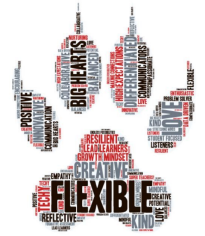




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Principal's Message:

September 5th, 2017

I hope you all had a great three day weekend. We are back in the saddle here at the The Ranch and moving forward with our new reading curriculum, positive behavior, and planning our upcoming leveled interventions and accelerations for students. We've had a wonderful start to the year thanks to the talented children you've sent us and your ongoing support. Thanks again for all your support! Onwards and upwards!

Best,

Bill MacDonald, Ed.D.
Principal
Sunset Ranch Elementary School
#everycoyoteeveryday!

Upcoming Events:

9/11 @ 8:00 a.m.	Patriot Day Assembly
9/12	PTC Meeting (Library)
9/19	Picture Day
9/21 @ 3:00 p.m.	School Site Council Meeting (Library)
9/29	Fund Run
10/2 - 10/5	Book Fair
10/5	Family BBQ Lunch / Book Fair Extravaganza!
10/2, 10/3, 10/4	Chinese Exchange Students at Sunset Ranch
10/14	Rocklin Mini Maker Faire

New Important Information:



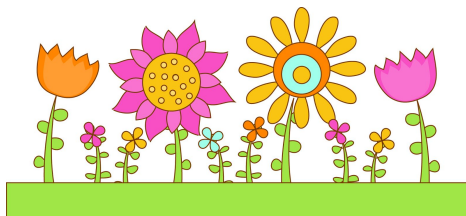
Each year, Sunset Ranch convenes a School Site Council of teachers, parents, and staff members. The School Site Council (SSC) is responsible for the drafting and approval of the Single School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) which supports the mission and vision of the school and addresses the learning needs of students and the community. The SSC also weighs in on important school decisions and helps determine where certain monies are spent and which extracurricular programs to continue or pursue. It is an important part of school governance and a forum for all stakeholders to give input. The state SSC bylaws require five parents to be on the council, each serving a two year term. **This year we have five openings on the SSC that will be open for election.** The meetings will be held on 9/21, 10/26, 2/1, and 5/10 at 3:00 p.m. The meetings typically run until 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in serving on the Sunset Ranch School Site Council in 2017-18, please email a brief bio of qualifications (no more than 200 words) to me at wmacdonald@rocklinusd.org. If there are more than five candidates, the bios will be included on a ballot that will go out to all Sunset Ranch families for a vote.



Sunset Ranch Chinese Exchange Program

Once again, we have the unique opportunity to host students from China at Sunset Ranch. We are still looking for 4th-6th grade families to host TWO Chinese students at the end of September. If you are interested, you can learn more [HERE](#) and put your name on the [HOST LIST](#).



Sunset Ranch Parent Garden Club

Join our growing group of parent volunteers to revitalize our school garden each morning after drop off!
You can find more information [HERE](#)!

Important Ongoing Information:



Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC) Volunteering and Donations. As the year commences, there will be opportunities to join with, volunteer, and donate to our PTC. **I cannot emphasize enough how important this is.** The State of California provides a base level of funding for our schools that does NOT include funding for additional programs such as STEM, Spanish, field trips, after school clubs (to name just a few). Without support from the community and PTC, these programs are not possible. Please consider getting involved as a volunteer, committee chair, and/or contributor. You can find more information [HERE](#).



School Volunteer Checklist! A reminder that if you want to volunteer at Sunset Ranch you will need:

- A current TB test
- A LiveScan (Fingerprinting)
- To sign in at the Main Office and receive a Visitor Badge

Please help us keep our students healthy and safe! All of the items above are easy to take care of and will protect our children and staff.



If you haven't already, ALL Sunset Ranch Families Must Create a Parent Portal Account!

More information can be found [HERE](#).

Once you have registered for AERIES Parent Portal, [HERE](#) is the video I made showing you how to locate the required forms for 2017-18 that need to be turned into your teacher.

It is important that you complete this as soon as possible. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Sunset Ranch office and we will walk you through the process.