



RSA NEWS!

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News from Mrs. Wahl, Principal:

RSA (K-8) Parent Survey Spring 2024: It is that time of year again where all schools in California are measuring their parental engagement in the Local Control Academic Performance (LCAP) report. RSA Administration has been working on evaluating our LCAP goals and will be presenting on the LCAP educational supports being provided to the students and their impact on student learning during the various parent group meetings. Your input and feedback is highly valued and welcomed. In addition, click on the link to take our annual [Parent Survey](#) which is now available!. We use this anonymous survey to gather data that helps us in the decision-making process of the school. Last year there were responses from 83 families. We can do better. Our goal would be to double that response rate so we are receiving input from at least 25% of our families. Please keep in mind that completing the survey counts as volunteer hours because it represents your engagement in your child's education.

Parental Engagement at RSA: RSA believes strongly in the connections between school, family, and students to build the best learning environment. In fact, RSA's Charter states:

The Role of Families (RSA Charter, page 9)

Students are more successful when family and community publicly and consistently support the students' activities and learning. Parents and guardians significantly impact student learning, both directly and indirectly. They provide models of learners for their children and can interact with their children in ways that facilitate learning. Given the potentially positive influence families have on student learning, RSA views parents and guardians as partners and values their involvement in all facets of school life, from volunteering in the classroom to sharing ideas with school leaders. Family involvement will be encouraged at RSA. This involvement will respect family schedules and interests and can take the form of:

- *Volunteering in the classroom;*
- *Communicating with families through a variety of mediums;*
- *Participating in evening or weekend community events in support of school programs.*

Our RSA families support us in so many ways. Take for example the annual PTC Auction where once again our families pulled off an amazing event that raised tens of thousands of dollars to help us maintain and add to our unique educational program. This is just one event put on by our fabulous PTC that directly financially supports student learning. Donated monies go towards the teachers' classroom funds, staff professional development, playground equipment and family social activities. The Theater Booster Club is another way that parents contribute significantly to the mission and vision of the school. The (TBC) hosts our annual musical and raises funds for the following year so that the students can enjoy the best middle school musical production around. The TBC crew sews costumes, paints set pieces, constructs scenes, hauls equipment, designs programs, and supervises students to name just a few areas of support. This dedicated group of parents, who may or may not have students in the play, value the opportunity to be on stage or support those on stage.

Save the Date

- 4/9 High School Information Night, 6:00 PM
- 4/10 7th Grade Trip to Ashland
- 4/11 RSA Governing Board Meeting, 5:45 PM
- 4/12 Assembly, 10:00 AM
- 4/12 Mr. Burkett's Concert, 6:00 PM
- 4/12 PTC Executive Meeting, 8:05 AM
- 4/12 RSA HS Juniors to Shasta College
- 4/13 RSA High School Prom, 6 - 9 PM
- 4/15 College and Career Options Financial Presentation for High School Students
- 4/15 Applications due for 2nd Lottery Draw
- 4/17 Celebration of the Arts/Open House
- 4/19 PTC General Meeting, 8:05 AM
- 4/20 RSA HS Dance and Drama Field trip to SF
- 4/23 Validation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- 4/24 Validation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- 4/23-24 CAASPP Testing
- 4/25 Theme Day Musical Evening Perf, 6:30 PM
- 4/26 Theme Day Assembly, 8:10 AM
- 4/29 TBC Monthly Meeting, 8:05 AM
- 4/30-5/1 CAASPP Testing

In addition to these parent groups, you will find families helping in the classrooms, in the library, working at home on school projects, driving for field trips and, of course, helping with our two theme Days – So many activities that differ from the general public-school experience, yet add significant value to RSA’s educational program, could not be as successful, if it were not for the families that volunteer their time or money. Yes, RSA has very dedicated families who support and participate in their child’s education. Thank you, families, for all you do to contribute to our school!

RSA remains dedicated to our mission of building a strong learning environment through family engagement. Thank you for your support by investing in your child’s school.



