

REDHAWK Reporter



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School volunteers are vital to Running Springs and support us in so many ways! For this reason, we would like to advise you of OUSD's Board Policy 1240 and Administrative Regulations AR 1240 that require all volunteers to adhere to the following guidelines: 1. Complete a Volunteer Assistance Request Form (located in Front Office) 2. Provide the school office (i) a copy of a Government-issued Photo Identification (e.g. Driver's License) and (ii) complete an OUSD Emergency Card. If you are a parent volunteer working more than five hours per week you will be required to: 3. Obtain a fingerprint clearance through OUSD and submit to a tuberculosis (TB) risk assessment/examination as minimal requirements. The volunteer is responsible for all associated costs. Once the process is complete, HR will notify us that our requirements have been met. We understand that this will be a process and encourage you to continue to volunteer as we update your records.

The Great Shake Out

Running Springs students and staff will participate in the Great Shake Out to evaluate our school's earthquake emergency plan. The Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill is an annual opportunity for people in homes, schools, and organizations to practice what to do during earthquakes, and to improve preparedness. Over 16.9 million people will participate in the Great Shake Out in California and 43 million people worldwide. Please take the time to create a plan and practice earthquake preparedness at home to ensure the safety of your family. Visit the Great California Shake Out website at www.shakeout.org for information.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled so that you and your child's teacher may discuss your child's progress. This conference should take approximately 20 minutes and is held in your child's classroom. We believe that quality education requires the cooperative effort of home and school. In order to provide adequate time for teacher preparation and parent conferences, the entire school will be on minimum day schedule the week of October 7th to October 11th. This conference is an opportunity for joint communication between the teacher and parent.

Together, you will discuss goals for your child for the year and current progress in all academic, attendance, and citizenship areas, including areas of strength and/or areas of needed assistance. I recommend that you take this opportunity to share your insights about your child with the teacher. This will give your child's teacher valuable information in providing a more effective learning experience. I suggest you write down any questions you may have and bring them to the conference.

We hope your conference will be beneficial. Please be on time as our appointment times must follow a strict 20-minute period. If you need to re-schedule or if you will need an additional time allotment, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.



Mark McLaughlin, Principal
Patty Chau, President

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 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

November

- 5 No School
- 11 No School - Veterans Day
- 14 PTA Meeting 8:15am
- 15 Minimum Day
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Running Springs Elementary is now a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. Part of the IB's mission is to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." It also strives to develop life-long learners who are active participants in their learning.

The IB programme is not a curriculum but is instead a framework and an approach to teaching that encourages students to apply their learning to real-world contexts and to make connections to bigger concepts. In order to help students make those conceptual connections, the curriculum will be taught through the lenses of six universal themes-- "who we are," "how the world works," "where we are in place and time," "how we express ourselves," "how we organize ourselves," and "sharing the planet." The teachers at Running Springs have weekly meetings with the IB Coordinator/Coach to plan and develop this framework.

For more information about the IB programme, please join us on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. for a Parent Education Night led by a member of the IB community. There are also Parent Information brochures available in the front office that will give you an overview of the IB PYP program.

Your Principal,
Mark McLaughlin

RED RIBBON WEEK

We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by promoting participation in fun daily activities. Please encourage your student to take part in these activities as a way to remind them they have the POWER to be drug free and are TOO SMART TO START!



Monday – October 21st

"Team Up Against Drugs!"



Students wear their favorite team sports shirts.

Thursday – October 24th

"I'm Too Bright to do Drugs!"



Students wear neon clothes, hats, & sunglasses.

Tuesday – October 22nd

"Be a Hero-Don't Use Drugs"



Students wear Super Hero attire.

Wednesday – October 23rd

"I'm Drug Free from my Head to my Toes!"



Students wear CRAZY hair and socks.



Friday – October 25th

"Be Your Own Ringmaster. Don't Do Drugs!"



