


RIO SECO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018



COMING EVENTS

- February 12 Lincoln's Birthday—No School
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 15 APEX Fun Run
- February 17 Father/Daughter Dance
- February 19 Washington's Birthday Obs.—No School
- February 26 End of Second Trimester
- March 2 Spring Picture Day
- March 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins (turn clocks forward one hour)
- March 16-23 Spring Book Fair
- March 16 STAR Awards for 4-8g
- March 16 PTSA Family Night
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 21 Kindergarten Registration
- March 23 Lunch on the Lawn & Open House
- March 26- April 6 Spring Break-No School

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Math Moments

Recent research finds that *parents* may be the most important factor in determining a child's interest in math and science. Your efforts may produce a scientist sometime down the road. Initiate a conversation about math at those moments throughout the year that make a natural connection to math. For example, March Madness, going on next month, is prime territory for discussing probability. Since April is Math Awareness Month you can draw on a whole month's worth of cool math topics, activities and interviews on the Math Awareness Month website. For neat math-related topics (with videos!) year-round, check out Numberphile.

I encourage you to go a step further and not just *discuss* math with your kids, but *explore* math with them. As you go about your day think of all the ways you use math to solve problems or navigate the world. Share those experiences with your children. If you are having guests over, have them help you figure out how much food you need. Grasp every math moment you can find. 😊

Debra Simpson, Rio Seco School Principal

Excellent Attendance Matters!

Being in school every day means your child will not miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. Explain that they can be absent only if they are sick or if there is a family emergency. Excellent attendance matters 😊

Quick Reminders for our Parents:

- **Spring Break** is March 26-April 6
- The Friday before Spring Break is **Lunch on the Lawn & Open House**. This is a great day to come to school during your child's lunch and eat with them and then visit their classroom. More information coming in March.
- Remember to **wait outside the gates for your children to come to you at dismissal**. We cannot have children waiting in the reading garden or on the playground even if they are with you. Teachers are still teaching and meeting with each other after each dismissal.
- If you pick your child up at the **SportsPlex gate**, please physically greet them at the gate so they don't run or walk through the parking lot to your car. Sometimes children forget to watch for cars pulling in or backing out.
- If you pick your child up in the front of the school at **2:20 p.m.**, please put your **child's first name on the provided placard and place it on right side of your dashboard** so our safety patrol can call out their name quickly. This greatly helps our **dismissal** run smoother. 😊
- **California State Testing for grades 3-8 starts on May 7** and runs about two weeks. It is very important that your child be present in school and on time so they don't have to do make-ups.

FROM OUR PTSA

THANK YOU so much to all of the families that participated in the **APEX FUN RUN!** The kids did a great job!!! A huge thank you to all of our volunteers that helped us on the day of the run! There is no way we could have put on this successful event without all of your help. Everyone did great with the kids and helped everything to run smoothly and we truly appreciate all that you did to make this event successful. We really do have fantastic families at Rio Seco! We are still totaling everything up but it looks like we'll be able to get at least four swings. We are hoping for six, but we will have to wait and see what the numbers are when everything is turned in. Thank you to **Honey Donuts** for providing donuts for our all day run volunteers. They were delicious!

Spring pictures will be on Friday, March 2

We will need eight volunteers to help that morning as all of the kids get their pictures taken. Please email me if you are interested in helping at emcmackin@cox.net.

PTSA Family Night ~ Make a Plate & Elections on Friday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Come and be creative and design a plate however you'd like! Pizza and drinks will also be provided. More info to follow but mark your calendar so you can come and have a fantastically fun night with us!

Sunday, April 29 at 12:00 p.m. ~ Rio Seco Family Day at the Padre game! Mark your calendar!! You won't want to miss this! All you can eat hotdogs, soda, peanuts and popcorn. We will have our own private section and enclosed area right on field level by the warm-up pitcher mound so we will be close to some of the players. It is also fan fest that day so they will have a lot of events going on in "the park at the park" area for kids which we will be right by. Tickets will be

~\$25 per person for PTSA members (only one family member needs to be a PTSA member)

~\$30 per person for non-PTSA members. *Make sure you sign up for a membership ASAP if you haven't already!*

PTSA would like to recognize **Nicole Yeagy and Teresa Boulais** for all of the wonderful work they do for our kids. This year they are each been honored with the Founders' Day award through Tierra Del Sol district PTA. Nicole Yeagy is a parent at the school and each year she coordinates and puts on the Reflections Program for us. This is a huge feat and a lot of work and she coordinates it all. With the help of her crew she puts on a fantastic show every year and we truly appreciate all that she does for the arts and the kids here at Rio Seco.

Teresa Boulais is a teacher and a parent at the school. She has been our teacher representative on PTSA for multiple years. She comes to just about every event to support and help us put them on. She is also fantastic at relaying information back to the teachers and being the bridge between the PTSA, families and teachers here at Rio Seco. Our PTSA events and programs would not run nearly as smooth without her help and input and we truly appreciate all of her work.

Emily McMackin

Rio Seco PTSA President