

# 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 2019-20 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.

### Ralph's Community Contribution Program

It is 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.

### International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP)

Running Springs is proud to announce that we are officially a PYP Candidate School. There are less than 5,000 PYP schools in the World and we are the first PYP Candidate school in the Orange Unified School District (OUSD). To be clear, there will be no change in the curriculum. We will continue to use all OUSD adopted curriculum and teach the California Content Standards.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

- 2 Labor Day – No School
- 10 Fall Pictures
- 13 1st Day Packet Due & Run-a-Thon Donation for T-Shirt Deadline
- 27 PTA Run-a-Thon Fundraiser Parents are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!

### October

- 4 Last Day to Turn In Run-a-Thon Donations
- 7-11 Teacher Conferences Minimum Days All Week
- 10 PTA Meeting at 8:15am
- 11 Art Masters Assembly
- 21-25 Red Ribbon Week
- 25 Family Fun Night
- 31 Classroom Parties

Mark McLaughlin, Principal  
Patty Chau, President

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The PYP is simply a change in the approach to teaching and learning. The IB mission is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, open-minded students who are respectful of others. Its aim is also to encourage lifelong learners who take action to make a positive change in the world. The Learner Profile, which consists of nine different attributes, is the backbone of this. The attributes are caring, principled, open-minded, knowledgeable, inquirer, thinker, communicator, risk-taker and balanced. These attributes of the Learner Profile will eventually be on display in each classroom and will be introduced to the students early on in the school year. The first trimester of the school year will be dedicated to planning our IB units as well as helping students understand and begin to exhibit the different attributes of the Learner Profile.

We will be providing more information as the year moves forward, including at Back to School Night, as well as an International Baccalaureate Community Night on October 15th. You can also access a wealth of information at <https://www.ibo.org/>.

We are committed to the success of this program and with that we have hired an IB Coordinator, Mrs. Brandi Gower. Mrs. Gower has ten years of experience working at a successful IB School and she has already begun to utilize her expertise to guide our staff through this journey.

### **Avid Elementary**

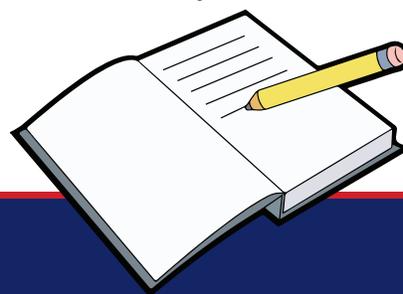
Running Springs is now in our second year as an AVID site. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. By teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age, AVID Elementary creates a ripple effect in later grades. Elementary students develop the academic 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 be implemented in grades fourth through sixth for the 2019-20 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**



## HELLO RUNNING SPRINGS FAMILIES!

I am so excited to be your new PTA President this year! We have a great community here at Running Springs Elementary and I am proud to be a Redhawk parent. We have great teachers and an amazing staff. My heart is here and will stay at Running Springs for many years to come. It is going to be an amazing year.

I have the honor of working with a passionate group of parents on our Executive Board and in our Chairmen Positions. There is a great mix of returning parents and new enthusiastic parents that will continue the strong PTA involvement at Running Springs! We know we can't do any of this without YOU! It takes a village to raise these kids so don't be shy about signing up to help with the many activities the PTA provides the students here at Running Springs. We encourage you to complete the Volunteer Interest Form in our First Day Packets. There are many different activities you can volunteer for from helping out in the classroom or by helping out at our Family Fun Nights. There is a volunteer position for you. Please complete the form so we know where you'd like to help or contact any of us directly (we don't bite, at least most of us don't)!

From purchasing your yearbook to volunteering, all our First Day Packet information is available online at [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org). You have the option of paying by check, but you will still need to complete your basic information online and the appropriate forms will be emailed to you to complete, print and return to school with one check. Please note that all forms and payments (online or check) must be completed and/or returned by Friday, September 13th.

The PTA will be doing our ONE and ONLY fundraiser of the year...the 10th Annual Run-a-Thon. With YOUR generous donations we are able to fund our entire PTA budget with this one fundraiser. Where does your money go? Our PTA provides a number of valuable programs for our children such as educational grade level assemblies, a PE teacher, a Technology Specialist, Art Masters, Know Your States, the Reflections Program, the Talent Show, 2 Family Fun Nights and many other activities and programs. The PTA has provided numerous Chrome carts for the school and is instrumental in bringing RUDY the Redhawk to Running Springs. In previous years, we have had only 50% participation. Let's change that. We are a great school and our kids deserve the best so please help us reach our goal. EVERY dollar counts--no amount is too small to donate--it ALL adds up! ALL the money raised goes straight back to benefiting our kids.

