft of Rancho's Single Plan for Student Achievement. This plan supports the District's goal to have all students reach high standards, proficiency in reading and mathematics by 2013-20. The 32 page Plan focuses on how Rancho will specifically achieve this goal. As part of the preparation of the Plan, the STAR test results were compared across the various demographic groups at Rancho to determine if there are differences. The meeting discussion focused on how funding works for some of the action items and whether Site Council's scope will change. The draft of this Plan is due in June to the district. Pat suggested that the Vision statement be developed this Fall with the new principal.

Action Item #1: Committee members need to review the Plan in detail prior to the June 4th meeting and bring any questions and suggested changes to the meeting. Members will sign off on the Plan at the meeting.

FAMILY SURVEY (Barbara)

Barbara presented the written comments from parents who have children in multiple grades. The comments from parents with children in only one grade are forthcoming.

Action Item #2: Grade Level comments for K,2,3 to be completed and these, along with 1,4,5 grade comments to be distributed to Committee.

(Barbara)

Action Item #3: A summarization of the results will be created for the RanchoGram before the end of school year. (Laurie, Susan)

Action Item #4: More detail results will be documented for Site Council to ensure we are addressing family input before the end of school year.

(Laurie, Susan)

Action Item #5: Summary information and grade-level comments to be distributed to teachers (Barbara)

Action Item #6: Questions posed by the parents will be compiled and given to the appropriate party to respond. This will be completed by the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year. (Barbara, Elizabeth)

BUDGET REVIEW (Pat and Michele)

Michelle presented this year's budget along with actuals to date as of April 30, 2004. Overall, we should come in under the \$410,944 budget.

Action Item #7: Jill to follow-up with Shirley about this year's County Video expenditure.

Michelle presented a proposed 2004-2005 budget based on this year's expenditures. Additional updates to specific line items were made during the discussion based on more recent information and decisions made. With these changes, there may be an additional \$30k-\$40k available for next year.

Action Item #8: Pat to obtain specific suggestions from teachers and present at the June 4th meeting.

ACTION TEAM UPDATES

Each of the Action Teams has been meeting to create their respective sections of the Rancho SIP Plan.

8. RREF UPDATE (Jill)

RREF believes Rancho is not receiving all the corporate matching funds due to the difficulty and time-consuming process of following up with companies. Therefore, they have approved an additional hour a week from September through December by the Workroom Aide to follow-up with the companies. The requested Family Donation for 2004-2005 will remain at \$400 per student. The Auction Committee is currently seeking next year's Chairperson.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Smith stated that the 1st and 2nd grade new Math program consumable materials need to be replaced annually. Clarification is needed as to where the funding for this material is obtained. *Action Item #9:* Frances to discuss with Connie Forslund whether this comes from the General Funds allocated to Rancho.

Given that Deb Westeen is moving and cannot complete her tenure, Laurie Palmer was appointed to complete her final year. Barbara to serve as the parent co-chair for the 2004-2005 session. Laurie to continue as secretary.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm. Next meeting will be Friday, June 4, 2004, 12:55-2:30pm.

PTA Legislative News

#3 Purpose of the PTA: "To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth."
May 2004

May Budget Revise Good News for K-12 Education

Each May, after income tax receipts are tallied, the Governor releases a revision of the budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Highlights of the May Revise for the 2004-05 Budget:

- €# 2.41 % COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) applied to the revenue limit
- €# .9 % reduction of existing 3% revenue limit deficit
- \$110 million in K-12 equalization money

The net effect of these three budget items would be \$ 189 (unrestricted dollars) for SRVUSD. It is important to realize that this is still a *proposal* and the final budget will be passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The Governor has challenged the legislature to meet the constitutional deadline of June 15th for passing next year's budget.

Your Help is Needed on Equalization:

The May Revise includes \$110 million for equalization, about one-fourth of the total needed to fund all school districts of the same type and size to the 90th percentile. AB 2178 (Simitian) is the enabling piece of legislation for the \$110 million equalization item in the budget. AB 2178 has passed the Assembly Education Committee and is currently in the Assembly Appropriations "suspense file", as are all bills with fiscal implications. On or before May 21, the Chair of the Appropriations Committee will decide which of the bills in suspense will be moved out of suspense and voted upon on the Assembly Floor. If AB 2178 is not moved out of suspense, the bill will die and will not continue on to be heard in the Senate this summer.

