

Rancho News

From The Principal's Desk

Looking Ahead

Sept 27 Morning Meeting PreK-1st Grades in the Gym 7:45-8:00
Sept 27 1st 6 Weeks Report Cards available on Skyward Home Access
Oct 1 CEIC - Campus Educational Improvement Committee 3:30-5:00 PM
Oct 4 Morning Meeting 2nd-4th Grades in the Gym 7:45-8:00
Oct 7 Boosterthon Begins
Oct 8 Flu Vaccination Clinic
Oct 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences/Student Holiday
Oct 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences/Student Holiday
Oct 18 Boosterthon Finale Fun Run K & 2nd 8-8:45 a.m., Pk & 3rd 9:15-10, 4th & 1st 10:15-11
Oct 21 Board Meeting 6-10
Oct 28 Red Ribbon Week Begins- More details to follow
Oct 31 Storybook Character Parade 8:00
Oct 31 Fall Fest during each students specials time
Nov 1 Red Ribbon Week Last Day



Free Flu Vaccination Clinic

Despite the hundred degree temperatures, Fall is here! with the change of the seasons comes additional illnesses, viruses, etc. While the timing of flu season is unpredictable, seasonal flu activity often begins to increase in October, most commonly peaks between December and February, but can last as late as May.

On Tuesday, October 8th 2019, Rancho Sienna will host an optional free flu vaccination clinic provided by Health Heroes of America. If you are wanting the flu vaccine for your child, you **MUST** provide the

consent form below to Nurse Carpenter. Unfortunately, the district is not using the same provider as last year, so a new form will have to be completed and provided to Nurse Carpenter in order to receive the vaccination.

Nurse Carpenter needs a few helpers during the flu vaccination clinic to gather/return students, and to help keep students calm and quiet during the process. Are you up for the challenge? If so, [sign up here](#) and give it a shot!

Please see additional information and access the consent forms below.

- ***Optional Free Flu Vaccines being offered for all students!***
- ***Provided by Health Heroes of America at Rancho Sienna Elementary on October 8th, 2019***
- ***Attached consent forms must be provided to Nurse Carpenter if wanting the flu vaccine***
- ***Any questions please contact Nurse Carpenter at 512-260-4457.***



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2019-2020 Flu Consent Form HHA PDF.pdf

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2019-2020 Flu Consent Form HHA in Spanish PDF.pdf

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Santa Is Coming To Rancho Sienna Elementary!

Rancho Sienna Elementary Christmas Shopping Event

Come join us at RSES and let your kids visit with Santa and get their photo taken with him, or get their face painted while you get some early Christmas shopping done. There will be amazing, one of a kind, and handmade gifts that support local businesses.

There will also be many items to win in the raffle!

Waffle Love ATX, TX Spitfire BBQ, and Kona Cocoa food trucks will be on site for purchase!

Admission is completely free so bring the whole family! Come shop over 65 vendors, take pictures with Santa, enjoy a holiday treat, and make merry memories.



New Walker Route Begins Today

In order to promote safety for our students, we have created an additional GREEN walker route from the campus which will take students back west along Bonnet Blvd. Please see the map for the location where students will be released. Students in the GREEN line will **not** cross Bonnet Blvd. As always, all students will be escorted by a RSES staff member to their walker locations. Students that are in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade, **MUST** be met by an adult.



Dress Code Policy

A friendly reminder that the district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

1. Apparel and/or accessories that contain references to race, alcohol products, tobacco products, drugs, sex, vulgarity, death, suicide, the occult, or violence – either explicitly or by innuendo – are prohibited.
2. Apparel and/or accessories that denote gang related association are prohibited (i.e., rags, bandannas, shirts draped over the shoulder, shaved/notched eyebrows, or other physical alterations as identified by local law enforcement).
3. Excessively worn, frayed, or altered clothing is prohibited.
4. Extreme hairstyles are prohibited (i.e., Mohawks, unusually or unnaturally colored hair, excessively spiked hair, etc.) and student's eyes must be visible.
5. Male's hair must be above the collar in back and midpoint of the ear.
6. Piercings are prohibited for males. Females may have piercings in the ear. Piercing retainers (clear studs) and covering piercing jewelry with tape or bandage are prohibited. Gauges are prohibited.
7. Caps, hats, head coverings, and/or dark glasses are prohibited inside the building.
8. Strapless, spaghetti strap, plunging, and low cut tops are prohibited.
9. Trench coats are prohibited at school and school functions.
10. Pants must be size appropriate and worn at the natural waistline. No sagging pants. Clothing must not reveal underwear.
11. Shorts, skirts, and/or dresses must be longer than the student's fingertips when arms are fully extended down the sides of the body. Yoga pants and leggings must be covered by a shirt, skirt, or dress that is longer than the student's fingertips when arms are fully extended down the sides of the body.
12. Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes and shoes with wheels are prohibited.
13. Dog collars, choker chains, spiked metal items (i.e., necklaces, wrist bands, etc.), safety pins, wallet chains, and/or chains on garments are prohibited.
14. The administration has the right to evaluate any current fashion or fad and determine whether or not it is appropriate for school. If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

For more information please click on the [Elementary Handbook](#).



