

RIO SECO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018



January Events:

- 15 MLK Holiday; No School
- 16 Progress Report Week
- 22 6th grade Camp
- 26 STAR Awards K-3 grades

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop



Conversations about school

Supporting your child's education at home is so important. Here are some conversation starters that will help you stay in touch.

- "Let's see what you brought home." Look at completed work. Respond to notes from teachers and sign the weekly folder, if required.
- "Show me what you have for homework." Make sure your child knows what to do by having her explain the assignments. Glance over the work to see that it is complete.
- "Describe a book or story you enjoyed today." This gives you an idea of what your child prefers to read. Build a daily reading habit by asking what they'd like to read tonight.
- "Tell me what you learned that you would like to know more about." Use your child's interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. See if they want to do more research on a certain subject.
- "What was the coolest thing that happened today? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?"

Have a wonderful start to the New Year!

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 he can be absent only if he is sick or if there is a family emergency. Excellent attendance matters 😊

Our school is moving away from printed flyers and to a new "electronic backpack" system. Our school has its own online backpack where school information, calendars, activity information from enrichment providers, and school letters will be posted. We are working with Peachjar on this new system. Just go to the front page of our school website

and click on the orange Peachjar button to check it out. **No action is required on your part.** You will receive a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school digital flyers. This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.



Welcome to the new year! I hope everybody had a relaxing and enjoyable winter break. Now it's time to get back to school schedules and all of the fun things we have planned for the last half of the school year.

~ Friday, January 19 Ice Cream Social

The ice cream social will be for students that sold nine or more items in our fall fundraiser. We had previously scheduled it on January 26 but realized that the sixth graders would be away at camp and we don't want to exclude them. More information will be given to the teachers and kids that should be attending.

~ Thursday, February 15 APEX Fun Run

APEX Fun Run will be running all day long and we will need a lot of parent helpers to mark off the laps and help with the kids. We were able to purchase quite a bit of playground equipment with the money we earned from the run last year. The district has approved new play structures for our primary and intermediate playgrounds this year. However, there is a limit to what will be provided so we will be using the money earned from our Fun Run this year to work with the district to add on additional play equipment to the structures that the district installs. The teachers have also requested a Gaga ball pit for the playground as well. We would love for the Fun Run to be as successful this year as it was last year so that we can provide awesome playground equipment and outdoor activities for our kids. We are also giving 10% of what each class earns back to the teacher to use in their classroom. The PTSA will also be giving one bike to the child that earns the most money in grades K-3. The child who earns the most money in grades 4-8 will also be awarded with a top prize (we haven't decided what it is yet). The kick off assemblies for the students will be Tuesday, February 6 so watch for information to come home!

~ Saturday, February 17 Father and Daughter Valentines Dance (6:00-9:00 p.m.) More details to follow.

~ Yearbooks!! February 23 is the last day to submit baby pictures for the yearbook if you have a 6th grader. Yearbook fliers have been sent home so make sure to check those out. Yearbook sales will only be done online this year and need to be submitted by March 31.

~ Sunday, April 29 Rio Seco Family Day at the Padre Game

We will be having a family day at the Padre game!! We will have "The Beach" location reserved for just our group with "all you can eat" hotdogs, veggie dogs, roasted peanuts, fresh popcorn, soda and water. The "Beach" is on field level and it is right by the warm-up pitching mound so we will be close to the players. The game starts at 1:10 PM and the food buffet will start an hour before the game. The PTSA will be covering some of the cost per ticket. The tickets will go on sale in April and we only have 200 tickets. It will be first come first serve for ticket sales with anyone welcome to attend the family event. Ticket prices will be:
\$30 per ticket for non-PTSA members; \$25 per ticket if you are a PTSA member (only one person in each family needs to be a member to get this rate so now would be a great time to join our PTA if you haven't already.) **Remember that this ticket price includes your admission to our private area as well as the all you can eat food listed above.

Thank you Honey Donuts and the Do family for providing coffee and donuts to our teachers to help them get through the last week of school before winter break!

Thank you to all of the students and teachers that were involved in the Reflections art competition this year. The show was a huge success and it was wonderful and exciting to see all of the talent we have at our school. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Alicen Boulais and two of her language art classes that had 100% participation. That is fantastic! They will get to celebrate with a pizza party in February. Congratulations Mrs. Boulais!! Also a huge thank you also to Nicole Yeagy, Kara McAnally, Teresa Pliska and their crew for coordinating and putting on this wonderful event for our school! They do such an amazing job every year and we are so blessed by their wonderful talents in putting this on.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at emcmackin@cox.net or rsptsa@santeesd.net

Emily McMackin

Rio Seco School PTSA President



Hello Rio Seco Families!

We are looking for a group of positive and fun people to fill spots on the PTSA Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year. Elections will be held at our General Association meeting in March. In addition to helping the teachers and staff, the PTSA at Rio Seco plans and runs many fun activities for our students and their families. We take pride in our school and are always excited to have new people join us in making a difference!

All 2018-2019 Executive Board positions are open. Please indicate which position(s) you are interested in and **return this form to the office or to your child's teacher by January 19th**. Below is a brief description of the duties for each position. If you have any questions, please contact us at emcmackin@cox.net or rsptsa@santeesd.net

- President _____ prepare calendar, approve flyers for events, oversee all board positions, appoint chair persons, prepare meeting agendas, run monthly board meetings, attend monthly PTSA President meetings
- Executive V. P. _____ assist with president's duties, oversee volunteers, assist in finding room parents
- Treasurer _____ prepare the budget, pay bills, write checks, prepare a monthly report for board meetings, oversee all money transactions for PTSA
- Secretary _____ take meeting minutes, remind the board of monthly meetings, keep secretarial books in good order, post notices for meetings
- Ways & Means _____ organize fundraisers as needed, collect and count monies for bank deposits making sure to follow dual control regulations
- Programs _____ plan events for the school year, i.e. parent/child events, family nights, etc.
- Auditor _____ perform mid-year and end-of-year audits
- Membership _____ encourage parents, students, teachers and staff to become PTSA members, create and keep a spreadsheet of current members
- Historian _____ keep records of all events, flyers, and some photos of the year's events
- Parliamentarian _____ assist the president with staying on track at monthly board meetings, organize nomination committee meetings

All positions help make decisions for school year events. Together as a board you will ensure that the students have fun events, educate the parents and students, and help the teachers of all classrooms. The Rio Seco PTSA board is made up of all volunteers. Sign up today!

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Qualifications: _____

_____ Yes, I am a member of the Rio Seco PTSA. (You must be a current member to run for a position).

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR A RIO SECO PTSA MEMBERSHIP



MEETING ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED!!

There are many ways you can help, and membership is a great start. The part of your dues that remain at Rio Seco helps the PTSA offer the following: * Support for literacy programs * STAR Awards* Family Nights *Programs by class/grade level *Funding for supplies, field trips, school improvements, and so much more!

We will be having a contest beginning in January – February 28th to see which class can get the most members. The winning class will get a set of playground balls, jump ropes and class treat!



2017-2018 Membership Choices

\$16 supporting (\$10.25 stays at Rio Seco) Receive a Roadrunner Water bottle

\$8 Regular (\$2.25 stays at Rio Seco)

(\$5.75 of all Membership fees goes to State, National and District PTA)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Room# _____

PTSA Member Name (s) one name per line/membership:

- 1). _____ \$16 / \$8
- 2). _____ \$16 / \$8
- 3). _____ \$16 / \$8

Address: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____