

Rancho News

From the Principal's Desk May 22, 2020

Upcoming Events

May 22 **Out of District Student Transfer Deadline** (see info below)

May 29 Deadline to apply for Dual Language Program at LH Elementary for 2020-21

May 31 Last day to order [yearbooks](#)

June 4 Presale Yearbook Pick-up 3-5:30 pm at RSE

Message from Mrs. Bowman

Dear Rancho Students and Parents,

I just want to take this opportunity to say that it has been an honor to work alongside and with you during this school year. It has certainly been a year like no other! Having said that though, I have been so very impressed with how flexible, supportive and gracious you have all been as we 'built this plane in the air'. Saying 'thank you' isn't enough to express my gratitude for your efforts during Learning From Home.

You will be receiving a survey from the district soon as we gather your insights and needs for the coming school year. I encourage you to take a few minutes to provide us with any information that will help us to best support your child when school resumes.

We realize as a school, district, and state that there will be academic gaps to address for all students when we return to school. The curriculum in the next grade level is already being reviewed and adjusted to ensure that priority academic skills from this spring are embedded into our learning for all students next year.

For those students moving on to Santa Rita Elementary, Liberty Hill Intermediate, or other schools this fall, I know that the best is yet to come for you! Your Rancho Family will always be here to support you and cheer you on in the years to come. Once a Panther, always a Panther! I hope that you will keep in touch!

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer filled with fun and good health. I don't forget to make time to enjoy a good book together often as well! Also never forget how much you matter and are loved at Rancho Sienna!

Until next time,

Melanie Bowman, Principal

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Congrats Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Year!!



RSES Staff End of Year Video #RanchoStrong

It has been a bittersweet end to our school year, but through our separation, we have come to appreciate one another and truly know how much we need one another. Your Rancho staff would like to thank you for the laughter, tears, challenges, celebrations and memories of the 2019-20 school year. Never forget how much you matter and are loved at Rancho!

#RanchoStrong



[RSES_EOYVideo201920....](#)

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Dual Language Program Opportunity at Liberty Hill Elementary

[Dual Language Program Application / Aplicación para el programa de doble inmersión](#)

Now open thru May 29, 2020 [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

Disponible hasta el 29 de mayo de 2020 [Español](#) / [Inglés](#)

[Dual Language Program Informational Presentation](#)

This program is offered with limited availability to students PreK-2nd grades **ONLY at Liberty Hill Elementary**. Transportation is not provided.

New Attendance Zones Approved

The LHISD School Board approved the school zone boundaries for the 2020-21 school year during Monday night's meeting. The only campuses impacted by the new zones are Rancho Sienna Elementary and Santa Rita Elementary.

The neighborhoods of WildLeaf, Morningstar and Santa Rita will be the only ones rezoned to attend Santa Rita Elementary for the fall of 2020. Students residing in these three neighborhoods who are

