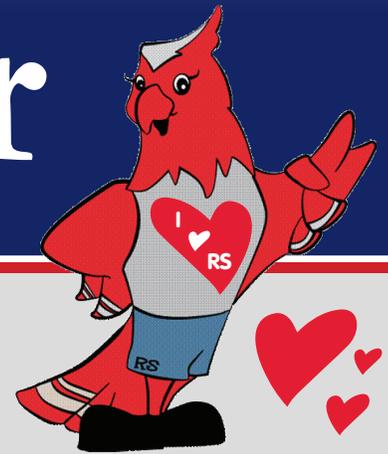


REDHAWK Reporter



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attendance Matters

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades and develop healthy life habits.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused—it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from learning to read to reading to learn, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority.

Saturday Enrichment Academy

Our first Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA), which was held on 12/1/18, was quite a success. Special thanks to our teachers, Mrs. McDaniel, Mrs. Debbie Smith, Mrs. Fordham, Mrs. Fowler (VAPA), and Coach Sam for being our first SEA teachers. We have four more dates to be scheduled, look for that information and the sign up sheet soon. This program is completely free and your child's attendance is voluntary. The purpose of the program is to provide students with additional academic instruction in a more relaxed and fun environment. In addition, SEA allow students make up an absence.

Around the World International Event

After a one year hiatus, the Around the World Event will be making its return to Running Springs. In years past, as many as thirty six countries have been represented at this fun filled evening at Running Springs Elementary. The event is celebration of song, music, dance, and sample foods from different countries. We would love your participation! Please look for more information on how to get involved as the year moves forward.

School Registration and Open Enrollment

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration can be completed online at www.orangeusd.org and will begin on January 16th. Open enrollment will be open between January 14th and 28th for all students outside of our school boundaries. Applications can be found online at www.orangeusd.org. If your child currently attends Running Springs on Open Enrollment, you must submit a new form each school year. Please call the office with any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

21 No School

February

5 Know Your States Test

8 Valentine's Bingo

12 Know Your States Test

14 Classroom Parties
PTA Meeting

15 No School

18 No School

19 Know Your States Test

22 Art Masters Assembly

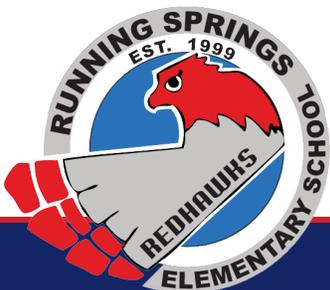
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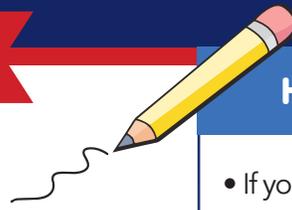
14 PTA Meeting

20 6th Grade
Promotion Pictures



Mark McLaughlin, Principal
Jenn Loving, President

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Our annual Know Your States Challenge is just around the corner!

Get ready to study by using the resources and sample tests available on our website at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org.

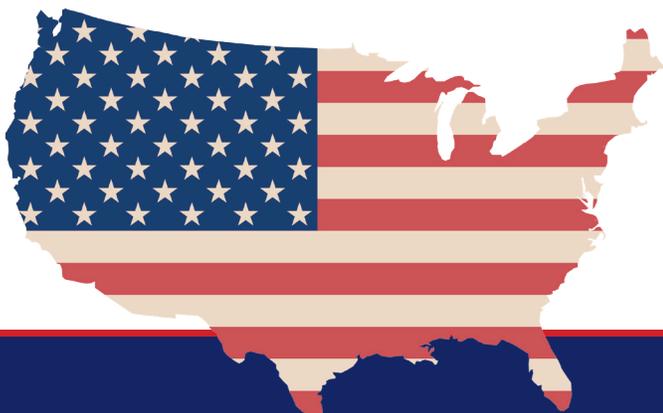
Any and all students are welcome to join in this enriching experience of knowing our country. It's a required test for all fifth graders, and it is a wonderful opportunity for transitional kindergartners through fourth grade students to become well prepared while having fun with a variety of learning tools and games on how to learn where our states and capitals are in America. Sixth graders are welcome to participate also. Kindergartners may have the test read to them by one of our parent volunteers.

This challenge will be offered during lunchtime in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) on the FIRST THREE TUESDAYS of FEBRUARY ~ February 5th, 12th & 19th.

Students who know where all 50 states are located will be awarded a "Know Your States" certificate and Pizza Party! Those who pass the States Challenge during the first or second week will be given the chance to take the Know Your State Capitals Challenge. Each student who earns a perfect score on the capitals challenge will also receive a medal.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to be a volunteer during the challenges. We need lots of help!