Storybook Character Parade

At 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 31st, we will have our Storybook Character Parade. All costumes need to be associated with a book. This can be a book that students bring with them on that day, from the library, or one they write themselves, but all costumes must accompany a book. No masks, face paint, or scary/bloody/gory costumes please. Students should bring a change of clothes if their outfit will not allow for classroom learning and physical activity afterward. Parents wishing to just view the parade may enter through the front cafeteria doors for seating to view the parade procession. These guests will then exit those same doors and not have access to the building. If you are volunteering for Fall Fest on that day as well, you should plan to show your ID at the front office to receive your visitor/volunteer badge.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



Change to Attendance Communication

Beginning next week if your child is reported absent, parents will receive an automated phone call. The phone call will go to the primary contact. If there are more primary contacts listed for your child, each parent or family member will be notified.

Student growth is our biggest goal here at Rancho, and in order to achieve that goal, student daily attendance is a priority for continued success in school. When students are absent, tardy, or leave early, they accrue significant loss of imperative instructional time.

Our campus is open to students and families beginning at 7:15 a.m. daily.

All students that arrive between 7:15 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. will report to the gym except for Kindergarten. Kindergarten reports in the morning to the cafeteria. At 7:30 all students are escorted from the gym and cafeteria to their classrooms.

Our school day begins at 7:45 a.m. Any student that arrives after that time, must be checked in at the front office to receive their tardy slip. Please be aware that absences and tardies affect perfect attendance. Our attendance policy is as follows:

Tardy Procedures

A child will be considered tardy if they arrive after the 7:45 a.m. bell. **All late arrival students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be signing them in for the day. For the purpose of perfect attendance awards, 3 Tardies =1 absence.** When a student reaches 5 tardy's, the teacher will contact the parent to discuss attendance/tardy policies and to collaborate toward a solution.

Early Checkout Policy

Early Checkout Parents cannot pick up their child the last 15 minutes of the day. Leaving school early can be as detrimental to a child's education as being tardy. Please limit your early checkout to necessary appointments such as doctor or dental visits. **Your child will not be eligible for perfect attendance awards if he/she checks out early for reasons other than a medical appointment more than 3 times.** Early-outs will also be evaluated when considering Out-of-District transfer requests and/or renewals.

Parent's Note After an Absence

When a student must be absent from school, the student—upon returning to school—must bring a note, signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. **A note does not mean the absence is excused.**

Doctor's Note after an Absence for Illness

Upon return to school, a student absent for more than 3 consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's extended absence from school. Otherwise, the student's absence may be considered unexcused and, if so, would be considered to be in violation of compulsory attendance laws. Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or Campus Truancy Officer may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's absence from school in order to determine whether the absence or absences will be excused or unexcused.

Please click the link to access our [Elementary Handbook](#) to review our LHISD Elementary School policies and procedures.



Boosterthon Is Coming!

This year our campus Boosterthon will begin on Monday, October 7th. Our theme again this year is Wild West! YEE-HAW!! Boosterthon promotes community and builds school spirit, and most importantly, it gets students excited about raising money! Every student participates and earns prizes regardless of financial participation. We kick off this event with a pep rally that gets all students hyped about gathering pledges and helping out our school! Then every morning for 9 days, classes will meet for their morning huddles. These events will give students an opportunity to work as a team to solve mysteries, work on character building, and get super inspired to participate! Then on Friday, October 18th, will be our main event... THE FUN RUN! Students will arrive that day to see our outdoor play area transformed into a speedway! students will have an opportunity within their school day to go run their laps.

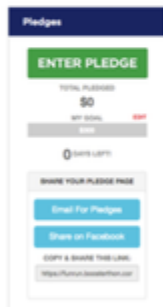
Below is information on how you can register your child, make personal pledges, and share with friends, family and loved ones, so that they can make pledges for your child as well!

Do you work for a company you think would be interested in making a pledge to our school? Or do you know a local business, or organization that may be interested in contributing a pledge? Once registered, you can share your pledge link to sponsors!

PLEDGING STARTS IN

ONE WEEK!

PARENT ACTION STEPS



1. Register your student(s) on [FUNRUN.COM](https://funrun.com) on **October 7th, 2019**.
2. Reach out to sponsors by sharing your pledge link!
3. All pledges and payments are made online.*
4. Cheer on your student at the **Boosterthon Fun Run** on **October 18th, 2019**.

RUN & DONE COLLECTIONS



EASY for everyone! Sponsors pledge and pay online, saving our volunteers 50+ hours and helping our school collect more pledges faster.



Sponsors can either make a pledge per lap or a flat donation. If they make a pledge per lap, their credit card is charged after the Event.

