

Rio Vista Rocket Newsletter



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Rio Vista is dedicated to the development of confident, lifelong learners who possess the skills and knowledge to succeed. A positive partnership between home, school, and community will empower students to become socially responsible citizens, who contribute to a rapidly changing and culturally diverse society.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for continuing to follow the traffic laws and our drop-off/pick-up procedures. Please do not block or park in the driveways of our neighbors and only those with state issued placards may park in any area indicated as disabled. Most importantly, please remember to bring your smile and patience at drop off and pick up. Thanks!

Last spring our 3-6th grade students took the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) online tests. Over the next few days and weeks your school will be sending home your child's report on their performance. If your child is currently in 4th grade, you will see one year's report. If your child is in 5th or 6th grade, your child's report will show the scores from this year and last year, so you can see the trend of your child's progress. Additional information and a video to assist you in understanding the report can be found online at

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ta/ca/caasppserinfo.asp>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PoxPJtFbBKE>

Your child's teacher and your site administrators will also be able to answer questions you may have.

Don't forget to join our PTA and help make a difference in our school. Take part in our membership campaign today! The funds raised through our campaign provide money for class field trips, assemblies, school supplies, disaster supplies, and equipment for the staff workrooms. It also provides funds for PTA programs, Grandparents/VIP day, dances, seasonal events, and family fun events. There is so much to do, and we need your help. Please, start today by becoming a member of PTA. We can make a difference by working together while enhancing and maximizing the education of every child.

SCHOOL MEALS

The school day just got healthier! School meals have more whole grains, fruits, and vegetables; nonfat/low-fat milk; and less salty and fatty foods. School meals now do a better job of giving your kids the healthy foods they need.

Students are REQUIRED to take a fruit or vegetable at lunch, along with at least two other components (protein, grain, milk). You can help make them be successful by reinforcing the importance of eating fruits and vegetables at mealtime.

Meals, foods and beverages sold or served at schools meet state and federal requirements which are based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines and our school's local Wellness Policies. We provide students with access to a variety of affordable and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students. Together we can help our kids learn healthy habits that last forever.

Also, if your child is lactose intolerant, please come into the office to complete a form. This will inform and allow our cafeteria staff to offer your child alternative products.

ABSENCES

One of the best lessons your child can learn in elementary school is to be at school, on time, each and every day. This is one of our primary goals for Rio Vista students. Of course, children do get sick. In the event of your child's absence, we ask that you please call the attendance line at 661.294.5330.

Finally, we ask that you try to arrange all doctor, dental and other appointments for your children for after school so that he or she may receive the maximum instruction time possible.

Character Counts "Citizenship"

FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

Parents, please be aware that 8:15 until lunch is considered prime time instructional time at our school. During this time, we go to great lengths to avoid interrupting classrooms so that your children may receive the most focused instruction possible. Forgotten lunches will not be delivered to classes. Instead, they will be collected in the office. Make sure your child's lunch is in the office before 11:30am as they will be sent out to the lunch area in a basket with a campus supervisor. If you plan to drop off a lunch, please make sure your child knows. If you drop off a lunch after 11:30am, please understand that lunch time is a very busy time in the office, therefore, we cannot guarantee it will get to your child in a timely manner. Calling classrooms for forgotten lunches becomes disruptive and impacts prime instruction and learning opportunities.

TECHNOLOGY PARENT NIGHT

Saugus Tech TOSAs (Teachers on Special Assignment), Mia Standley and Kathleen Ferdisatt, will be hosting Educational Technology in the SUSD Parent Nights. Come and learn about educational technology practices in the classrooms, district supported websites, and strategies to help your child at home. Attend one or both of the following nights:

Skyblue Mesa Elementary, Thursday, September 15th from 6:30-7:30pm

28040 Hardesty Avenue, Canyon Country, CA 91351

North Park Elementary, Thursday, September 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm

23335 W Sunset Hills Drive, Valencia, CA 91354

CUSTODIAL NOTIFICATIONS

Attention parents and guardians! Should your child be impacted by a custodial arrangement, please contact the office immediately even if you've notified us in the past. It is imperative that we receive annual updates of such arrangements. If we are not aware of such considerations, we cannot accommodate them. Thank you.

MEDICATIONS ON CAMPUS

Please remember that students may not carry medications, including over the counter, on their person while at school. Our wonderful Health Assistant, Ruth Smith, is available to help your children with their medication needs. Documentation from a physician is required. Questions? Please stop by the office or call us.

GRANDPARENTS' / VIP DAY

We look forward to seeing all grandparents and VIPs on Friday, September 2, at 7:45am, in the MPR. Following a light continental breakfast, Grandparents and VIPs will have an opportunity to visit classrooms.

GOAL SETTING PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences will be the last week of September and you will be receiving conference forms soon. Please complete and return all forms as soon as possible so that teachers can start coordinating and planning for your parent conference.

SAVE THE DATE!

September 2: VIP/Grandparents Day

September 5: Labor Day Holiday

September 6: SUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, District Office

September 7: PTA E-Board Meeting, 3:15pm, Room 19

September 14: Title I Parent Meeting, 8:15am, MPR

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