Janet Trout, Academic Enrichment Chairperson
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- If you remember New Mexico borders Mexico, it will help you find it.
- Florida bams into Alabama but just misses Mississippi.
- Pennsylvania put on his New Jersey (Looks like a jersey is squeezed on his right side).
- Vermont is shaped like a "V".
- Louisiana looks like an "L" and starts with "L" which will remind you of Louisiana, or some like to call it a Loose Sock.
- You can remember Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana by saying they are the 3-in-a-row "I" states.
- The 4 sisters: West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina all sit on top of their mama, Georgia.
- Kentucky looks just like a "Kentucky Fried Chicken" leg.
- Michigan looks like a mitten.
- Colorado looks like a box stacked up with Utah and Wyoming... "Why? Maybe Montana, the big boss above them, can tell you.
- Minnesota looks like an "M" if you turn it on its side
- Does Idaho kind of look like an "I"?
- Has anyone ever considered New Hampshire as a new pet hamster?
- Rhode Island is "connected" to Connecticut.

STUDY TOOLS

www.RunningSpringsPTA.org

Under Programs click on Know Your States Challenge. RS Know Your States Challenge (KYS) map, blank map, and grade level answer sheets. Print your own for practice.

www.lizardpoint.com/geography/usa-quiz.php

Try fun interactive quizzes to play while learning.

www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm

Teaches regions, states, and capitals in different levels.

[Leap Pad by the Learning Company](#)

Electronic Learning Toy (you may already have!)

The book that comes with it has a USA map and quizzes states and capitals. Great practice!

[YouTube – Animaniacs](#)

Sing the States and Their Capitals

[YouTube – Wakko's America](#)

United States States & Capitals song

[YouTube - Animaniacs](#)

50 US States & Capitals – Lyrics

Happy New Year! I am so excited for the new year and all the fun the second half of the school year holds! The new year is the time for our PTA sponsored grade level assemblies. Thank you to Jennifer Reighter for scheduling all these memorable assemblies! Many of our favorites are returning, such as 6th grade Dare-to-Dance, 5th Grade Walk Through the American Revolution and much, much more! Plus, Valentine's Bingo, Know Your States and Talent Show are fast approaching! There are lots of details in this newsletter about these events. If you have the time to volunteer, I highly recommend any and all of them! These are three of my favorite PTA events! I promise you will have as much fun as the kiddos! Contact the event chairmen to join their committees!

Know Your States

The PTA looks forward to supplying a pizza party for all the perfect scores on the States Challenge and medals to all those students with perfect scores on the Capitals Challenge! Check out the newsletter for helpful hints and links! A GIANT thank you to Janet Trout for chairing this event.

Valentine's Bingo

Be sure to purchase your Valentine's Bingo cards! Due to popular demand with this event, we will again be hosting TWO sessions!! Both will be on the same night...first session is 3-5pm and the second session is 6-8pm. What a fun night for families to come out and enjoy dinner and fun in one place! Tons of thanks to Jill Parkin for being our chairman on this highly anticipated annual event!

December Crafts

A HUGE thank you to Melinda Chisick and Kristin Cruz for chairing this year's December Crafts event. Students loved their new crafts! In addition, we have the best parents! Thank you so much to those that volunteered during the event, especially our very own RS students that stepped behind the tables to assist their peers in doing the crafts. Not only do we have some amazing parents, we have amazing students as well!

PTA Positions

Our PTA Nominating Committee has been formed. They will be putting together the new slate of officers for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in seeing what positions are available on the PTA Executive Board, please contact me as soon as possible so we know you are interested. Thank you in advance to all our committed parents for accepting these important positions.

Classroom parties will be held on Wednesday, February 14th for Valentine's Day. Thank you in advance to all our Room Parents for all of their organizing!!! Don't forget our February PTA meeting will be on Thursday, February 14th at 8:15am in the Redhawk Community Room. EVERYONE is WELCOME!

Jenn Loving, **PTA President**
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RUNNING SPRINGS EXECUTIVE BOARD 2018-19

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2nd VP Ways & Means	Roya Vakilmofared	Historian	Adriana Tamayo
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4th VP Legislation	Janet Vaughn		

TALENT SHOW



The Talent Show is Upon Us!