Students wear red and white or circus themed attire.

Important: NO Halloween costumes, No tank tops, No inappropriate length shorts. Appropriate school shoes are required and all other standard OUSD dress code rules still apply.

In addition, if you and your child are interested in helping decorate the front of the school, we will be meeting in front of the MPR on Sunday, October 20th at 4pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME to come help out! Take this week to remind your child...THE BEST ME is DRUG FREE!

Thank you for your support! Christy Romero, Red Ribbon Week Chair

FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Running Springs Families,

It is hard to believe that we have already finished over a month of school. Thank you to everyone who completed their First Day of School Packets and purchased their PTA Memberships, Yearbooks, Birthday Book Club Books and Emergency Kits. Although our official sale is over, PTA Memberships and Yearbooks are still available to purchase throughout the year.

We concluded September with PTA's BIGGEST fundraiser, our 10th Annual Redhawk Run-a-Thon. Once again, it was a tremendous success because of your dedication and generosity. We want to extend our thanks to the many parent volunteers who came and helped out the day of the event. We could not have done it without you. A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Terri Haikalis, who was this year's chairperson. She works full time and was able to pull off this wonderful event. Terri spent countless hours organizing, getting donations and communicating with parents. She came up with many new and amazing ideas. She did an AWESOME job!!! Due to all of her hard work and to the generosity of the families here at Running Springs, we were able to exceed our fundraising goal. As promised, our FREE DRESS day will be October 31st (no costumes allowed). 100% of the funds raised stay at Running Springs to help fund activities that enrich your child's school experience! Thank you again to all those who donated.

But the fun doesn't stop in September. October is a fun-filled month for Running Springs! There will be conferences, 6th grade Outdoor Science Camp, Red Ribbon Week, Fall parties and the very popular Family Fun Night! Watch for more information on these events in your child's communication folder. Family Fun Night needs many volunteers, so please sign up to volunteer to help! Thank you to all our parents who are taking on the role of Room Parent! We are so lucky at Running Springs to have so many parents that are so generous with their time! Lastly, our October PTA meeting will be on Thursday, October 10th at 8:15am in the MPR. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

Happy October!

Patty Chau, **PTA President**

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

COME ONE, COME ALL! OCTOBER 25, 4PM-8PM



This annual event brings our Running Springs families together for a fun-filled night of carnival games, prizes, a photo booth, cake walk, fish booth plus tasty grub from Craftsman Catering, Hot Dog on a Stick (cash and CC), Sweet Shop (cash and ticket) and Boba smoothies and coffee cart (cash only). Grab your top hats as we transform Running Springs into our very own "Circus Carnival." This year our attendees will again be allowed to wear their Halloween Costumes. (See the PTA website for guidelines!) Grab the family and come out to the greatest show on earth! As always, admission is free! All this fun can stir up an appetite. Prepaid dinner tickets are available for Craftsman Catering. Order forms were sent home and are on the Running Springs PTA website. Please complete and send back no later than Thursday, October 10th. We are also excited to have Hot Dog on a Stick and Boba smoothies and coffee cart this year. And don't forget the ever popular Sweet Shop!

Many ringmaster hands will be needed to make this night a success. Each classroom's room parent will be recruiting volunteers to work in a carnival booth, bring a dessert for the cake walk, and donate items toward our themed raffle baskets. Please look for more information in your child's Communications Folder.

Presale Tickets for Games and Opportunity Baskets ~ Buy Early and Save!

Tuesday, October 22nd - Thursday, October 24th after school in front of the MPR & Kinder Gate.

Thursday, October 24th before school in front of the MPR.

Presale Price ~ 12 Tickets for \$5.00 (Night of Event ~ 10 Tickets for \$5.00)

Opportunity Baskets

Please see the grade level themes, but ANY donations are accepted and appreciated! Not sure what to get? Gift cards are always welcome! Have a business and want to share it with our Running Springs Families?
Sponsor a Basket!!!