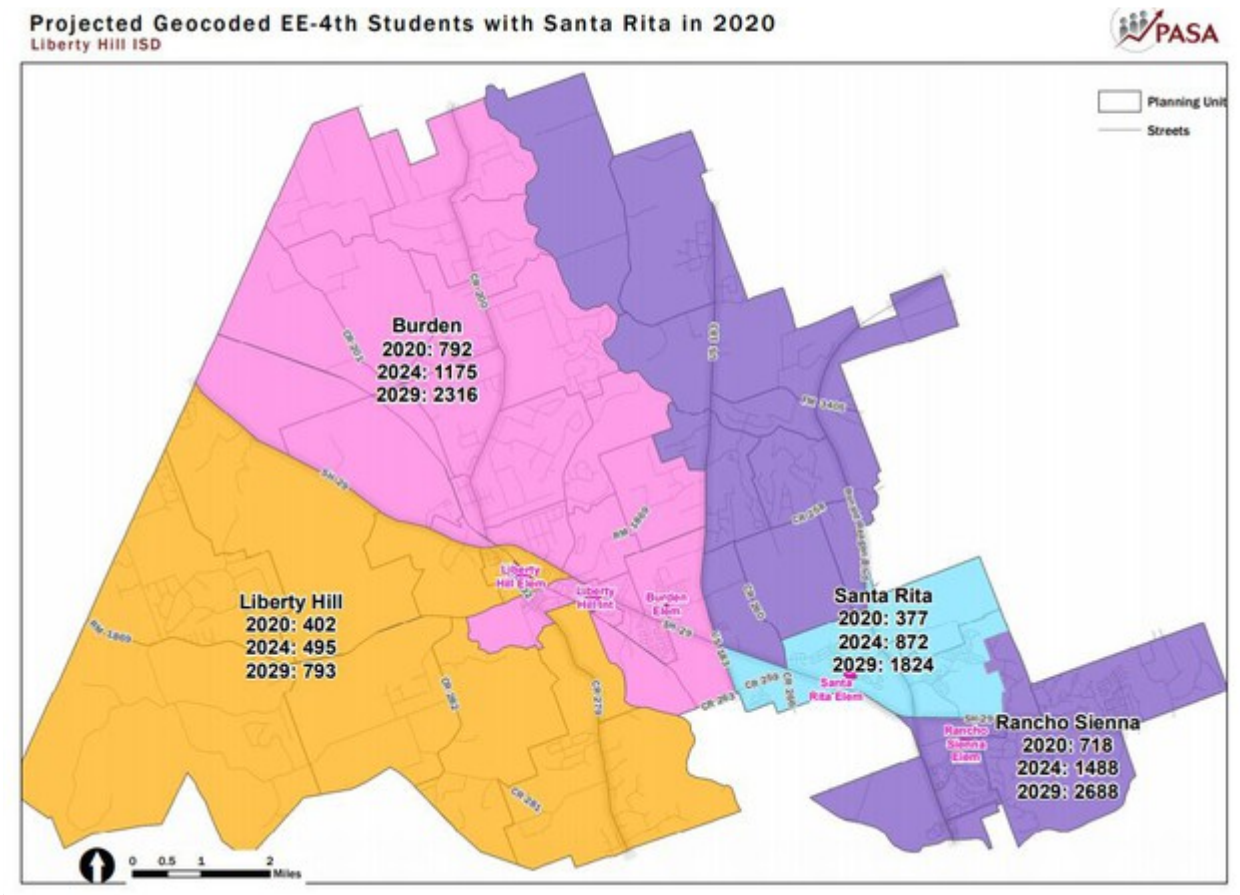
currently enrolled at Rancho Sienna Elementary, will automatically be transferred and enrolled at Santa Rita Elementary for August 2020.

Now that boundaries have been finalized, there will be more information coming out soon regarding online Kindergarten registration. Please keep your eye on the district web page for updates.

[New Attendance Zones A...](#)

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The School Board approved the new attendance zones for the elementary schools.



Changing Campus Next Year?? No Problem!

Students moving up to Liberty Hill Intermediate or transferring over to Santa Rita Elementary will have an easy transition to their new campus. Student enrollment on the new campus will happen automatically through Skyward over the summer. One less thing to worry about!!

Attention Current Out of District Transfer Students

The application is active on the website as of Monday, April 27, 2020, under Parents & Students - Student enrollment - Out of District Transfer Student. You may also click [HERE](#) to be directed to that page.

Current transfer students have until May 22, 2020, to submit an application. Families will be notified on June 10, 2020, of acceptance/denial for the 2020-2021 school year.

At this time, Liberty Hill ISD is not accepting new out of district transfer students.
If you have any questions, please call 512-260-5580 or email transfers@libertyhill.txed.net.

DO YOU HAVE LIBRARY BOOKS?
We'd love to take them off your hands!

