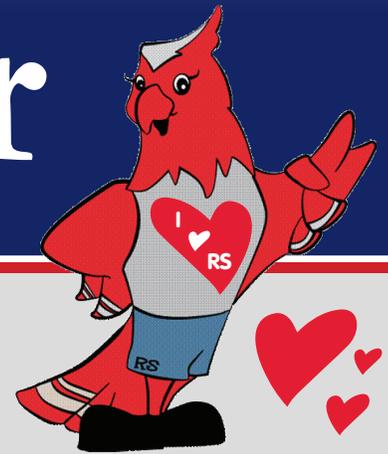


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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

We have three more SEAs scheduled this spring. We will be hosting two here at Running Springs on 2/22 and 4/18. We are also inviting our students to join other Anaheim Hills students at Canyon High School for our Super STEAM Saturday on 3/7/20. Look for more information and sign up links via email in the near future. 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 to make up an absence.

After School Enrichment Starts 2/20

We will be beginning our after school homework support starting 2/20 from 2:30-3:30 on most Thursdays. Spaces are limited and they fill up fast. Look for emails on Tuesdays with sign up links. If for some reason you are not receiving our emails please let the office know so they can get you signed up.

Around the World International Event

Around the World is a fun filled evening at Running Springs Elementary where we have the opportunity to celebrate the different ethnicities represented by students attending our school. Around the World is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Multi-purpose room. We are hoping to have even more countries represented this year. In order to accomplish this goal, we need volunteers to work together in committees to insure that your country is properly represented. Food is a crucial part of the evening festivities, and we ask families to bring and share samples of food enjoyed by many people in your country. The committee would be responsible to set up the table and update us on the food that will be served. There are flags and some decorations, but feel free to be creative with anything that reflects your heritage. Last year many students participated by wearing traditional clothing and performing dances or songs that everyone enjoyed. We are hoping for more student participation this year. We sent out a sign up sheet via email and will do so again. Please join us for this wonderful experience where you and your children will be able to sample foods from different countries while enjoying music and dance from around the world.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

- 4 Know Your States Test
- 7 Valentine's Bingo
- 11 Know Your States Test
- 13 Classroom Parties
PTA Meeting
- 14 No School
- 17 No School
- 18 Know Your States Test
- 26 Art Masters Assembly

March

- 6 Talent Show
- 10 Minimum Day
- 12 PTA Meeting
- 18 6th Grade
Promotion Pictures
- 30 Spring Break Begins

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.

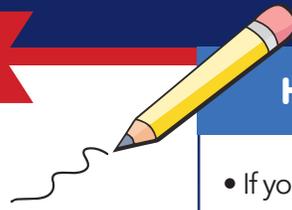
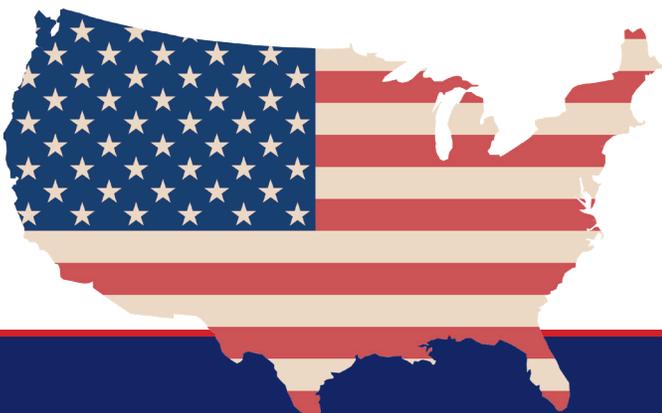
Any and all students are welcome to join in this enriching experience of knowing our country. It's a required test for all fifth graders, and it is a wonderful opportunity for transitional kindergartners through fourth grade students to become well prepared while having fun with a variety of learning 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 4th, 11th & 18th.

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 & Ruth Fan, Academic Enrichment Chairpersons
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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

We are heading into the second half of the school year with so many exciting events planned. Thank you to Jennifer Reighter for scheduling all the memorable assemblies such as 6th grade Dare-to-Dance, 5th grade Walk Through the American Revolution and much, much more.

December Crafts

A HUGE thank you to Kristin Cruz and Lara Kayali for chairing this year's December Crafts. Students loved making their own crafts. Thank you so much to all the parents that volunteered during this 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.