Dear families,

Our new character trait is Citizenship. Citizenship is about being a positive member of your community. This means contributing to your classroom, your school and the world around you. As a good citizen, it is crucial to be kind to

others. Previously, our school community focused on The Great Kindness Challenge which meant being intentional with our words and actions. We saw so many students and families contributing to the RSA community in a positive way. Parents volunteered in classrooms and at school events, donated supplies and time and encouraged their children to be kind to others. Students were complimenting each other, helping each other and showing empathy and compassion. RSA is more than a school, we are a family and we are lucky to have each other. As we approach the end of another school year, please continue to remind your children to be positive members of their classrooms, school and community.

Character Counts



Building Positive Character:

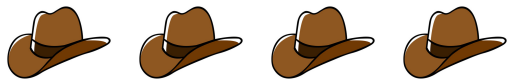
The Character Trait focus for April and May is **Citizenship**

The color we use to celebrate Citizenship is **Purple**:

Think regal purple as in representing the state.

<p>Citizenship looks like</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing your share • Respecting Authority • Respecting the Law • Actively participating in the care of the earth • Being involved, participating and contributing to the world around you • Following school rules • Showing respect and concern for others
<p>How you can help build Citizenship in your children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model it: Work with your children to be good neighbors and citizens by helping those around you and volunteering whenever possible. As you drive around the community, deliberately point out how you obey laws (traffic, no littering, voting) that contribute to making the world a better and more safe place. • Require it: Give your child responsibilities around the house that would require them to do their share in taking care of the household and family duties. If you don't already, have your child be responsible for taking care of the recycling in your family. You can also Participate in Earth day festivities on April 22nd • Praise it: Recognize when your child is demonstrating concern for the needs of others and contributing positively to your household, their school and their community as well as observing laws and playing by the rules. • Understand it: Students show citizenship by obeying parents, teachers, and coaches who have been given authority to guide and protect them. Ask your child and help them brainstorm answers to the questions, "What do you think our school and community would be like if people were not good citizens?"
<p>Articles to support fostering Citizenship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Good Citizenship's 5 Themes from Education World • How To Teach Your Child To Be A Good Citizen from K12 Learning Liftoff • Easy Ways to Teach Good Citizenship to Kids by Sarah Price from Priceless Ponderings

"CHARACTER is doing the right thing even when nobody is watching" J.C. Watts



General News



Spring Theme Day: RSA's spring theme day is centered around Westward Expansion in America. Students will be learning about many different things including prairie life, covered wagons, Native Americans, gold panning, etc. during this time. Students will be completing crafts and science or social studies-based activities and playing games surrounding this theme. Students are encouraged to dress up in early Colonial times costumes on this day. Students can use the same costumes they dressed up in for the fall theme day earlier this year, or feel free to come up with something else that would work for this theme!

Theme Day activities will be held on Friday, April 26th, which is a minimum day. K-2/3 students will be dismissed at 12:55 pm, and 3-8th grades will be dismissed at 1:15 pm.

Please check with your student's teacher for information regarding volunteers needed, as well as supplies that may be needed as donations for this event. Please also keep an eye out for various Sign-Up Genius forms to be sent out soon. We will need a lot of parent volunteers to make this event successful, so please plan to help on April 26th, if you are able.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Nichols at: enichols@rsarts.org, Mrs. Lynam at: mlynam@rsarts.org, or Mrs. Thomas at: ythomas@rsarts.org.



Celebration of the Arts / Open House: RSA is proud to offer you the opportunity to celebrate the arts with your student(s). RSA believes that the arts make a significant, positive impact on your child's education and personal growth. Please join us on the evening of Wednesday, April 17 from 5:15-7:15 PM to enjoy a wonderful display of visual and performing arts on our artfully designed campus & classrooms. Move from the lobby to individual classrooms between 5:15-6:00 PM to see some amazing educational products and the display of artwork by our fabulous students. Please plan on visiting your child's current classes, as well as the classrooms for next year. This will be followed by performances in the amphitheater during the second half of the evening from 6:15-7:15.

