RUNNING SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REDHAWK REPORTER

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Mark McLaughlin, Principal
Jenn Loving, PTA President

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Upcoming Events
Mark Your Calendars

September 4th
Labor Day / No School

September 8th
1st Day Packet Due &
Dance-a-Thon Donation
for T-Shirt Deadline

September 12th
Fall Pictures
Back-to-School Night

September 14th
Chairmen Meeting
Room Parent Meeting

September 22nd
PTA Dance-a-Thon
Fundraiser
Parents are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!

September 29th
Last Day to Turn In
Dance-a-Thon Money

October 6th
Art Masters Assembly

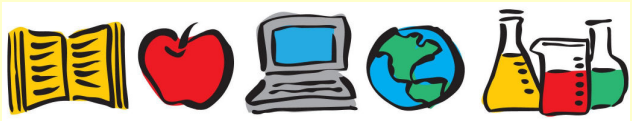
October 9th - 13th
Teacher Conferences
Minimum Days All Week

October 12th
PTA Meeting at 8:15am

October 16th - 20th
Red Ribbon Week

October 20th
Family Fun Night

October 31st
Classroom Parties



Dear Parents of Running Springs,

We are off to a great start to 2017-2018 school year! I want to thank the Redhawk community for making me feel so welcomed and for all the support as I begin my first year as the Principal of this amazing school. I hope you all had a very relaxing summer and are rejuvenated for the start of another incredible school year!

Back-to-School Night for grades 1-6 is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm. The evening orientation is a parent-only event. Teachers will be reviewing their 2017-2018 educational plans, encompassing grade –level curriculum/ standards, classroom management, and homework.

Back-to-School Night
Parents Only
Tuesday, September 12th

It's that time of year again to register for the Ralph's Community Contribution Program. The program is a tremendous benefit to Running Springs with contributions going towards instructional materials, technology upgrades, and playground and school equipment. If you regularly shop at Ralph's and have a Rewards Card, please consider registering **Running Springs Elementary School** as your **Community Contribution Designee** at www.Ralphs.com. For those wonderful participants last year, you are asked to register again after September 1st.

Running Springs also benefits from the contributions received through **Target's Take Charge of Education Program**. Please consider applying for a debit or credit REDcard at Target and enrolling our school to receive regular donations. These contributions are helpful in enhancing the resources and quality of learning at Running Springs. **Go REDHAWKS!**

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, CONT'D....

The Orange Unified School District has published "Guidelines for Student Fees" that we follow when planning field trips and Outdoor Science School programs. Public schools are prohibited from charging mandatory fees for educational activities, and are required to provide all materials, supplies, and equipment to students free of charge.

Donations may be collected however, for the following:

- *May collect fees for field trips, excursions and insurance in connection with courses of instruction or school related social, educational, cultural, athletic, or school band activities, as long as no student is prevented from making the field trip or excursion because of lack of sufficient funds (Education Code 35330(b); 35331.)*
- *May collect fees for Outdoor Science School provided no student is denied the opportunity to participate and there is an alternative activity for students who stay home. This applies only to those programs that comply with Education Code 8760 et seq. (Education Code 35335.)*
- *May charge for replacement cost of district books or equipment lost by student or willfully cut, defaced or injured; this assumes the item is returned without damage beyond normal.*

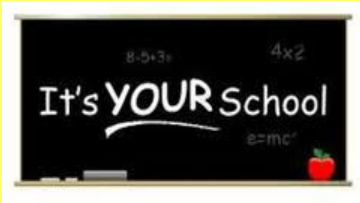
School Site Council nomination forms will be sent home in your child's communication folder. School Site Council is a committee comprised of parents and educators that work together to develop and monitor the implementation of the Single Plan for Student Achievement. It is an excellent way to be directly involved in the instructional programs at Running Springs and provides a much needed voice in our decision-making process. Members of the Council usually serve a two-year term with six after school meetings throughout the school year. If you are interested in participating yourself, or nominating another parent, please fill out the form and return it to the school by September 8th

