

REDHAWK Reporter



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Running Springs Redhawk Families,

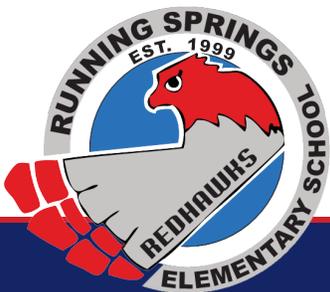
It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first trimester of the school year. November 15th, which is a minimum day for all students, will be the last day of the trimester. On Tuesday, November 12th, we will be honoring Veterans during our morning school-wide flag salute. Students are encouraged to invite a Veteran to join us for this special flag salute or bring a photo of a Veteran if that person is unable to come to school that day. A flyer was sent out via email. If you wish for your child to bring a Veteran, please print out the form and return to the office no later than 11/6. You may also attach and send via email. Students with their Veteran guest or Veteran photo will be asked to walk to the center of the ceremony area to be recognized and honored as we participate in a school wide flag salute. Veterans are then invited to visit the classroom of the student that brought them for a short Q&A period (optional).

Parking Lot Congestion

As a reminder, please follow all parking lot rules that were sent home previously including:

- Parents must park in a stall or on the street when picking up a kindergartener. Please do not pull into the red zone to drop off or pick up your child.
- Do not leave your car unattended while waiting in the pickup line. If your 1-6 grade child is not able to come to your car by him/herself, then you must park and go to the pickup area.
- In the primary grade lot, pull up as far as you can before allowing your child to exit or enter the car to keep the flow of traffic going smoothly. If your child is not waiting for you please loop around the parking lot again to help eliminate congestion.
- In the upper grade lot, students may only exit or enter cars alongside the yellow diagonal lines. It is unsafe to have students exit or enter the car in the parking lot.
- In the upper grade lot, pull up as far as possible before allowing your child to exit or enter the car to keep the flow of traffic going smoothly. Please keep your child safe at drop off and pick up by following this traffic plan.

As a final reminder, the gate for grades 1-6 opens at 7:45am and there is very little traffic congestion at that time. Keep your child safe and help them to get to school on time by arriving at 7:45am! Let's work together to ensure the safety of our children.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

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

December

- 4 Art Masters Assembly
- 9 -14 Holiday Gift Ship
- 10 -11 December Crafts
- 12 Holiday PTA Meeting 8:15am
- 20 Classroom Parties
- 23 Winter Break Begins



Mark McLaughlin, Principal
Patty Chau, President

MORE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Saturday Enrichment Academy

Running Springs is scheduled to have five Saturday Enrichment Academies (SEA) over the course of the year. These days provide your child with enrichment opportunities while making up for a day of absence. The hours are 8:00am-12:15pm.

Campus Make-Over - November 9th - November 10th

As you know, November 9th and 10th is a big weekend at Running Springs. Our Dad's Club is planning a campus make-over and have several exciting projects lined up. We would like your kids to get involved. An email was sent to sign your kids up to assist. Our second SEA will be a holiday workshop on 12/14. Look for details and a sign up form in subsequent emails.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Running Springs Elementary is beginning to implement various aspects of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme! Part of the mission of the IB is to "develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."

One of the first steps that Running Springs Elementary has done to embody that mission is to revisit our school's own mission and vision statement. Through a collaborative process with the teachers and staff, we have revised our Running Springs mission and vision statement to better reflect the characteristics that we want to develop in our students. The new Running Springs mission and vision statement is: The staff and community of Running Springs Elementary School are dedicated to providing a rigorous education which will empower all students to achieve academic success, embrace life-long learning, and become productive, globally-aware citizens. Redhawks will strive to create a better world through intercultural understanding with a respect for others and the earth we share. This mission statement will come alive for the students through lessons and activities that help develop the attributes of the IB Learner Profile, through our school-wide Essential Agreements that the students helped to create and through our day-to-day interactions.

If you would like to know more about the IB programme or the IB Learner Profile, you can visit the IB website at www.ibo.org or contact me, the IB PYP Coordinator, Brandi Gower at bgower@orangeusd.org.

**Running Springs Elementary School is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorization will be granted.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Many students participated in the daily activities! We certainly had lots of crazy hair, socks and some very bright neon outfits. Also, the students were excited to dress in circus-themed outfits to go along with our Family Fun Night theme, "The Greatest Show".

Thank you to all our parents who took the extra time in the mornings to help their kids prepare for the daily activities. It was exciting to see all the creative ideas.

As you can imagine, all those bright red ribbons did not appear magically so a very special thank you needs to be given to all the families that came out to decorate our school. It looked awesome!!!

Thank you to all our teachers for helping pass out daily surprises. It was fun to see teachers take part in the daily fun!

Because of everyone's help, our students certainly got our important message that "The Best Me is Drug Free!" Thank you for a wonderful week!



Dear Running Springs Families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost finished with our first trimester. Time sure flies when you are having fun. October was certainly a busy month! Thank you to our amazing Family Fun Night Committee Chairpersons Nina Sellers and Tanya Purcha. It was an amazing transformation to turn our school blacktop into a Circus! All of their hard work paid off and the night was a HUGE success!!! The raffle baskets were beautiful and plentiful thanks to the organization skills of Crystal Lantello. The food was delicious and the entertainment was so much fun. There were many new and exciting games.