Attendance Incentive Winners The April winners from our attendance incentive program are River Baker, Claire Barnett, Evelyn Blasingame, Lilly Breedveld, Hunter Brown, Scott Brown, Lainey Carter, Miles Carter, Brayden Chao, Delilah Cleveland, Cambria Condrey, Aurora Davis, Alexander Falls, Moxie Flamporis, Mia Franceschini, Makena Gaeddert, Joseph George, Amari Grady, Landon Hathaway, Eli Johnson, Amber Jurisich, Lance Jurisich, Zoey Karch, Daniel Kugel, Sofya Kukharskaya, Deacon Mayes, Izabella Moore, Abigail Morgan, Connor Nygard, Cambriella Percia, Benjamin Read, Daphne Read, Wyatt Reynolds, Keller Richart, Mila Richart, Harrison Roach, Sophie Sawyer, Autumn Sheldon, Gurik Singh, Lola Spyres, Vivienne Tackett, Pierce Young, and Benjamin Zahner. Congratulations! Please visit the front desk to claim your prize.

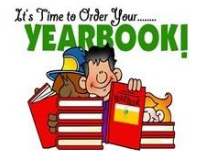
Mr. Burkett's Music Concert: On Friday, April 12, 2024 Mr. Burkett's K-4th grade classes will be performing at RSA, from 6:00-7:15. The concert is entitled "**Early American Folk Songs, Heroes and Legends**" The students can wear the same costumes that they wore during November's theme day, or what they plan to wear for April's theme day . . . (Pilgrims, Colonists, Frontiersman, Trappers, Miners, Statesmen, Famers, Lumberjacks, Railroad workers, sailors, tradesmen, cowpunchers, etc.) Please join us for this fun-filled evening of song!



Dress Code Reminders for Students: RSA is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the students and the Board believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. Inappropriate apparel includes clothing that compromises safety or disrupts the school environment and instructional process. Students not following dress code will be asked to call home for a change of clothes or will be provided clothes to wear from items donated to the office. With the warmer weather approaching and with kids seemingly growing overnight, we would like to re-highlight some of RSA dress code policies. **Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to at least 3 to 4 inches in length on the upper thighs. Tops must have at least a one-inch strap. Under garments may not be seen. Shorts may not have holes or frays above the 3-4-inch length. See through clothing of any kind must have under clothes that "cover the core."** Shoes must be worn and should be activity-specific. No slides or flip-flops. The full Dress Code Policy can be found on page 20 of the Family Handbook, located on the RSA website under Parent Pages, All Resources and Documents. Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to provide an optimal learning environment for our students.



Yearbook Sales: Yearbooks are on sale for \$40.00 at jostens.com. Order now to guarantee a copy for your student. Yearbooks can be purchased now through May, the price will increase May 1 to \$45.00. Yearbooks will be distributed to students during the last week of school. These memories will last a lifetime!



Exchange Student Hosts Needed: New Foreign Exchange student applications have already started to arrive for the next school year, and you know what that means! American Cultural Exchange (ACES) is now looking for families and friends to volunteer to host RSA-HS exchange students! If you/your family has ever thought this might be a fun idea, for additional information call Jessica French at 530-605-8927 or email Jessica@exploretheworld.org.

Independent Study: As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, please note that no Independent Studies will be issued for dates beyond May 1st and all absences will be considered personal unexcused. Completed work must be submitted by May 8th to receive attendance credit.

Library News: The library will be holding our second Used Book Sale in May and we are looking for donations of used books! Please consider donating books your family has outgrown. You can pick up some new-to-you books for summer reading as well! There is a bin for book donations in the lobby. For larger numbers of books, please email rsalibrary@rsarts.org. Money raised will be used for more books for our amazing readers! More details on the book sale to come soon. Thanks for your support.



Shasta Juried Art Show:

Recently middle and high school students competed in the annual Shasta Arts Council Juried Art Competitions. Over 75 of RSA's middle and high school students were highlighted in the art shows and six of those students won awards!