Respectfully,
Mr. Mark McLaughlin
Principal

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

How would you like to participate in a unique way to honor your child's birthday? The Running Springs Elementary School BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB is a great way to celebrate an important day for your child. During the month of your child's birthday, a book, consistent with O.U.S.D. library standards, will be selected by the school and dedicated to your child! A Birthday Book Club label with your child's name will be placed on the inside cover of the book and will then be donated to the Running Springs Library. Your child will be the first to check out the book and will be presented with a certificate of recognition. If you would like to participate, please go online at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org to order. Please submit all orders by September 8th.

Thank you,
Julie Jarvi
Birthday Book Club Chair
juliekoons@msn.com



Stay Informed Be Connected

PTA is proud to provide our parents with a monthly newsletter! As a courtesy, we print the first one of the school year. Please note all future newsletter will be emailed to you via the school messenger system and/or can always be found at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org.

We strive to keep you informed and connected with all the amazing programs and events happening at school!

Happy Reading!
Laura Pistoresi ~ Newsletter Chair
laurapistoresi@yahoo.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA PRESIDENT...

Hello Running Springs Families!

I am thrilled to be your PTA President this year! I am very excited with our strong group of parents on our Executive Board and in our Chairmen Positions. There is a great mix of returning parents and new parents that will continue the strong PTA involvement at Running Springs! On behalf of all these volunteers, we know we can't do any of this without **YOU**!!! So don't be shy about signing up to help with the many activities we provide the students at Running Springs. We encourage you to complete the Volunteer Interest Form in our First Day Packets, so we know where you'd like to help or contact any of us directly!

From purchasing your yearbook to volunteering, all our First Day Packet information is available online on our website at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org. With the hope of "Going Green", you will be able to select your items of interest and pay instantly online! (No additional fees) We also have the option of paying by check, but you will still complete your basic information online and the appropriate forms will be emailed to you to complete and be returned to school with one check. Please note that all forms and payments (via online or by check) must be completed and/or returned by **Friday, September 8th**.

The PTA will be doing our BIGGEST fundraiser for the year..... the 8th Annual Dance-a-Thon. With YOUR generous donations we are able to fund our entire PTA budget with this one fundraiser. **EVERY Dollar Counts**... so no amount is too small to donate....it ALL adds up! How cool would it be to have your family or child's name on the back of the Run-a-Thon shirts worn by every kid in the school? With a $100 donation or above, that's what will be done!!! (**$100 donations must be received no later than September 8th to be included on the T-shirts.**) In fact, asking 10 people for a $10 donation adds up quickly to $100 total donation!
We encourage everyone to come out on September 22nd to volunteer during this fun event!

Don't forget to purchase your PTA memberships! **"Hit a Homerun with PTA"!!** From moms and dads to students and grandparents..... everyone can join! We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers at our school, but **we welcome EVERYONE to be part of PTA**!!! Join us for our monthly PTA meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month. (excluding September) We encourage everyone to sign up to receive our monthly newsletter and stay informed! Don't forget that information is always available at our website at **www.RunningSpringsPTA.org** and now on social media! Follow us on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram!

Once again, our PTA cannot grow and thrive without volunteers, so we look forward to meeting YOU!!! Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas at JenniferLovingPTA@gmail.com

Have a Terrific School Year!
Jenn Loving
PTA President

Running Springs Executive Board 2017-2018

President	Jenn Loving	**4th VP Legislation**	Jennifer Ahrendt
Executive Vice President	Patty Chau	**Treasurer**	Sonie May
1st VP Programs	Tanya Purcha	**Secretary**	Kerena Mendez
2nd VP Ways & Means	Mitra Hakimi & Roya Monfared	**Financial Secretary**	Sarah Candela
		Auditor	Andrea Scheff
3rd VP Membership	Julie Falda	**Historian**	Jennifer Reighter
		Parliamentarian	Gen Romero

THE 8th ANNUAL REDHAWK DANCE-A-THON

SPONSOR DETAILS

BRONZE SPONSOR - $100

⇒ Receive your company/family name on our Redhawk Run-a-Thon t-shirt, worn by over 700 students, many of whom frequent your businesses.