Assembly Action Needed Before May 19: Please phone, fax or email the Assembly Leadership below to express your wish for AB 2178 to be heard on the Assembly Floor.

Assembly Speaker, Fabian Nunez

PHONE: 916-319-2046 FAX: 916-319-2146 ; Assemblymember.Nunez@assembly.ca.gov

Assemblywoman Judy Chu, Appropriations Chair

PHONE: 916-319-2081 (Appropriations Office) FAX: 916-319-2149 Assemblymember.Chu@assembly.ca.gov

Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, Appropriations Committee Vice-Chair

PHONE: 916-319-2036 FAX: 916-319-2136 Assemblymember.Runner@assembly.ca.gov

Assemblyman Leland Yee, Speaker pro Tempore

PHONE: 916-319-2012 FAX: 916-319-2112 Assemblymember.Yee@assembly.ca.gov

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Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg, Budget Committee Chair

PHONE: 916-319-2009 FAX 916-319-2109 Assemblymember.Steinberg@assembly.ca.gov

Assemblyman Guy Houston, our representative

PHONE: 916-319-2015 FAX: 916-319-2115 Assemblymember.Houston@assembly.ca.gov

Senate Action Needed by the End of the School Year: Please look for an email or newsletter item from your Legislative Rep regarding a letter writing campaign for the bill. Directions will also be available on the Del Valle Council website, www.myschoolonline.com/site/0,1876,1665-207225-1-102291,00.html

In order to maximize the number of letters collected, it is critical that we get the letters signed by our school communities by the time school ends. The letters we are asking you to sign will take the bill through its Senate committees and its signature by the Governor. The letters will be sent or hand carried to Sacramento at the appropriate times.

The Del Valle Council Legislative Committee has initiated this letter writing campaign and has encouraged other low wealth school districts in California to do the same. Districts participating include: Livermore, Irvine, Poway (near San Diego), Capistrano, Glendale, Novato, Los Angeles, Vista, Arcadia, Conejo, Encinitas, Solana Beach and Saddleback.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

The following books have been purchased for the Rancho Romero Library in honor of the following "Birthday Boys and Girls":

January Birthdays

Jacob Goldman	Mr. Putter & Tabby Stir the Soup Igneous Rocks
Brian Pande	Horace the Horrible, A Knight Meets His Match Bartlett and the City of Flames The Ravenmaster's Secret
Lauren Anderson	The Neighborhood Mother Goose I Love You, Mister Bear
Nicholas Lawrentz	The Green Dog

February Birthdays

Leah Dresser	Harold's Tail
Ryan Birdsall	Mary had a Little Ham
Elaina Keegan	You Can't See Your Bones with Binoculars
Andrew McAdoo	One Pizza, One Penny
Alec Pigott	Chester's Way
Nicholas Zygutis	Inchworm and One Half Weslandia
Casey Putvin	Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve

March Birthdays

Mackenzie Putvin	Lionel's Birthday
Ian Gardner	Dinosaur Mummies
Daniel Buschmeyer	Minerals
Jon Wood	Minnie+Moo+the Seven Wonders of the World
Katherine Pasichuke	CDB!
Nicholas Pasichuke	BMX in the Games
Daniel O'Brien	The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon Wakeboarding
Olivia Zarling	Octopuses
Cyrus Mirzazadeh	Igbal
Garrett Whitney	Ben Franklin's Almanac, Being a true account of The good gentleman's life
Sydney Lance	One Grain of Sand
Madeline Bauer	Voices of Ancient Egypt
Hannah Student	Bruna The Dot Manuela's Gift
Jonathan Miller	Superdog: the Heart of a Hero
Emily Farley	On Her Way Yankee Girl
Taylor Dennis	Straight to the Pole My Light
Stevan Zygutis	The Elves and the Shoemaker Sherman Crunchley
Jennifer Casper	Say What?
Donia Ahmadi	Kitten's First Full Moon

April Birthdays

Kevin McInroy	Gregor the Overlander
Katherine Tao	Ruby Lu, Brave and True
Margaret Daly	The Very Smart Pea and the Princess-to-Be The Cat Who Got Carried Away

August Birthdays

Ryan Jeffries	Henry Climbs a Mountain
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