High School: Olivia Clester won an award of merit for a colored pencil drawing titled "duckling."

Middle School:

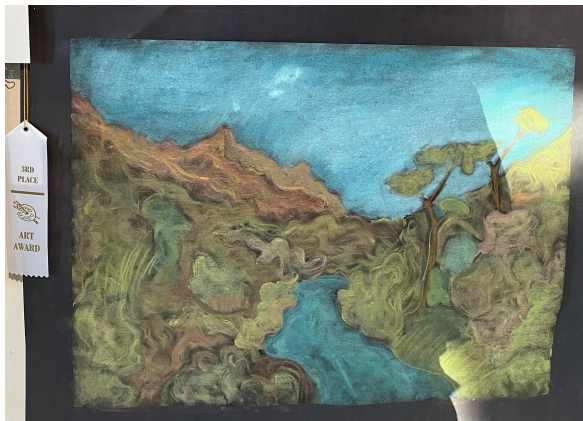
Juliette Johnson- won Best of Show 2d for her chalk drawing of Mt Rainier National Park

Apple Wu won an award of excellence for her chalk drawing of a national park

Alliyah Angell won an award of excellence for her sunset chalk drawing

Sophia Daniel won an award of merit for her clay hamburger stacking sculpture

Mila Richart won an award of merit for her Zion Park chalk drawing



Chromebook Giveaway: As we continue to purchase and replace technology to support RSA's educational program, we have amassed a small inventory of slightly outdated but usable Chromebook devices. These devices are still in pretty good shape (thank you students for taking such good care of these), but can no longer support the latest operating system updates. We are making these Chromebooks available to RSA families for no cost. They have been deprovisioned, and thus are no longer associated with the school, so please be aware that this means they don't have the restrictions that are currently on our school issued devices. If your family ever runs into an issue with multiple family members needing to use a limited number of devices, maybe you would benefit from one of these? On **April 15th 1:00 – 3:00 PM** inside the main lobby, staff will be handing out these Chromebooks to any parents who would like to have one. They will all be in working order and come with chargers. The inventory includes Samsung Chromebook 3. This effort is meant to support families with their technology needs, please do not resell these items. A parent must be present with their student to receive a chromebook.



Committee News



RSA Governing Board Meeting: The next RSA Governing Board Meeting will be held in person on Thursday, April 11th at 5:45 p.m. in the Community Room. To read adopted minutes or review agendas, please visit the RSA web site. You may also email the board with any concerns or questions at rsartsboardmembers@gmail.com.

PTC General Meeting: Greetings from the Parent Teacher Council!

Our biggest fundraiser, RSA's Annual Auction has been successfully completed. The event was well attended by 204 guests and raised approximately \$49,000. About 40 volunteers were involved, donating over 2,000 plus hours. There were 45 business donors, 30 family donors, and 18 sponsors! This is what makes the RSA community so great, your time and involvement is more than appreciated. Pencil in the tentative date for next year's Auction - Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Our annual **End of the Year Waterworks event** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 from 6:00-9:00 pm. It is a private event for RSA families only. The cost to attend is \$6 per person, season passes do not apply. This is not a drop-off event, all students must be supervised. Links to pre-purchase your tickets and more information will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Please consider attending our monthly meetings, get involved, hear the updates from staff, and find out how the money from our fundraisers is spent. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 19 at 8:05 am in the Community Room. We will be voting on the budget for next year and new PTC board members.

If you have any questions, please email ptc@rsarts.org.



Theater Booster Club: RSA's Performing Arts program needs you!

One of the things that make RSA special is our high-quality performing arts opportunities - but it takes an army of parent volunteers to keep that happening! Every RSA student has a chance to perform throughout the year, and your RSA Theater Booster Club is committed to improving their experiences every year. If you are interested in getting more involved with TBC for the 2024/2025 school year, please contact rsatbcvolunteers@gmail.com to start a conversation.

Skills from crafting to accounting and everything in between are all needed and welcome!

The next TBC meeting will be on April 29th at 8:05 AM in the Community Room.