

# RIO SECO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018



## September Events:

- 9/3 Labor Day (No School)
- 9/4 Book Fair begins
- 9/7 PTSA Fall Fundraiser
- 9/12 Picture Day for ALL
- 9/12 Back to School Night 4-6
- 9/13 Back to School Night K-3
- 9/17 Coffee with the Principal 8:00 am
- 9/24 Progress reports
- 9/30 Mother/Son Bowling event



### Traffic Update

Thank you for everyone showing patience as you drop off and pick up students. The only area of concern is getting **parents to use the crosswalks or designated crossing zones.** Little eyes watch and we want students to see everyone using crosswalks in the front, side and back of the school. Thank you so much for your support and help with student safety.  
**Roadrunners Rock!**

**Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible,  
Be a STAR!**

Welcome back to the new school year! You may have noticed a lot of changes happening over the summer to our playgrounds and parking lots. New Project SAFE buildings were installed closer to the ball fields so we now have more playground space and more parking. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for working with us as we work through some new procedures for pick-up and drop-off. Your patience has been very helpful.

Our focus at Rio Seco is to create the safest and most successful school possible so we have adopted three simple rules: **Be safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.** You will see these rules in classrooms, hallways and signs everywhere.

Have a super September!

*Mrs. Simpson Principal, Rio Seco School*



**I can BEE  
RESPECTFUL**  
by honouring others.



**I can BEE  
RESPONSIBLE**  
by knowing and doing  
what is expected of me.

**Attendance Matters:** It's cool to be in school. Our goal is to significantly increase the number of students with perfect attendance.

Classes receive playground balls for every ten days all students are in school. Students also receive recognition every trimester for excellent attendance. We know attendance matters!



## **FROM OUR PTSA**

**Welcome back Rio Seco families!** We are excited to start this year and all of the events we have coming up. In the packet of forms that your student brought home the first week of school there was a purple PTSA membership form included. We encourage everyone to join. The money the PTSA receives from membership goes towards our events and programs for the year including our parent child events, red ribbon week, field trips, fall carnival, playground equipment, educational programs, etc. Through our fundraisers and PTA membership dues the last couple of years we have been able to put over \$50,000 back into the school through playground equipment, new swings, a new laminator for the teachers and our students artwork and memory books, classroom backpack hooks, red ribbon week assemblies, field trips and so much more! This year there will be a discount on PTA events including the mother son event coming up and the fall carnival for PTA members. **NO MEETING ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED when you join. Please join PTA and help us support our wonderful children and staff here at Rio Seco.**

**\*Friday, September 7th** ~ Fall Fundraiser kick off! Watch for the catalogs and info to come home that day with your student. The money raised from this fundraiser will go towards our events and programs for the year including the ones mentioned above.

**\*Sunday, September 30th** ~ Mother and son bowling. Mark your calendar now and more info will be coming soon.

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

**Shawna Strickland** comes to our Junior High from Chet F. Harritt School where she also taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts. She graduated from SDSU and National University. She loves the beach, Disneyland, the river, movies and family. Her favorite motto is: “Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.” *Oscar Wilde*

**Matt Newcomb** taught marine biology at a science camp for three years. He is our new junior high science teacher. He has a background in both high school and junior high. He graduated from SDSU. He likes to scuba dive hike and surf. His favorite motto is “The cosmos is within us. We are made of star stuff...” *Carl Sagan*

**Sierra Duggan** is our new science and math teacher. She taught science to middle school students at an outdoor education center and worked on environmental consulting. She graduated from Cal Poly and Cal State San Marcos. She likes to hike, camp and travel. Her motto, “Be somebody that makes everyone feel like a somebody.” *Kid President*

**Susan White** is our new Intervention Resource Specialist. She is excited to be working in the literacy center with our students. She graduated from UCLA and UCSD. She loves to travel, read, bike, swim, dance and going to her kids’ sporting events. Her motto is, “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader”.

*You will be hearing about some of our other new staff members in the next newsletter.*