

Rio Seco School

# NEWSLETTER

September 2017



## Welcome Back to School!

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### A big welcome to new staff members

*We have a number of new staff members joining Rio Seco this year:*

Ashley Gormican, Kindergarten teacher	Michelle Lincoln (Beck), Kindergarten teacher
Erin Enslow, 5th grade teacher	Justin Fetty, 5th/ 6th grade teacher
Melissa Silverstein, K-3 SDC teacher	Gabby South, 7-8 SDC teacher
Cindi Schulze, 7-8 grade science teacher	Kamrie Credille, Language Arts Specialist
Chastity Forster, Dean of Students	Shannon Tellef, SAI (Resource Specialist)

### Retirements and changes

The following teachers retired last year: Tonya Hendrix, Kathy Sibayan, Terry Johnson, Rich Strickland, Thom Higgins and Kristi Garcia. We will miss them greatly!

Heather Fuentes now teaches Second grade. Jon Conway now teaches History and Culinary Arts. We also had many teachers change classroom locations to realign our school buildings to specific grade levels.

### SCHOOL EVENTS: COMING SOON!

<b>AUG. 31-</b> <b>SEP. 7</b>	<b>SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR (LIBRARY)</b>
<b>SEPT. 4</b>	<b>LABOR DAY- NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>SEPT. 5</b>	<b>6:00 P.M. K-3 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT</b>
<b>SEPT. 6</b>	<b>6:00 P.M. 4-6 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT</b>
<b>SEPT. 8</b>	<b>PTSA FALL FUNDRAISER</b>
<b>SEPT. 13</b>	<b>PICTURE DAY</b>
<b>SEPT. 25</b>	<b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>

### BEAUTIFICATION DAY.

Thank you to all the families who came out to help beautify our campus before school started! It looks wonderful.

## Pick-up Time Reminders

If you pick up a student at primary dismissal (K-3) please remember the following:

- Place your child's first name boldly on a ½ sheet of paper (provided in the 1st day packet) and put it in the right hand corner of your dashboard. This really helps us in getting your child to your car quickly.
- Stay in your car at all times. Do not park in the pick-up zone.
- Make sure your child knows how you will be picking them up everyday.
- There is no supervision for children waiting for an older sibling. Please pick them up at the 2:20 dismissal time.
- At the back SportsPlex gate please park your car and personally pick up your child at the gate so they don't run through the parking lot.
- Wait **outside the gates** for your child.

If you pick up an older student (4--8) please remember:

- Stay in your car at all times. Do not park in the pick-up zone.
- Make sure your child knows how you will be picking them up everyday.
- At the back SportsPlex gate please park your car and personally pick up your child at the gate so they don't run through the parking lot.
- Wait **outside the gates** for your child.

## Campus Aides Needed

We are looking for a few caring, responsible and enthusiastic individuals to join our terrific Campus Aide team. The Campus Aide position is a great way to be more involved with your child's school, while earning some extra money. Campus Aides work on school days 11:10-1:10 pm. For more information, application information is available on the Santee School District website under Human Resources.

### **BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

**Please see the flyer in the first day packet. We need positive parent voices on these committees to make a difference for our children. Last year we had tremendous representation and it was definitely noticed. The committees are: Budget, Calendar, Character Education, Communication, District Advisory, Facilities/Safety, Wellness and Special Education. Descriptions and commitment times are on the district website. Thank you for considering to be on these teams to represent Rio Seco.**

## **Rio Seco's School Site Council is for you!**

We have openings for parents on our School Site Council this year. We would like you to join us!

### ***What do we do as a group?***

- Share ideas regarding being the best school we can be.
- Hear about the latest student activities, facility upgrades and announcements.
- Commit to one hour every other month
- Monitor the school's plan for school achievement and budget (SPSA)
- Feel good about the fact that "research shows that parents who show interest in their child's school, have children who value school and learning".



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*Please return this note to the office or leave a message at 619-956-5500 if you are interested in representing parents on the **School Site Council**.*

PLEASE PRINT

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## PTSA Welcome

Welcome Rio Seco families to our 2017-2018 school year! I am your PTSA president for this year. My oldest child promoted from Rio Seco last year and I currently have a 1st and 6th grader at Rio Seco. We have amazing teachers and staff and I'm truly grateful to be a part of this school!

We have already received some membership forms from parents and we're so excited! PTSA puts on numerous events and programs for our school and your memberships help us to fund those. Our huge fall carnival, red ribbon week, parent/child events, Rio Reads, field trips, the new playground equipment and educational programs are just a few of the things we do as PTSA that your memberships help support. **NO MEETING ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED** when you join. I encourage you all to join and help us support our wonderful children and staff here at Rio Seco.

The new playground equipment will be installed soon. There was a delay due to the new lunch shade structures that had to be installed at the end of year. You will be seeing some tetherball stations, toss-up baskets and a rock climbing wall (primary playground). Thank you to all of our students and parents who supported the APEX Fun Run to purchase this equipment for our children.

We will have numerous opportunities to volunteer if you'd like to be involved and participate in your child's school experience. Please join our Rio Seco PTSA Facebook page where we will be posting information regarding our upcoming events and volunteering opportunities. We will also have a table setup at Back to School night on August 5-6 where you can come and meet us and ask questions and join our PTSA. I am very excited for a fun new year ahead and am looking forward to all of the fantastic events we have planned for all of your children!

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### **PTSA Membership Needed** *No Meeting Attendance Required!*

**ALL CLASSROOMS that reach the goal of 1005 MEMBERSHIP with returned forms and membership fees by Friday, September 29, 2017 will enjoy a popsicle party! Supports STAR Awards, field trips, literacy programs, family nights and school improvements!**

8\$ Regular (\$2.25 stays at Rio) \$16 Supporting (\$10.25 stays at Rio) (+you will receive a Roadrunner water bottle)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

PTSA Member Name(s)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ \$16/\$8 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$16/\$8

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_