Help support PTA--don't forget to purchase your PTA memberships. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers at our school, and we welcome EVERYONE to be part of the PTA!

Join us for our monthly PTA meetings the 2nd Thursday of the month (excluding September). We encourage everyone to sign up to receive this monthly newsletter to stay informed! Don't forget that information is always available at our website at [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org) and on social media thanks to our website guru Kerena Mendez! 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 send any questions, concerns or ideas at [runningspringsptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:runningspringsptapresident@gmail.com)

Have an Awesome Year, **Patty Chau - PTA President**

## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2019-20

### President

Patty Chau

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Sonie May

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Jennifer Reighter

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Lori Moore

### Financial Secretary

Kerena Mendez

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### Parliamentarian

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# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUN-A-THON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27



## SPONSOR DETAILS

### 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 2019-2020 school year.

**THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THE T-SHIRT.**

**THANK YOU FOR DONATING!**

This will be our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, which we hope will fund our entire 2019-20 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 30th. 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 13, 2019 in order to have your name on the back of the T-shirts!**

Thank You for supporting our 10th Annual Running Springs Run-A-Thon!

Terry Haikalis, VP of Ways & Means  
**Contact me with your questions! [terrihaikalis@yahoo.com](mailto:terrihaikalis@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

# **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 make this the greatest event!

We will be hosting two planning meetings on Wednesday, September 11th and Wednesday, September 25th at 8:15am in the Redhawk Community Room in the 5th grade building, room #307. If you are someone who enjoys having fun, please join us. We're sure to have the greatest time!



**Family Fun Night will be held this year on Friday, October 25th...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, Nina Sellers and Tanya Purcha**



## **BE A SUPER HERO—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 and even aunts, uncles, grandparents, and neighbors! The cost is only \$10 per member.

Thanks for making PTA super!

Adriana Tamayo, **Membership Chair**  
aatamayo@gmail.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.

Sonie May, **Directory Chair**  
soniemay@gmail.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



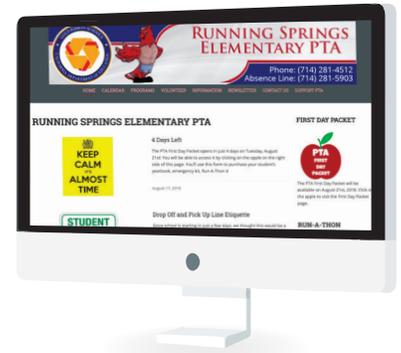
Instagram @RunningSpringsPTA

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 13th 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**, [info@runningspringspta.org](mailto:info@runningspringspta.org)



## EMERGENCY KITS

**Emergency Prep Kits are on sale until September 13th.**



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.

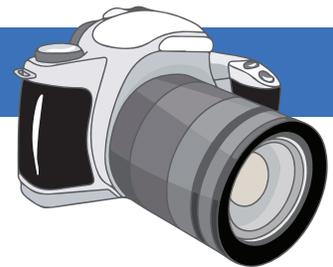
The kits are \$12.00 each and can be purchased on our PTA website: [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org).

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.

Julie Jarvi **Emergency Prep Kit Chair**  
[juliekoons@msn.com](mailto:juliekoons@msn.com)

## YEARBOOKS

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



Orders can be placed at [www.RunningSpringsPTA.org](http://www.RunningSpringsPTA.org) for a limited time. Orders by check will be taken through March 2020.

Don't forget...pictures can be emailed directly to me at [pinkylee@gmail.com](mailto:pinkylee@gmail.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!

Stephanie Templeton, **Yearbook Chair**  
[pinkylee@gmail.com](mailto:pinkylee@gmail.com)

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 13th.**

Thank you,

Allison Vanderplow  
Birthday Book Club Chair



## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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

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)



## REFLECTIONS

We're bringing back the Reflections program for the 2019-20 school year! This is an arts program sponsored by the national PTA.

This year's theme is **Look Within** 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 October 2nd. 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.

Manpreet Day, Art Masters Chair  
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