



# Howling Coyote



## Principal's Message:

April 23, 2018

Dear Coyote Families,

On Friday we taught and practiced our new recess lockdown drill procedures. At morning assembly, all students were taught the following if they heard three loud, long whistle blasts from adults supervising on the playground:

1. Look for the closest adult supervisor in the brightly colored vest (there are a minimum of three out on the yard at any given time). They will be holding their arms above their head in an X.
2. Run to that adult supervisor and follow them quickly to the nearest designated lockdown classroom.
3. Get inside as quickly as possible, away from doors and windows, and sit on the floor.
4. Wait for further instructions.

At lunch recess, we practiced this procedure with all grades. Our students did exceptionally well. On average, students were gathered at the designated lockdown classroom door in about 25 seconds, regardless of their position on the playground. As I have said before, our automatic door lock down allows 60 seconds for students to get inside. Even a student wearing a cast was able to reach the classroom in less than 40 seconds. This should allow every student to get inside and shelter in place in the case of an emergency.

We will continue to educate staff and students on our emergency drill procedures and practice these routines so that everyone knows what to do if there were a real emergency on campus. Please know, that continued student safety is at the top of our list of priorities.

As always, thanks for your continued support of our wonderful school. I look forward to seeing you all on campus this week!

Best,

Bill MacDonald  
Principal  
Sunset Ranch Elementary School  
#everycoyoteeveryday!

## Upcoming Events:

April 24

Spring Picture Day

May 7-18	CAASPP Testing in Grades 3-6
May 10	School Site Council - 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Office Conference Room)

## New Information:



In an effort to have our PTC fundraising/spending to be responsive to the needs of the community, our PTC has created a brief survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather information about the current PTC fundraising and funded school programs. Your input will be critical to creating the PTC budget for 2018-19. It is important that there are as many respondents as possible so that the data will be reflective of the community and the best possible decisions can be made. [You can access the survey here.](#)



We are quickly approaching the window for the state standardized testing for students in grades 3-6. The California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance (CAASPP) will be completed by Sunset Ranch students between May 7th-18th.

Please also ensure that your students are well prepared for the assessments by making sure that they get a good night's sleep each night, have a nutritious breakfast each morning, and by encouraging him/her to do their very best.

For more information about the state testing program, please visit the [California Department of Education](#) website. If you are curious, you can even view sample exams [HERE](#). Students will also be reviewing these practice exams in class to prepare for CAASPP.

**Thank you in advance for doing your best to ensure that your students are at school during the entire testing window, and for your support during this important assessment period.**



In the past couple of weeks we've had numerous students coming in and complaining about itchy eyes and allergies/sneezing. It's spring and that means lots of pollen and other allergens are in the air! If needed, please be sure to give your children allergy medications and eye drops before coming to school. The school health office does not offer treatment for seasonal allergies.

## Important Ongoing Information:

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I also want to update you on an important new curricular program. It is a proactive bullying prevention program (BPP) that will be taught to ALL students in grades K-6. Students will be taught a lesson each week for the next six weeks and concepts will be reinforced at our weekly assemblies. Here are a brief and full version of the curriculum if you want to take a look:

[Bully Prevention Program \(Brief\)](#)

[Bully Prevention Program \(Full\)](#)



This week (or last) you may hear your child talking about our new web-based math fact fluency program “Reflex Math”. **Reflex Math is a fun way for students to master their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.** Reflex Math will be used at school but can also be accessed from home via the [login page](#). Here is some [additional information about the program](#).



For the 2018-19 school year, Rocklin Unified School District has moved to an [online registration system](#) for TK/K enrollment. Packets must be completed online, printed, and turned in at:

- The Sunset Ranch Office beginning on Wednesday, 1/24.

**Sunset Ranch is currently ACCEPTING intra-district and inter-district applications for the 2018-19 school year. These will be granted on a space availability basis at each grade level. Please contact the Sunset Ranch main office for more information.**