Auditions will be held Tuesday, January 22rd through Thursday, January 24th

Here are some important reminders:

- You will receive an email confirmation and can pick a time slot to show us your act.
- Online song requests are reserved on a first come, first serve basis.
- Final song approval is not given until auditions.
- Printed lyrics must be provided at auditions!
- Friendly reminder...This is a school event, acts and music must be kid-friendly!
- More detailed information and applications can be found at the PTA website at www.RunningSpringPTA.org.

If you are interested in joining the Talent Show Committee... we'd LOVE to have your help!

We can't wait to see all our talented Redhawks!

Katherine HeideIman & Jennifer Terry, Talent Show Committee Co-Chairs
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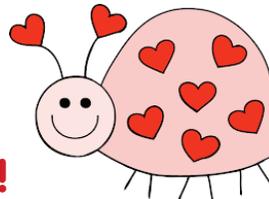


This year's Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 1st.

VALENTINE'S BINGO

**CALLING ALL LOVE BUGS!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 IN THE MPR!**

Bring Your Special Someone and Come Play Valentine's Bingo!



TWO TIME SLOT OPTIONS
3pm or 6pm

TICKETS
\$6 EACH

Includes pizza, drink, cookie and 12 games of BINGO!

Tickets will be sold right after school in front of the MPR Tuesday, February 5th to Thursday, February 7th.

Please contact me if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help!

Jill Parkin, jill@jillparkindesigns.com • (714) 906-4729



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Due to limited seating, every person attending must have a ticket!



Pre-sale event only-no tickets will be sold at the door the night of event.



Only 200 tickets available per time slot!





BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Happy Birthday to all Running Springs students who have joined the Birthday Book Club! With your donation, a book has been purchased for our Running Springs library in honor of your special day. A Birthday Book Club bookplate will be placed in "your" book with your name, and you will be the first Running Springs student to check out the new book! To further acknowledge your book purchase, you will receive a Birthday Book Club certificate when your class visits the library!

Allison Vanderplow, **Birthday Book Club Chair**

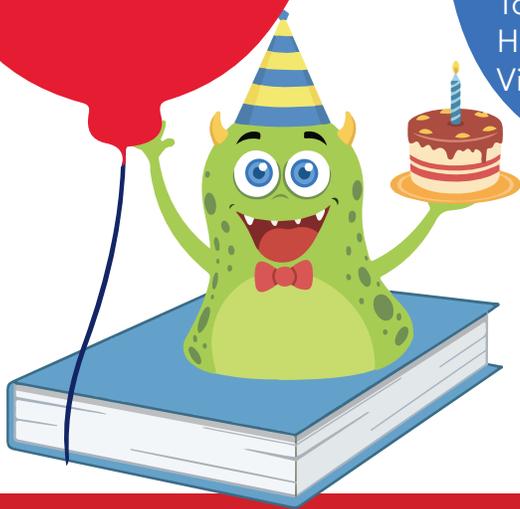
Thank you and Happy Birthday to the following students:

JANUARY

Kaili H	Evan O
Kara E	Charlotte R
Chloe Z	Wyatt C
Caleb M	Shrey P
Joshua C	

FEBRUARY

Shyler O	Ranya S
Sofia P	Elysee E
Liv S	Norah K
Zachary K	Ayaan L
Partha S	Amelia K
Toby R	Leah A
Harmony V	Ryan V
Victoria S	



Due to the renovation at Fred Kelly Stadium, the Foundation Games Track Meet will not be held this year.

If your child is interested in Track and Field, there is another track meet being held in April.

The City of Tustin Youth Track Meet will take place on Saturday, April 13th at Tustin High School Track 1171 El Camino Real, Tustin 92780.

The cost will be \$10 per child and your child can enter a maximum of 2 events.

Children born between 2004-2014 are eligible to enter.

If your child is interested, please email me and I will get you more information.

Patty Chau, pattychau@yahoo.com

ART MASTERS

In December, students made art in the style of Edgar Degas.

The famous French Impressionist liked to showcase his ability to create depth and perspective in his paintings. Degas also experimented with new media and techniques like mixing pastels with liquid. His paintings of ballerinas and horses are painted like moments captured by a camera.

The next Art Masters assembly and lesson will be in February.

Manpreet Day – Art Masters Chair



YEARBOOK PHOTOS



If you have not purchased your yearbook yet, please do so before the first of the year. Order forms are located in the office and online at www.RunningSpringsPTA.org.

To order your yearbook please fill out the order form and turn it in to your child's teacher along with your payment.

Please make checks payable to Running Springs PTA. Please don't forget to upload any pictures you have taken since school started to Runningspringsyearbook@yahoo.com in "actual size".

If you have questions, please email cmethod2000@yahoo.com