Know Your States

It's February and that means it's a month filled with FUN!!!! This month starts off with Know Your States. Good luck to all our students who will diligently study for the Know Your States Challenge! Students will have 3 opportunities to take the test, Tuesday, February 4, 11, and 18 during lunch in the MPR. The PTA looks forward to supplying a pizza party for all the perfect scores on the States Challenge and awesome 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 Ruth Fan and Janet Trout for chairing this event!

Valentine's Bingo

Also coming up this month is our very popular Valentine's Bingo. Be sure to pre-purchase your Family Fun Night Bingo cards before the event because there will be no sales the day of the event. Due to popular demand, we will again be hosting TWO sessions!! Both will be on the same night, Friday, February 7th...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 chairperson on this highly anticipated annual event!

Talent Show

The talent show is fast approaching and we are looking for a couple of parents who would be willing to chair the Talent Show next year. You can shadow the chairpeople around this year to see the behind the scenes of the spectacular show. Please contact me if you are interested or know someone who would be interested in chairing Talent Show next year.

PTA Positions

Our PTA Nominating Committee has been formed. They will be putting together the new slate of officers for the 2020-2021 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 can get you the appropriate information. Thank you in advance to all our committed parents for accepting these important positions.

Honorary Service Awards

Please take a moment to review the Honorary Service Award form in this month's newsletter. We have so many parents who give so much not only to their children, but all the students at Running Springs. This award helps highlight and thank those outstanding individuals. Nominations can also be done via the PTA website. Thank you to Christy Medlin for coordinating this!

Classroom parties will be held on Thursday, February 13th for Valentine's Day. Thank you in advance to all our Room Parents for all of their hard work!!! Don't forget our February PTA meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th at 8:15am in the Multipurpose room. EVERYONE is WELCOME!

--Patty Chau, **PTA President**, runningspringstapresident@gmail.com

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Approaches to Learning Skills: Learning How to Learn

The IB believes that, in order to be most successful, students need to learn how to learn. But what does this mean? It means that students need to learn how to be self-regulated learners who can ask questions, set goals and have the tools and the determination to achieve those goals.

In the IB PYP programme, there are five approaches to learning skills:

1. Communication: listening, speaking, reading, writing, using technology to gather and communicate information
2. Social: effective collaboration, building positive interpersonal relationships, self-control, social-emotional intelligence
3. Thinking: critical thinking, creative thinking, transferring knowledge and skills to new contexts
4. Self-Management: organization, time management, perseverance
5. Research: information literacy, media literacy, ethical use of media/information

For each unit of inquiry, the teachers here at Running Springs choose two to three approaches to learning skills that the students will develop throughout the unit and plan specific activities that will foster the development of those skills. Over the course of the school year, the students will have multiple opportunities to practice all five approaches to learning skills.

In order to monitor and assess the students' growth in these skills, the teachers will use a variety of tools such as checklists, rubrics and observations to keep track of how each student is progressing.

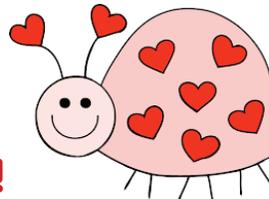
If you would like to know more about the approaches to learning skills and the IB PYP programme, you can visit the IB website at www.ibo.org or contact me, the IB PYP Coordinator, Brandi Gower at bgower@orangeusd.org.

**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.

VALENTINE'S BINGO

CALLING ALL LOVE BUGS! FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 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 4th to Thursday, February 6th.

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

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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

Joshua C Faith B
Caleb M Shrey P
Evan O Grant W
Charlotte R

FEBRUARY

Lauren M Liam C
Blake V Leah A
Victoria S Harmony V
Ella H Ryan V
Partha S Amelia K
Zachary K Elysee E
Toby R



TALENT SHOW



This year's Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 6th.

- Friendly reminder...This is a school event, acts and music must be kid-friendly!
- More detailed information 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!

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ART MASTERS

Next assembly: February 26, 2020
Next lessons: March 2-6, 2020

In December, students made art in the style of Rene Magritte. The Belgian artist was a contemporary of M.C. Escher and delighted in disorienting our minds. His paintings are full of objects placed mysteriously out of context. Although his paintings are realistic, they go beyond reality, to surrealism.

Manpreet Day,
Art Masters
Chair

