

RIO SECO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018



October Events:

- 10/3 Ident-A- Kid Photo Day
- 10/5 STAR Awards for K-3 grades
- 10/8 Columbus Day – **NOT** a school holiday!
- 10/10 School Picture Retake Day
- 10/16 Bosses Day
- 10/18 Great California Shake-out Drill
- 10/27 PTSA Fall Carnival
- 10/31 Halloween

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

If children are absent from school, they miss out on fundamental reading, writing and math skills. They miss out on building a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Helping Your Child Succeed

The secret to a successful school year is to set good routines right from the beginning. How can you help your child become more successful in school? Here are some tips from teachers and administrators:

- **Take time to make time-** Children need a schedule they can depend on that includes definite times for homework, meals together and sleep. Children can work around those times to include the extras. Limit TV and Video games.
- **Read, Read, Read-** Continue to share reading with children, even after they can read by themselves. This allows them to enjoy stories that may be too difficult for them to read alone. Reading newspapers, magazines, and comic strips is okay. Your interest in their reading sends a strong message that reading is important. Ask your older child what they are reading and to tell you a bit about it.
- **Check into it-** Take a few minutes every day to look at what your child brings home from school. Talk about the schoolwork sent home together. This shows you care about the things your child spends most of their day doing.
- **Be A Role Model-** Stay calm, consistent, and set limits. Let your child know when you don't agree, but don't argue. Expect your children to take responsibility for their own behavior. Don't be afraid to admit mistakes to show your child we aren't all perfect.

Debra Simpson

Principal, Rio Seco School



October 18 Great Shake Out Drill

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On on October 18 during Great Shake Out Earthquake Drills. 2018 is the 10th Anniversary of Shake Out, which began in southern California in 2008. Participating is a great way for your family to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes— wherever you live, work, or travel.

FROM OUR PTSA

Thank you to Starbucks for donating the coffee for our “Coffee Break” on the first day of school.

Thank you to Honey Donuts and Souplantation for their yummy donations for “Coffee with the Principal”. Souplantation also generously donated kid’s meal certificates that we will be using for our Rio Reads program this year.

Fall Fundraiser ~

Thank you to all of those families that participated in our fall fundraiser. We really appreciate all of your help in making this fundraiser a success! We will let you know as soon as we have a delivery date for the orders.

~ IT’S CARNIVAL TIME ~

****Everyone that volunteers in the classroom booths the night of the carnival for at least an hour will get their name put into a drawing for a Disneyland 2-pack of tickets!!!!**** We will be going around and checking the volunteers at the booths every hour and entering those names into the drawing. Disneyland has a new volunteer program this year and a new way of donating tickets to nonprofit organizations. According to the new program we can earn multiple tickets depending on the number of volunteers we have at the carnival. It will take up to 60 days after the carnival to receive the tickets. We will hold the drawing once we receive them and know how many we have. We are hopeful to be able to have 3 to 5 names drawn for 2 tickets each!

Emily McMackin

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU..... A LITTLE INTRODUCTION TO SOME OF OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Tricia Jones is our new Specialized Instructor in Junior High. She has worked in Grossmont School District and as an education specialist at a charter school. She loves to hike and walk her new dog Darby. Her motto is “Make lemonade out of lemons!”

Ashlyn Wilson is a Specialized Instructor for a 2nd-4th grade class. She graduated from San Diego State and Point Loma Nazarene Universities. She has a master’s degree in special education. She loves baking, reading, the beach and drinking coffee. Her motto is “be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”

Elena Turnbull is our Speech and Language Pathologist. She has a master’s degree in speech and language pathology. She graduated from the University of Redlands and Northwestern University. She used to work at a school for the visually disabled. She loves to hike and swim. Her motto is “Smile!”

Tiger Rowan is our new Dean of Students. He supports our administrators and teachers. He spent 19 years teaching in Oceanside, most recently as a STEAM Lab facilitator. He has taught TK and second grade in Santee School District. He graduated from UCSD. He loves all things aquatic. His motto is “School should be fun!”

Emily Harris is our new School Psychologist. She earned her psychology degree at UMASS Amherst and interned in Iowa. She attended Hobart and William Smith Colleges and UMASS. She loves soccer, reading and hiking. Her motto is “You walk in the light you have at the time.”

Justin Fetty teaches sixth grade at Rio Seco. While working through SDSU he worked at a machine shop, as a cabinet-maker, a painter, a roofer and at a drag racing strip. He studied music and engineering with his degree. He enjoys off-road activities, racing, boating, wakeboarding and fishing. His motto is “If you never try, you’ll never know.”



Rio Seco's School Carnival 2018



WRISTBAND ORDER FORM

Please read the following information concerning pricing for the school carnival which will be held on Saturday, October 27th, from 3:00 – 7:00pm at Rio Seco School.

RAIN OR SHINE NO REFUNDS

Choose the items you would like to purchase and return the bottom portion of this form in an envelope to your child's teacher with payment of either **exact cash amount** or **check payable to: Rio Seco PTSA**.

The carnival committee will be collecting order forms each **Wednesday during the month of October**. Items purchased will be delivered to your child's classroom. The week before the carnival **October 22nd thru October 26th** tickets will be sold in front of the school before and after school. You will be able to purchase tickets the day of the carnival.

*Please note that food/beverages will be sold separately at individual booths - cash only!

Please fill out bottom portion and return with your payment to school.

CARNIVAL PRICES:

\$5 Wristbands for all Non-Rides (includes all school run booths-**NOT** including punch card items)

\$5 for punch card *The punch card includes your choice of any 5 of the following items:

\$7 for punch card the night of carnival

* Sweet Shop *Sandy Candy *Cake Walk *Face Paint *Spray Tattoo *Balloon Artist

\$10 PTSA Members Pre-Sale Wristband (all rides and school run booths-**NOT** including punch card items)

\$12 Pre-Sale Wristband (all rides and school run booths-**NOT** including punch card items)

\$15 Wristbands purchased the night of carnival (all rides and school run booths-**NOT** including punch card items)

RIO SECO CARNIVAL ORDER FORM 2018

Childs Name: _____ Room: _____

Teacher: _____

Please indicate how many of each item you would like on each line.

_____ \$5 for all non-Rides _____ \$5 Punch Cards (\$7 at door)

_____ \$10 PTSA Member Wristband (\$15 at door) _____ \$12 Wristband (\$15 at door)

I am paying with (check one)

Cash _____ Check _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____





Rio Seco Carnival * 2018

Saturday, October 27th * 3:00 – 7:00pm

We are now accepting and in need of donations

We need the following items:

- *Cakes/Cupcakes (for cake walk)
- *Cookies (for sweet shop)
- *Baked Goods (for sweet shop)
- *Empty Soda Cans (for Soda Can Slam)
- *Wrapped Candy (for prizes)

Baked goods, cookies, and cakes can be store bought or homemade. If you are donating to the sweet shop please wrap items for individual sales (for example 3 or 4 cookies in a baggie; 1 or 2 brownies in a baggie). **All baked goodies can be dropped off** Friday, October 26th in the office during school hours and between 4:00pm-8:00pm. Also, you can drop off items on Saturday, October 27th between 9:00am – 2:30pm.

Wrapped Candy can be dropped off any time up until Friday, October 26th. we will have a drop off station by the curb out front or you can leave it in the office.

Thank you ~ Rio Seco PTSA