Donation Drop-Off Collection

Thursday, October 10th - Friday, October 18th in front of the MPR & Kinder. You will also be entered to win a special basket for your donation. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

TK/KINDER

"Fun for the Entire Family"

Family game night items, board games, electronic games, puzzle, etc.

1ST GRADE

"Kids Just Wanna Have Fun"

Legos, learning tools, writing materials, art supplies, kids' card games etc.

2ND GRADE

"Gift Card Galore"

Restaurants gift cards, retail gift cards, fast food gift cards etc.

3RD GRADE

"Here Come the Holidays"

Holiday themed items, holiday décor, holiday gift cards.

4TH GRADE

"Pamper the Parents"

Mani/pedi, facial, massage gift cards, teas, body scrubs, bath salts, candles, car wash items, BBQ supplies, hardware store gift cards.

5TH GRADE

"That's Entertainment"

DVD's, popcorn, movie theater candy, Game Stop gift cards, movie tickets, etc.

6TH GRADE

"Play Ball"

Sports & athletic themed items, balls, equipment of any sport, sporting event tickets, gift cards, etc.

RUN-A-THON RESULTS

WE MET OUR GOAL!!!

Running Springs families, we are thrilled to announce that The PTA's one and only fundraiser of the year was a success.

On September 27th, the PTA hosted the 10th annual Run-A-Thon! The Chick-Fil-A cow and our beloved mascot Rudy had a few dance-off's and the runs ended with the kids dancing to the "Cha-Cha-Slide." Later the kids were treated to popsicles and smoothies and hydrated with water and returned to class.



As always, we had a great turn out of families supporting their kids run, thank you parents for your support and generous donations. We would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers, educators, and school employees who dedicated so much of their time and effort to make sure this event went as planned. You are truly amazing, this event would not have been a success without all of your help!

A special thanks to our guests of this years event:

Anaheim Fire Department, Anaheim Police Department, Council Member Trevor O'Neil, ER Principal Michelle Walker, Andrea Yamasaki, OUSD and Canyon High Football Coach Mike Ogas and players, Islands, and Chick-Fil-A. Thank you Islands, for providing the smoothies and Jillian Whitcomb, for the popsicle donations! The kids and parents loved the treats!

\$45,000 Raised by Redhawk Families

Because of your continued support and dedication to our school and children, we were able to meet our school-wide goal of \$45,000.

Free Dress Day

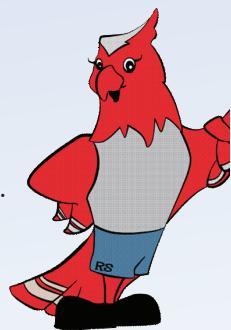
As promised, our kids will enjoy a free dress day on October 31st. No costumes please and the OUSD dress code must be followed.

Prizes

Prizes earned for donations will be delivered on November 1st.

Kona Ice Party

Students who raised \$100 or more will be invited to a Kona Ice party on October 28th.



Pizza Lunch

Students who raised \$100 or more by August 30 will get treated to a pizza lunch on October 29th.

Donut Class Party

Classes who raised the most money will get a Donut Class Party on October 30th.

Lunch with the Principal

Families who donated \$250 or more will have their Running Springs students treated to a pre-paid lunch with Principal McLaughlin on November 14th!

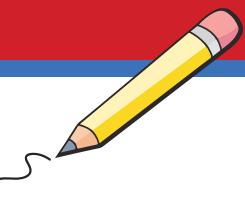
Thank you Redhawk families, it is because of your support and dedication that we Rock as Redhawks.

Terri Haikalis, **Run-a-Thon Chair**

ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to the following parents who will be Room Parents this school year. Room Parents typically plan, along with the teacher, the Fall Party, the Holiday Party, the Valentine's Party and the Last Day of School Party. They also help coordinate Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Watch for more information from your Room Parents and know that YOU are an important part of the success of these fun classroom activities!

