

# REDHAWK Reporter



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents of Running Springs,

The Running Springs staff is excited and ready for another great year of continued success in 2018-19 school year. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such an amazing community. I want to thank you all for your support and I hope you all had a very relaxing summer.

### Running Springs is Growing!

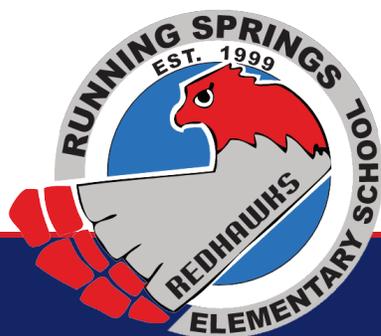
We are proud to announce new additions to our staff. Annalisa Schwartz will be joining our staff as an assistant principal. Additionally, we have added a transitional kindergarten (TK) class and two new TK teachers, Anastasia Villalobos and Alison Russell. All three will be a tremendous addition and they are excited and ready to serve the students of the Running Springs family.

### Ralph's Community Contribution Program

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](http://www.Ralphs.com). For those wonderful participants last year, you are asked to register again after September 1st.

### Target's Take Charge of Education

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 our resources.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

- 3** Labor Day – No School
- 7** 1st Day Packet Due & Run-a-Thon Donation for T-Shirt Deadline
- 11** Fall Pictures
- 21** PTA Run-a-Thon Fundraiser Parents are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!
- 28** Last Day to Turn In Run-a-Thon Donations

### October

- 5** Art Masters Assembly
- 8-12** Teacher Conferences Minimum Days All Week
- 10** Anti-Bullying Assembly
- 11** PTA Meeting at 8:15am
- 22-26** Red Ribbon Week
- 26** Family Fun Night
- 31** Classroom Parties

Mark McLaughlin, Principal  
Jenn Loving, President

[www.runningspringspta.org](http://www.runningspringspta.org)



### AVID ELEMENTARY

Running Springs is now an AVID site. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. By teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age, AVID Elementary creates a ripple effect in later grades. Elementary students develop the academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college, in an age-appropriate and challenging way. Children learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes, answer, and ask high-level questions that go beyond routine answers. The strong college-going culture on an AVID Elementary campus encourages students to think about their college and career plans. The AVID program will roll out starting in sixth grade for the 2018-19 school year.

#### Guidelines for Student Fees

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.

Respectfully, Mr. Mark McLaughlin, **Principal**

### BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



#### READ ALL ABOUT IT!

**PTA is proud to provide our parents with a monthly newsletter!**

How would you like to participate in a unique way to honor your child's birthday? The Running Springs BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB is a great way to celebrate your child's special day.

During the month of your child's birthday, a book, consistent with OUSD 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 to [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org) to order.

**Please submit all orders by September 7th.**

Thank you,  
Allison Vanderplow, **Birthday Book Club Chair**

As a courtesy, we print the first newsletter of the school year. Please note all future newsletters will be emailed to you via the school messenger system and/or can always be found at [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org).

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

Lindsey Rarey, **Newsletter Chair**  
[mrsrarey@gmail.com](mailto:mrsrarey@gmail.com)



## HELLO RUNNING SPRINGS FAMILIES!

I am thrilled to be your PTA President again this year! I am very excited to have a 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 at [www.RunningSpringPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringPTA.org). With the hope of "Being 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, print 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 7th**.

The PTA will be doing our ONE and ONLY fundraiser for the year...the 9th Annual Run-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 business, 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 7th 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 21st** to volunteer during this fun event!

Don't forget to purchase your PTA memberships and "Help Our PTA Grow"!! From moms and dads to students and grandparents...everyone can join! We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers at our school, and 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 [www.RunningSpringPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringPTA.org) and now, thanks to Kerena Mendez, 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](mailto:JenniferLovingPTA@gmail.com)

## RUNNING SPRINGS EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-19

<b>President</b>	Jennifer Loving	<b>Treasurer</b>	Sonie May
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	Patty Chau	<b>Secretary</b>	Lori Moore
<b>1st VP Programs</b>	Jennifer Reighter	<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Kerena Mendez
<b>2nd VP Ways &amp; Means</b>	Mitra Hakimi	<b>Auditor</b>	Sarah Candela
<b>2nd VP Ways &amp; Means</b>	Roya Vakilmonfared	<b>Historian</b>	Adriana Tamayo
<b>3rd VP Membership</b>	Julie Falda	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Christy Medlin
<b>4th VP Legislation</b>	Janet Vaughn		

# 9TH ANNUAL RUN-A-THON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



## SPONSOR DETAILS

This will be our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, which we hope will fund our entire 2018-19 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 takes place on Friday, August 31st. Take some time to go over your child's pledge form and 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 Friday, September 7, 2018 in order to have your name on the back of the T-shirts!**

Thank You for supporting our 9th Annual Running Springs Run-A-Thon!