Thank you to all the parents that helped make this event run so smoothly. Thanks to the Dad's Club who came out to help set up the facades. We could not have done it without YOU!

Thank you to Christy Romero for chairing Red Ribbon Week! I loved the addition of new themed days this year! All of the red ribbons around the school were a good reminder to be Drug Free! We hope everyone's Fall Parties were a lot of fun and that everyone enjoyed the Free Dress Day! Thank you to our Room Parents for all of their time and effort in planning them.

As we gear up for November, it is hard to believe that we are wrapping up our First Trimester...WOW! We will be holding Lunch with the Principal on Thursday, November 14th for those that met the Run-a-thon donation criteria. Your child will receive an invitation to invite a guest as well. Also, the Book Fair will be going on before and after school through Friday, November 8th. Don't forget that there is no school on Monday, November 11th plus a minimum day on Friday, November 15th. No doubt this month is going to fly by!

Please join us for our November PTA meeting on Thursday, November 14th in the MPR at 8:15am. Our December meeting will be held offsite on Thursday, December 12th. Please RSVP at runningspringsptapresident@gmail.com if you are planning to attend the December meeting so I can send you the details. Everyone is welcome!

We will be holding a Holiday Gift Shop in the MPR on Monday, December 9th-Saturday December 14th. Please keep a look out for additional information and volunteer sign ups.

As we think about the things we are thankful for in November, I want to personally thank all of our committed parents at Running Springs! Your dedication and time spent helping our school is always greatly appreciated!

Happy November!
Patty Chau, PTA President

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4TH/5TH GRADE FUNDRAISERS

The Outdoor Science Camp Fall fundraiser for Poinsettias and See's candy is wrapping up. If anyone wants to show support, please reach out to a fellow 4th or 5th grader. Sales close on Monday, November 18th.

Delivery of items are on Thursday, December 5th.

DECEMBER CRAFTS



JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM TO CREATE SOME AMAZING HOLIDAY CRAFTS!

Tuesday, December 10th from 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday, December 11th from 12:30pm - 2:30pm

This event is so much fun and gives your child a chance to express their creativity and make some great crafts for decorations and holiday gifts. There will be many different craft options available that range from \$1-\$3 each.

Please remember, parental involvement is required...so get ready to express your creativity alongside your child! This is a fun event to get into the Holiday Spirit with your little ones! We hope to see you all there!

Please email Kristin Cruz at kristinmcruz@hotmail.com or Lara Kayali at larakayali007@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to sign up to be a volunteer for the event!

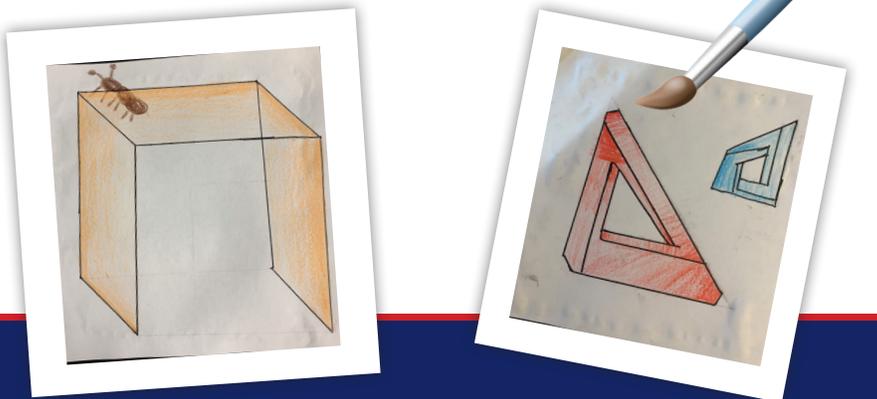


ART MASTERS

In October, students made art in the style of M.C. Escher. Escher's graphic art explodes with visual surprises. At first glance his work appears natural, but upon closer examination, what seems natural is really impossible. Much of Escher's work is based on geometry, and he was a serious student of math. His work is full of impossible perspectives that stretch our minds and imaginations!

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

Manpreet Day – Art Masters Chairperson



WE NEED YOUR 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".

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:

NOVEMBER

Eugenie Y
Peyton B
Jordan W
Neil D
Aiden B
Jessica S

Ray T
Sarah G
Dhruv B
Mia H
Hunter L
Lexington W



Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to chair all the PTA sponsored events we provide to our students! Their hard work, time and energy make these programs a success! They always need volunteers, so don't hesitate to contact them to help with their programs!

Academic Enrichment (KYS)

Ruth Fan

Art Masters

Manpreet Day

Awards & Incentives

Nicole Orsini

Birthday Book Club

Allison Vanderplow

Bingo

Jill Parkin

December Crafts

Kristen Cruz and Laura Kayali

Directory

Sonie May

Emergency Preparedness

Julie Jarvi

Family Fun Night

Tanya Purcha and Nina Sellers

Health Services Assistant

Karla Chawla

Hospitality

Kristin Dunn

Newsletter

Lindsey Rarey

Red Ribbon Week

Christy Romero

Room Parent Coordinator

Debbie Nita

3rd Grade Bike Rodeo

Kristina Geronsin

Talent Show

Jennifer Terry and Katherine HeideIman

Teacher Appreciation Week

Jennifer Reighter and Julie Falda

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Kerena Mendez

Yearbook

Stephanie Templeton