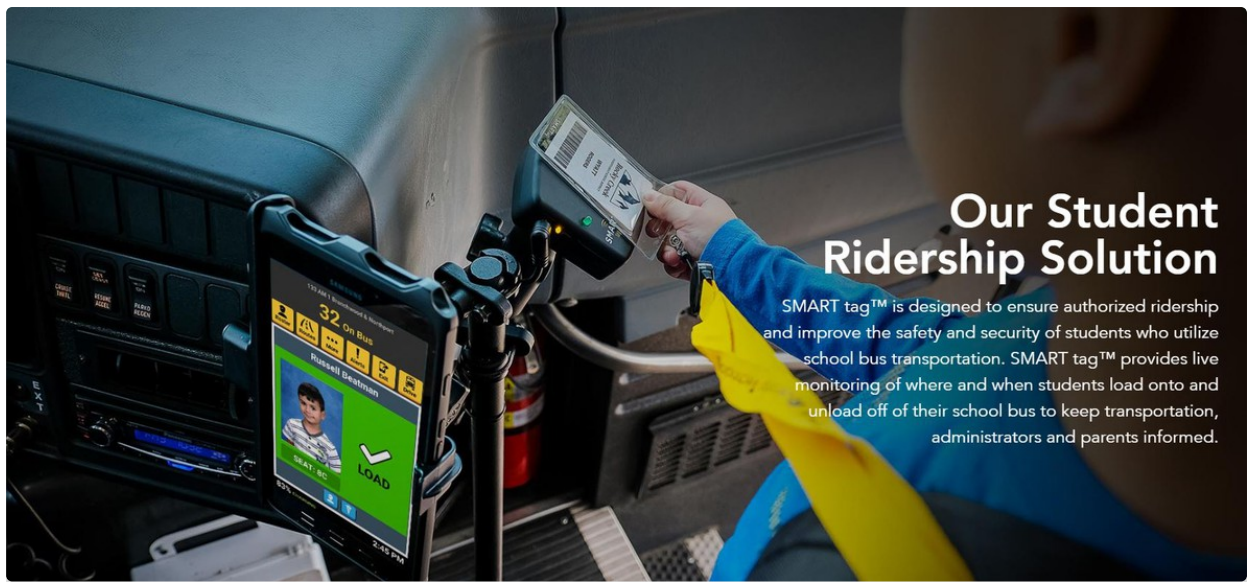
Library drop-off for each campus:

- Liberty Hill High School**
May 8 8-10:30am (Seniors only)
May 11 10am-1pm
May 12 3pm-6pm
- Liberty Hill Junior High**
May 13 & 14 7am-7pm
- Liberty Hill Intermediate**
May 6 9-11am
May 7 1-3pm
- Liberty Hill Elementary**
May 20 & 21 8am-3pm
- Bill Burden Elementary**
May 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 1-6pm
May 21 9am-12pm
May 22 1-4pm
- Rancho Sienna Elementary**
May 14 8am-3:30pm

LIBERTY HILL ISD LIBRARY SERVICES

Still have books?

Thanks to everyone that has already returned books to our libraries!! We still have 387 books that need to be returned. If you have some of these books at home, please keep them in a safe place and bring them with you when school opens. If you are moving, please email our Librarian, Amanda Flournoy to set up a drop-off time and location. afournoy@libertyhill.txed.net



Our Student Ridership Solution

SMART tag™ is designed to ensure authorized ridership and improve the safety and security of students who utilize school bus transportation. SMART tag™ provides live monitoring of where and when students load onto and unload off of their school bus to keep transportation, administrators and parents informed.

What do I do with my child's Smart Tag?

Smart Tags will actually be with your child long term as they are assigned to students by their district ID #. This number will stay the same until graduation. Please keep the tag in a safe place over the summer and be prepared to send it with your child when school starts in the fall.

🔗 Transportation / Smart Tag...

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May Character Trait- Determination

We are never too young to learn the value of **determination**. The video I'm sharing this week is one that I use every year with the older students for this character trait. It is powerful, and it brings tears to my eyes every single time I watch it (and I've watched it dozens of times!). While it's an ad created for Mother's Day, it applies equally as much to dads, teachers, anyone who is involved in your children's lives. Please take a minute to watch it with your kiddos and talk about the determination/grit they see in the video. You all have my heartfelt thanks for allowing your children to endure disappointments and downfalls – it is those experiences that allow children to grow in their determination. The sense of success children feel from that determination is like none other!