Thank you again! Debbie Nita, Room Parent Coordinator



MRS. RUSSEL	CHIEN YU LIU
MRS. RODRIGUEZ	APRIL DOMINGO
MRS. SMITH	MARINA SIMON
MRS. ALEXANDER	TRIANNA RAEFSKI ANGEL CHEN
MRS. OKAMURA	JANET TROUT CASEY FAIR
MRS. SALTIKOV	ESRA SHAMLEH KERENA MENDEZ
MRS. RETA	HANNAH ETHERSON
MRS. FORDHAM	MANPREET DAY
MRS. ROSE	NICOLE EID DARLA HUYNH
MRS. OLIVA	CHRISTY ROMERO JENNIFER REIGHTER
MRS. MCDANIEL	NICOLE JAHNE

MRS. SMITH	MICHELLE MANLEY KERENA MENDEZ
MRS. SLATER	KRISTIN CRUZ
MRS. BANDONG	KRISTINA GERONSIN
MRS. MORRISSEY	KRISTINA GERONSIN
MRS. MCCHURCH	JULIE FALDA
MS. PENA	JENNIFER REIGHTER
MS. WARD	BONNIE ELLIOT
MRS. GJONAJ	CASEY FAIR HEIDI FERRIS SUZANNE GONZALEZ CARRIE PUNSALANG
MRS. WOLF	SARAH CANDELA KRISTIN DUNN
MR. TARANGO	CHRISTY MEDLIN
MS. MEEHAN	JULIE FALDA
MRS. HOUGHTLING	TEENA ROBINSON

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all of the families that purchased their PTA Memberships!



We had a total of 295 purchased this year! Prizes for those that joined were sent home the week of September 16th.

Congratulations to Ms. Meehan's class for having the highest number of memberships purchased! They will get a popsicle party courtesy of PTA!

It is not too late! We accept membership applications any time during the school year. Please stop by the office to fill out a form and buy your PTA Membership. Our goal for the year was to get 100% of our teachers to become members and we have achieved this goal! We are thankful and grateful for all the support our Running Springs teachers offer our students and our organization.

Your PTA membership dues not only benefit our school locally, but a portion of those fees are sent to our Orange County PTA Council and the Fourth District of PTA, which are both PTA levels above our local chapter. These councils, along with the state and national levels of PTA help to advocate and support programs, laws and ideas that truly benefit our children.

Adriana Tamayo, Membership Chair

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

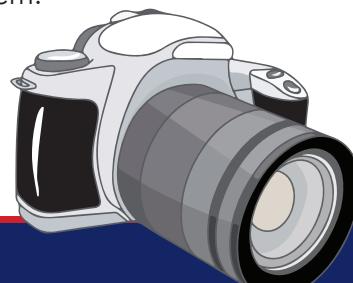
If you take photos at school events, we'd love to have them for possible use in the yearbook!

We need photos of school activities, classroom activities, programs, field trips, and anything school-related!

Please email actual size or full size photos to: RunningSpringsYearbook@yahoo.com

Don't worry about sending too many photos. We want all of them!

Stephanie
Templeton
Yearbook Chair



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:

JULY

Kensington S Jake O
Liam D Alyvia R
Carter L Garrett B
Ava M Moneli M
Melissa O Nima M
Allie P Alison V
Alyson F

AUGUST

Brianna W
Keeley T
Brooke C
Kendall V
Alexandra C
Radhesh G
Alexis R
Brielle J

SEPTEMBER

Dylan P
Mackenzie W
Taylor W
Kastle I
Amanda S
Ava M
Carter C
Nadia D
Kaia W
Quinn R
Zachary I
Eden J

OCTOBER

Ethan N Arielle M
Lauren S Noah D
Bradley F Kyle C
Kayla T Paige M
Blake L Aidan D