Mitra Hakimi & Roya Monfared, VPs of Ways & Means  
**Contact us with your questions! [mitrahakimi92@yahoo.com](mailto:mitrahakimi92@yahoo.com)**

### 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 business card &/or company logo for printing of name only.

**LEVEL OF DONATION:** \_\_\_ Bronze \$100 \_\_\_ Silver \$250 \_\_\_ Gold \$500

**\*\*Please make checks payable to Running Spring PTA**

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

### BRONZE \$100



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

### SILVER \$250



Receive your company or 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 \$500



Receive your company or 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.



Year round recognition on our PTA website for the 2018-2019 school year.

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE T-SHIRT.**

**THANK YOU FOR DONATING!**

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT HELP WANTED!

We need a 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 rewrite the stars and make this the greatest show!

We will be hosting two planning meetings on Wednesday, September 5th and Wednesday, September 19th at 8:15am in the Redhawk Community Room in the 5th grade building, room #307. If you are someone who enjoys having fun, please mosey on down and join us. We're sure to have the greatest time!

**Family Fun Night will be held this year on Friday, October 26th...so mark your calendars!**

### Can't attend the meeting?

Don't worry... just email us at [RunningSpringsFFN@yahoo.com](mailto:RunningSpringsFFN@yahoo.com) and let us know you're "in". Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Your Family Fun Night Committee Chairs**, Hannah Etherson and Nina Sellers



## HELP US GROW—JOIN 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 if it weren't 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 an even aunts, uncles, grandparents, and neighbors! The cost is only \$10 per member.

Thanks for digging PTA!

Julie Falda, **Membership Chair**, [juliefalda@hotmail.com](mailto:juliefalda@hotmail.com)



## SCHOOL DIRECTORY



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.

To participate, please go to [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org) and sign up through our First Day packets. Please sign up for the directory by September 7th.

Patty Chau, **Directory Chair**  
[pattychau@yahoo.com](mailto:pattychau@yahoo.com)

# STAY CONNECTED WITH PTA

## Have you visited the PTA website lately?

If not, please check it out ASAP! It's full of information you need, including the PTA First Day Packet, info about PTA programs, calendar of events, and links you need, like Reading Counts and the Parent Portal. You can find us at [RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://RunningSpringsPTA.org)! The website is constantly updated with the latest news and information, so visit it often.

You can also find us on our social media pages:

 Facebook @RunningSpringsPTA

 Twitter @RunningSpgsPTA

 Instagram @RunningSpringsPTA



Please like, follow, share, and comment! Links to all of our social media accounts can also be found on our website at [RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://RunningSpringsPTA.org).

Visit the PTA website before September 7th to fill out the PTA First Day Packet! Once completed you'll be directed to our web store 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 fundraiser.

Our website is smartphone friendly and has current information at your fingertips. Visit it today at [RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://RunningSpringsPTA.org).

Kerena Mendez, **Webmaster Chair**  
Email us: [info@runningspringspta.org](mailto:info@runningspringspta.org)

## EMERGENCY KITS

**Emergency Prep Kits are on sale until September 7th.**



The kits provide enough food and water to sustain 1 person for up to 3 days. The kits have a shelf life of 5 years, so you may need to purchase a new one depending on when you first purchased the kit.

The kits are \$12.00 each and can be purchased on our PTA website: [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org).

A reminder to all of our returning families, your child's kit remained on campus from last year, and will be placed into your child's new classroom bin. We will return 6th graders kits at the end of the year and keep all other kits on campus.

Kelly Von Rehder, **Emergency Prep Kit Chair**  
[kellyv@gmail.com](mailto:kellyv@gmail.com)

## REFLECTIONS



We're bringing back the Reflections program for the 2018-19 school year!

This is an arts program sponsored by the national PTA.

This year's theme is **Heroes Around Me** and pieces will be accepted in 6 different categories:

1. Literature
2. Visual Arts
3. Photography
4. Dance Choreography
5. Music Composition
6. Film Production

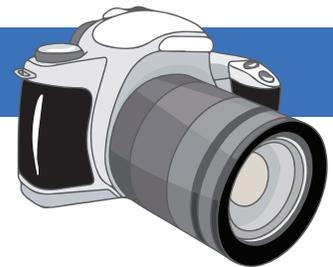
Submissions must be turned in by September 26th. Winners will be announced in October and will go on to compete against peers from other schools and have the opportunity to go all the way up to state and national levels.

We know Running Springs has some amazing artists and we can't wait to see your work!

Official Rules and Entry Forms are in the office and on the PTA website.

## YEARBOOKS

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



Orders can be done at [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org) for a limited time. Orders by check will be taken through March 2019.

Don't forget...pictures can be emailed directly to me at [cmeth2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cmeth2000@yahoo.com) throughout the year in "actual size or large format"!

### Interested in becoming part of the yearbook staff?

I'm looking for photographers at all events and in each classroom. This is a guaranteed way your class page has plenty of photos and helps out the room parents too!

Crystal Lantello, **Yearbook Chair**  
[cmeth2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cmeth2000@yahoo.com)