SILVER SPONSOR - $250

⇒ Receive your company/family name on our Redhawk Run-a-Thon t-shirt, worn by over 700 students, many of whom frequent your businesses.

⇒ Your company name on our event flyer

GOLD SPONSOR - $500+

⇒ Receive your company/family name on our Redhawk Run-a-Thon t-shirt, worn by over 700 students, many of whom frequent your businesses.

⇒ Your company name on our event

⇒ Year round recognition on our PTA website for the 2017-2018 school year.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 8th IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE T-SHIRT

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact:
Mitra Hakimi or Roya Monfared
mitrahakimi92@yahoo.com

Thank you so much for your generosity & support of the students at Running Springs Elementary School!

Please Help Support The PTA's **BIGGEST** Fundraiser of The Year!

THE 8th ANNUAL REDHAWK DANCE-A-THON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

This will be our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year, which we hope will **fund our entire 2017-18 PTA budget!** All of your child's grade level assemblies, their PE teacher, school wide programs & much more are all paid for by PTA! In order to fund our budget, we need EVERYONE's support! Know that EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!
Our Kick– Off Assembly took place on Thursday, August 31st.
Take some time to go over your child's pledge form & exciting prize information.

In order for this event to be successful we are also turning to our local business owners & our Running Springs families that may have businesses of their own to become our Community Partners and Sponsors of this event.
Community Partners/Sponsors Forms and donations must be received by SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 in order to have your name on the back of the T-shirts!

Thank You for Supporting our 8th Annual Running Springs Dance-A-Thon!
Mitra Hakimi & Roya Monfared, VP's of Ways & Means

Become a Community Partner with the PTA...Together we can make a Difference!

Family & Business Donation Form

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____

Grades & Teachers: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Name as you would like it to appear on the T-Shirt/Website (i.e. logo/name):

_____

Please attach your business card &/or company logo for printing of name only.

LEVEL OF DONATION

(Please see descriptions at left & mark your requested level below)

_____ **BRONZE** - $100 DONATION

_____ **SILVER** - $250 DONATION

_____ **GOLD** - $500 DONATION

*** * Please make checks payable to Running Springs PTA**

MAIL TO: Running Springs Elementary School, ATTN: PTA RUN-A-THON
8670 E. Running Springs Dr, Anaheim Hills, CA 92808

Hit a Home Run with PTA

We know how important your children are to you and that you continually want what's best for them. Running Springs PTA does too! We work hard to provide your children with resources that help enrich their school experience. We supply funding for programs such as Art Masters, Birthday Book Club, Award Assemblies, Family Fun Night, Music Assemblies and many more that would not otherwise be available to our school if it were not for PTA!

Joining PTA is not a fundraiser! You are not required to do anything all year. A percentage of your membership dues goes to the State and National PTA to support child advocacy. The remaining part of your dues stays at our school to help support our school programs.

Who should support the PTA?
EVERYONE …. moms, dads, students, teachers and even aunts, uncles, grandparents, and neighbors!
The cost is only $8 per member.

As our theme states,
"Hit a Home Run with PTA",
so don't miss out on this team effort
and join PTA today!

Batter Up!!!
Julie Falda
Membership Chair
juliefalda@hotmail.com

FAMILY FUN NIGHT WANTED

We Need a Frightfully Fun Group of Parents to Join Our Family Fun Night Committee!!!

Family Fun Night is an all time favorite here at Running Springs! This event brings families in our community together for a night of **games, food, music and fun**! This year, once again, is sure to be a night to remember!

We are looking to expand the **Family Fun Night Committee** and would love your help! The foundation is already set, but we need your visions and ideas to make this a spooktacular good time!