Thank You Mom - P&G Commercial (Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games)



May Determination Coloring Sheet.pdf

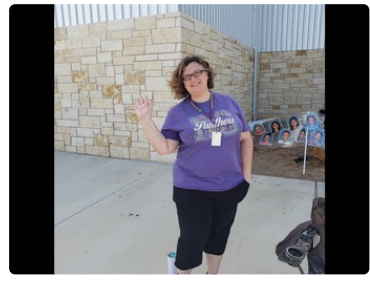


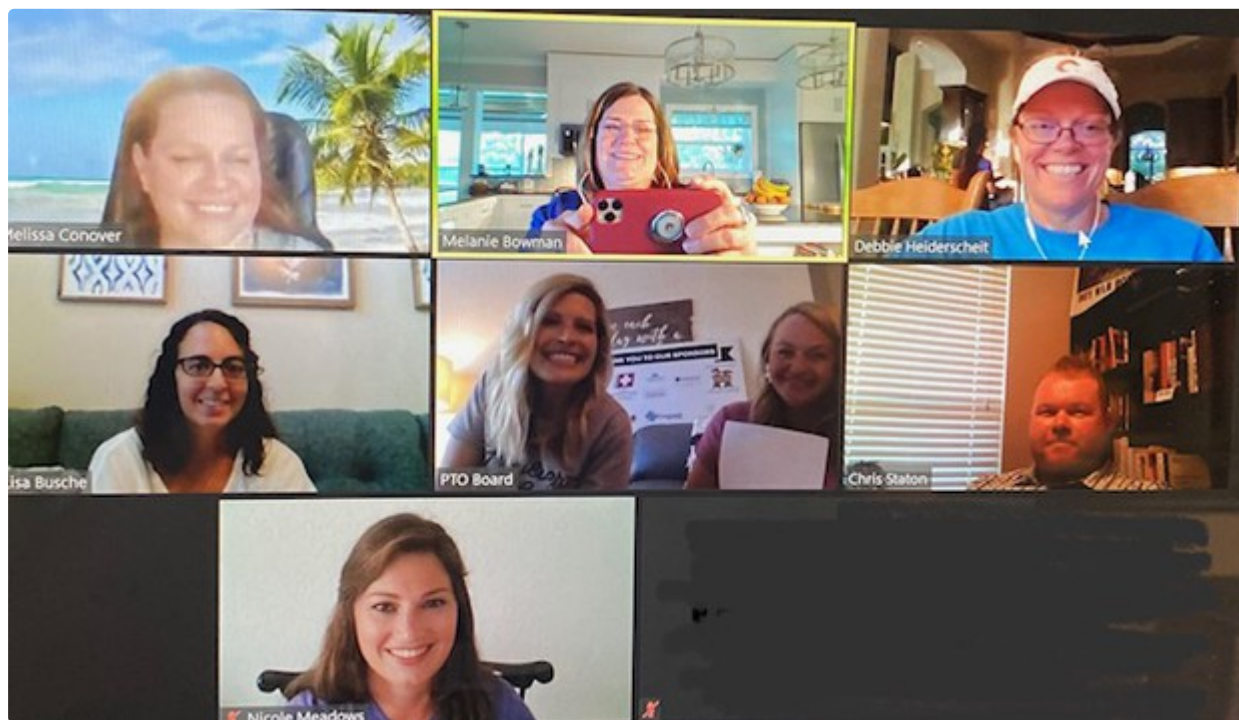
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Student Supply Pick Up!







Rancho Sienna PTO - Last Meeting Zoom Highlights

5-19-2020

Thanks to everyone that attended our virtual Zoom PTO meeting Tuesday evening. We had a great turnout for the election of our 2020-21 PTO Executive Board for Rancho Sienna Elementary.

2020-21 Rancho Sienna PTO

President - Debbie Heiderscheit

Vice President - Nicole Meadows

Secretary - Christina Hobbs

Treasurer - Chris Staton

Volunteer Coordinator - Lisa Busch

Santa Rita PTO

President - Missy Conover

(Other members pending)

Many, many thanks to this year's Executive Board!!

