

Rancho News

From the Principal's Desk



Principal's Message

We are off to another incredible year of fun and learning at Rancho Sienna Elementary. As Principal of RSE, my goal is always to meet the needs of all students so that each and every child feels valued, challenged, and loved as they strive to meet personal goals in learning. I hope you will find this forum helpful for your family and to grow a partnership between home and school. Rancho News will be sent out every two weeks to share upcoming events, opportunities to partner in your child's education, information about campus systems, and and celebrations of our students' growth and learning. I also encourage you to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for ongoing information. @rancho_panthers <https://www.facebook.com/lhisd.rses/>

#TeamOfChampions!
Melanie Bowman



How does your child get home?

Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the various means of afternoon dismissal posted on our [webpage](#).

Keeping consistent afternoon dismissal, will support your child in feeling safe and confident at the end of each day. If it is necessary to request a transportation change, please visit our [district transportation site](#). All changes must be made by email before 1pm on the day of the change.

Need to know a bus route number, time or location. [Infofinder](#) has the answers you need!



Arrival and Dismissal Safety

Safety is our first priority. Cell phones in school zones and in car lines is not only against the law, it puts our kids and staff at risk. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated.

Please do not park at or near crosswalks as it blocks our ability to see oncoming traffic and creates a hazard for crossing guards and students crossing the street.

The first few days of school are exciting for everyone. We often have 2-3 times the number of cars dropping off and picking up than the rest of the year. Thanks for your patience as work through these first few days. We hope the excitement remains but the long lines diminish.



We need you!

We will have lots of opportunities to get involved this year.

Be a volunteer! Get started by completing the [volunteer application online](#). It must be updated every school year.

Join our PTO! Membership is free. Nowhere else can you get so much for so little! We have the best parent partners ever!! Check out their [website](#) for volunteer opportunities, Spirit Nights and more!

Calling all Dads! WatchDOGS is a unique organization that partners the school with male role models. It's an incredible opportunity to volunteer at Rancho while getting a sneak peak into your child's school day. It's an experience you won't want to miss, and you will make an big impact on your own child and so many others! Our WatchDOGS Pizza Kick Off is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 3rd 5:30-5:30 PM.

Student Reading Mentors Needed! Enjoy working with children, love reading and want to make a big impact on a child's life? [Education](#)

[Connection](#) is just for you!! Consider investing just 30 minutes a week, and bless the life of a child.

We are looking for parent volunteers to sponsor an after-school [Destination Imagination](#) Team. DI is a global educational nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative problem solvers. If you would be interested in learning more about a team leader position, please let us know [here!](#)

Our PreK teachers are excited for their students to learn about the life cycles of plants and animals. They are planning to build planters. If you would like to donate materials or labor, please reach out to Chelle Harrison charrison@libertyhill.txed.net

More opportunities to come soon!



Lost and Found

We ask that you to label all lunch boxes, water bottles and jackets. This will help us to get lost items back to your child.



Kinder Meet the Teacher - Monday, August 19 5-6:30

Kinder parents are invited to come and meet your child's placement teacher for the year and learn about their special classroom. The campus Admin team will also be there to share some important information about school systems and learn more from you about your needs for the year. Please plan to attend for the entire time.

LHISD Elementary Parent and Student Handbook

- How can I access my child's grades?
- How can I celebrate my child's birthday at school?
- Are counseling services an option?
- Is there a dress code?
- What are the attendance and tardy policies?
- Tell me more about being a volunteer!

Answers to these and many more questions can be found in the [LHISD Elementary School Handbook](#).



The office team would like to welcome you! We are here to support you and your student for a great year. We look forward to seeing returning and new families on campus!

Back Row (L to R) Barbara Payne, Counselor; Alison Jalufka , Learning Coach; Beth Hart, Registrar; Susan Hussey, Admin Assistant; Jennifer Carpenter, Nurse

Front Row (L to R) Heather Wright, Asst. Principal, Melanie Bowman, Principal; Kendell Luedtke, Assistant Principal; Mari Parker, Reception

Looking Ahead

Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Monday, Aug 19 5:00-6:00 PM

Volunteer Orientation Wednesday, Aug 28 8:00-9:00 AM

Labor Day - School Holiday Monday, Sept 2

Reading with Grands Friday, Sept 6

(celebrating Grandparent Day)

Liberty Fit Saturday, Sept 7

Parent Orientation PreK & 1st Tuesday, Sept 10 5:30-7:00 PM

Parent Orientation 2nd-4th Thursday, Sept 12 5:30-7:00 PM

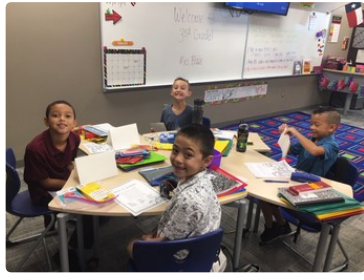
LHISD Board Meeting Monday, Sept 16 6 PM

CEIC - Campus Educational Tuesday, Sept 17 3:30-4:30 PM

Improvement Committee

PTO Meeting Tuesday, Sept 17 6:30-7:30 PM







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#WhatsYourSWAG?

LHISD is a #TeamofChampions, and this year we are committing to grow champions at Rancho Sienna Elementary. We will have SWAG! We will strive for and celebrate **SUCCESS**....Support our students to build confidence and **WILLINGNESS** to achieve....Positive **ATTITUDES** will abound and we will set **GOALS** to point every child to their target.