We will be hosting two planning meetings on
Wednesday, September 6th and
Wednesday, October 4th at 8:15am in the PTA Room.
If you are someone who enjoys having fun, please mosey on down and join us. We're sure to have some ghostly good fun! Family Fun Night will be held this year on Friday, October 20th… so Mark Your Calendars!

Can't attend the meeting?
Don't worry… just email us at RunningSpringsFFN@yahoo.com and let us know you're "in". Looking forward to seeing you there!

Your Family Fun Night Committee Chairs
Crystal Lantello, Patty Chau & Laura Pistoresi

Would you like to be in our Running Springs Family Directory? You decide what useful information you want shared in the directory.

The directory is not distributed to any mailing lists or outside entities. It is strictly for the non-business use of Running Springs' families. If you would like to participate, please go to www.RunningSspringsPTA.org and sign up through our First Day packets.

Please go online and sign up for the directory by September 8th.

Patty Chau
Directory Chairperson
pattychau@yahoo.com

STAY CONNECTED WITH PTA

In our endeavor to be constantly improving our website, we've created a new one and it's up and running! Please visit us at **RunningSpringsPTA.org.** The PTA website is up-to-date with the latest PTA news and information, so visit it often!

We're finally on...
Facebook @RunningSpringsPTA
Twitter @RunningSpgsPTA
Instagram @RunningSpringsPTA
Please follow, like, share, and comment! Links to all of our social media accounts can always be found on our website at **RunningSpringsPTA.org.**

Visit the PTA website before September 8th to fill out the PTA First Day Packet! Once completed you'll be directed to our webstore where you can use a credit card to purchase your student's Yearbook, Emergency Kit, Birthday Book Club, your PTA Membership, and donate to the annual Run-A-Thon, our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Our website is smartphone friendly and has current information at your fingertips. **Visit it today at RunningSpringsPTA.org**.

Kerena Mendez
Webmaster Chairperson
Email us: info@runningspringspta.org

Whoever you are.... mom, dad, grandparent, aunt, uncle, guardian… You ALL have something special to offer… **and We Need YOU!**

We have so many amazing events at our school that absolutely would not happen without PTA volunteers. Please sign up to be a part! Not only will you **enrich your own kiddo's school experience** by providing them great opportunities and building memories together that will last a lifetime; but, volunteering in the PTA is the quickest and best way to **meet other parents and develop lifelong friendships!** So don't miss out! Plus, your child's day will be brightened every time they see you around campus!

Check the boxes next to the PTA events YOU might want to help with when you are completing the PTA Online Packet. You will be contacted later about the details. And, please, don't think you don't have "enough" to offer! Every little bit of time and talent helps… and is much appreciated!! So **SIGN UP TODAY** and share in the memories!! You won't regret it!

If you would like a more detailed description of all the PTA sponsored events and programs at Running Springs, please refer to ***PTA Programs*** tab on our website at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org.

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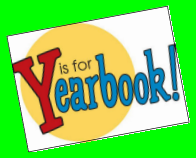
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Prep kits are **on sale until September 8th…** The kit provides enough food and water to sustain 1 person for up to 3 days. The kits have a shelf life of 5 years, so if you bought an emergency kit for your child when he/she was in kindergarten; it's time to purchase another one. The **kits are $12.00** each and can be purchased on our PTA website: www.RunningSpringsPTA.org .

A reminder to all our returning families, your child's kit was sent home on the last day of school; please remember to return it as soon as possible to their new classroom.

Kelly Von Rehder
Emergency Prep Chairperson
kellyv@gmail.com

Get your YEARBOOK order in today and have a special keepsake for your child!



Orders can be done online at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org through September 8th. **Orders by check will be taken through March 2018.**

Don't forget…. Pictures can be uploaded throughout the year! Start uploading ALL those first day of school now. Uploading information can be found on our website.

Interested in becoming part of the yearbook staff? I'm looking for photographers for each grade.

Crystal Lantello ~ Yearbook Chair
cmethod2000@yahoo.com