

January 2019

# Rio Seco School

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## Rejuvenation

**The beginning of a new year can be a perfect time to renew and rejuvenate ourselves.** *Rejuvenate means to return to life; get or give new life or energy.*

We can:

- ★ Reboot our passion for learning new things
- ★ Rekindle friendships
- ★ Renew our vow to be kind and thoughtful
- ★ Reflect on our goals
- ★ Retire bad habits
- ★ Remember to share compliments and positivity
- ★ Review core values of home and school
- ★ Repeat as needed

We hope this new year brings you joy and vigor!

Best wishes for the new year,

*Mrs. Simpson*

*Principal, Rio Seco School*



Please **label** student lunch pails and jackets. We had three large bags of **lost items** collected in December.

## Upcoming Events

January 14-18:

Sixth Grade Camp

January 21:

Martin Luther King Holiday – No School

January 25:

K-3 STAR Awards

January 28: MPR

Coffee with the Principal 8:30 a.m.



## Help Keep Our Campus Secure

If you observe or are aware of any security issue or people riding bikes /skateboards on school grounds, please call the **Non-Emergency Sheriff** hotline right away at **(858) 565-5200**. These activities damage our school and it is trespassing. We need your eyes and ears to help us.

Join us for the **Kids Heart Challenge!**

We will be doing Jump/Hoops for Heart on Feb. 14 but you can get started thinking about heart health early by logging on to [www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge](http://www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge)

Kids will get a free glow in the dark wristband on Feb. 14 if they participate online.



## Meet some of our staff members...

**Tracie Perez- School Counselor** Majored in Psychology at SDSU and then worked in Special Education for four years. Earned her master's degree in counseling and has been working in Santee for four years. She loves exercise, reading, family and friends. Her motto is "We can do it!"

**Denise Chirgwin- Kindergarten Teacher** Has a degree in Human Development and a master's degree. She graduated from Oregon State University. She enjoys hiking, cooking, camping and watching baseball. Her motto is "You are in charge of you!"

**Susan Starkey- Special Education Teacher** She first began teaching in Plano, Texas and won an Innovative Teaching Award. She graduated from the University of Texas in Dallas. She loves DIY projects, painting, gardening and technology. Her mottos are "whether you think you can or whether you think you cannot, you're right." (Henry Ford) and "Do or do not. There is no try..." (Yoda).

**Ashley Gormican- Kindergarten Teacher** She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in communication and from WGU with a master's degree in Elementary Education. She enjoys hiking, cooking boating and traveling. Her motto is "If we are kind and polite, the world will be right" (Paddington Bear).

## From Our PTSA

A huge thank you goes out to all of the board members and volunteers that helped put on our holiday shop. April Stuart and Brianna Grey coordinated and put on this event for the students. We could not have done it without all of our wonderful volunteers! The students loved the shop and had a great time shopping for their friends and family members!

### THANK YOU!!

*Emily McMackin*  
Rio Seco PTSA President



**Successful Santee Santa Food Drive** We surpassed our goal and doubled it! Thank you for your generosity and compassion. We collected almost 7,000 items to donate to the food bank. Roadrunners rock!



# 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 January – February 28 to see which class can sign up the most new members. The winning class will get a set of playground balls and jump ropes. All new members will be entered in a drawing and one lucky winner will receive two Regal Cinemas Movie Tickets!**



### 2018-2019 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!**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

# GET INVOLVED IN YOUR PTSA

We are looking for positive and fun people to fill spots on the PTSA Executive Board for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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 31st. 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

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| President       | _____ | prepare calendar, approve flyers for events, oversee all board positions, appoint chair persons, prepare meeting agendas, run monthly board meetings |
| Executive V. P. | _____ | assist with president's duties, oversee volunteers   |
| 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, keep secretarial books in good order   |
| Ways & Means    | _____ | organize fundraisers as needed   |
| 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)