*Cash and check payments are still accepted. Must be turned in according to school policy. Your student will still not credit for the pledge or donation

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Help us reach our fundraising goal: **\$40,000**

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Thank you for your support of our school,

Rancho Sienna Elementary



Community Playground

Our Rancho family and community mean the world to us! We are so blessed that we are able to share our school playground after hours with you all. However, we have services that rent the space to use for after school care and student services until 5:30 p.m. After 5:30 p.m. the playground is open to the community and we invite you all to utilize that space. As always, thank you all for your support!



Panther Academy

- Panther Academy is a new community program created to provide further enrichment opportunities for our students of LHISD.
- These classes are taught by our LHISD staff members. Rancho Sienna will have it's own class offerings and new classes will form in the spring semester.
- All elementary classes will be from 3:30-4:30 pm at the assigned campuses.
- [Click here for more information and to register.](#)
- Check us out on [Facebook](#)
- Here are the classes offered at Rancho:

Rancho Sienna Elementary							
Class Title	Instructor	Week Day	Start Date	End Date	Grade Levels	Cost	Register Here
Archery 101	L. Scott	Tuesday	10/8/2019	11/19/2019	3-4	\$90 + \$10 (supply fee)	
Coding 1-2	A. Jalufka	Tuesday	10/8/2019	11/19/2019	1-2	\$90	
Coding 3-4	A. Jalufka	Wednesday	10/9/2019	11/20/2019	3-4	\$90	
Inspiring Values with Watercolor Techniques	J. Lorence	Monday	10/7/2019	11/18/2019	K-4	\$90 + \$10 (supply fee)	

Counselor's Corner

Courage – it's a powerful trait but isn't always easy to muster up. We want to have courage to try new things, courage to do what we know is the right thing, courage to stand up for others. Courage is our character trait for the month of October. Morning announcements, Encore, and character lessons with Ms. Payne will all center around this character trait for October. Please use the graphic and attached newsletters below for discussions at home. As always, we appreciate your support!



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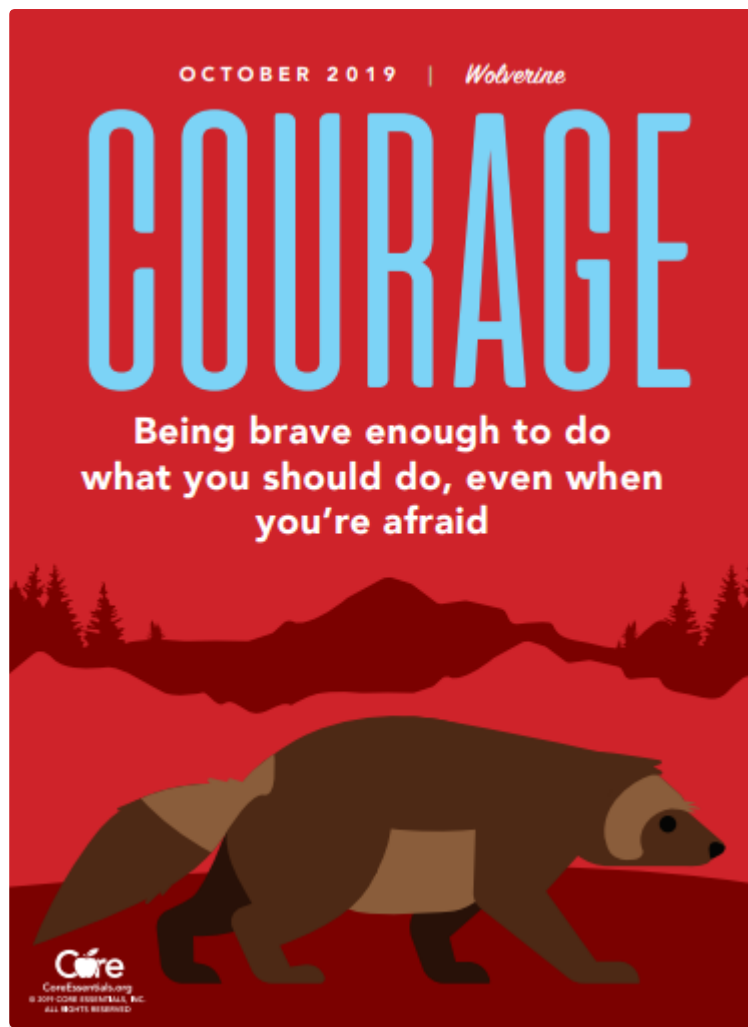
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September PTO Spotlight!

This week the Rancho PTO would like to thank Texas Custom RV Rentals for their contribution to Rancho Sienna's PTO organization! Thank you for being involved and serving within our community and school!



PTO Family Movie Night Success!

Thank you families for coming to join us for our family movie event last Friday! We had a packed house as families and loved ones got to watch The Lego Movie 2 together. Thank you all for supporting your Rancho PTO! We have more events coming this year for you all to enjoy!






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