2019-20 Rancho Sienna PTO

President - Lisa Busch

Vice President - Michelle Hunt

Secretary - Christina Hobbs

Treasurer - Debbie Heiderscheidt

Volunteer Coordinator - Missy Conover

You have been a fun, dynamic and productive team. Here are some of the highlights of their support this year:

- Welcome Back Breakfast for Staff
- Spirit wear sales
- Restaurant/spirit nights
- Monthly Teacher Appreciation events
- Pizza Meal for all staff during Teacher Appreciation Week
- LH Christmas Parade
- Meals for students participating in the district UIL Meet
- Contributed to district-wide PTO Senior Scholarship
- Facilitated BoosterThon Fundraiser
- Never ending encouragement and support to staff, families and one another!

Projected funded through PTO:

- Audio/visual equipment for the gym
- Reading A to Z digital and classroom resources
- Student Audio Headsets
- Ukuleles for the Music classroom

Initiated Business/Community Partnerships (\$9K) Here are a couple of the gold sponsors:

- Student Planners - Goddard School
- Student Boosterthon Tshirts - Georgetown Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics

Still to come:

- Purchasing additional playground equipment
- Additional student Chromebooks/iPads
- Panther mascot costume

Thanks again to our awesome PTO for organizing all of these projects, and thanks to the many families that supported, donated and partnered with this team to make their efforts a success!



CALLING ALL DADS!!

We need your help! Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) are such an important part of our school days and our students' lives. Continuing our program and growing the number of Dads on campus at school is our goal!

The WatchDOGS program is overseen by a "Top Dog" volunteer who will partner with the principal and PTO to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for WatchDOGS to provide assistance at the school. If you would be interested in supporting RSE as Top Dog for the 2020-21 school year, please let us know [here](#).

[WatchDOGS FAQ](#)



RSE 4th Grade Farewell Messages

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVa6a_TLmAs

<https://flipgrid.com/flournoy3582>

RSE 4th grade team farewell message



Less Than 60 Yearbooks Left for Purchase!

We will continue sales through May 31st online to sell these remaining books. There will be a drive-through to pick up year books on Thursday, June 4 from 3-5:30 pm. Reserve your copy today at www.balfour.com before it's too late!



Fun and Free Summer Reading Program

This summer, keep both your body and brain active by running or walking 26.2 miles, and reading 26 books. Marathon Kids and Education Connection have teamed up to bring kids a fun summer challenge, Run and Read!

To get started, just fill out the form. Download a free Run and Read log, put it on the fridge, and get going. Before you know it, you'll have run—and read—a marathon!

<https://marathonkids.org/run-and-read/>

T-Shirt Winner - Panther Fighting Club



[TShirtContestAnnounceme...](#)

drive.google.com

Has your address changed or will you be moving this summer?

If your home address needs to be updated or you will be moving out of district, please email our Registrar, Beth Hart bhart@libertyhill.txed.net You will need to provide the following documentation to complete this request:

A VALID form of proof of residency is one that shows:

- the student's home address
- the student's primary legal guardian or parent name
- for **summer registration (June 10th - August 13th)**, is dated on or after June 1st of that summer
- for **registration during the school year (August 14th and ongoing)**, is currently dated and/or no more than 2 months old

Examples of VALID forms of proof of residency are:

- cable/internet bill
- water bill
- electric bill
- garbage and disposal bill

- landline phone bill
- closing documents
- *RV park bill (or an RV rental agreement)
- *current residential lease agreement

(*) **Any short term contracts or indefinite living arrangements may be subject to a home visit.**

Examples of INVALID forms of proof of residency are:

- water well bill
- home purchase agreement or contract ([learn about Advanced Enrollment requirements](#))
- builder's contract ([learn about Advanced Enrollment requirements](#))
- mortgage bill
- credit card bill
- property tax bill or statement
- mobile phone bill
- car/medical/fire/homeowners insurance bill
- HOA coupons or violation letters
- toll bills
- AirBnB receipts

<https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/Page/490>

PreK and Kinder Registration

[PreK Registration](#) opened May 4th

Stay tuned to the [LHISD Website](#) for information on Kindergarten Registration to begin soon. This was delayed pending the finalization of school attendance zones, but should go live in the next week or two.


Summer 2020 Reading List Resources

<https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/cms/lib/TX50000150/Centricity/ModuleInstance/60/Liberty%20Hill%20ISD%20Summer%20Reading%20Information.pdf>




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