

# Rancho News

From The Principal's Desk

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 12 3rd Grade to Scottish Rite Theater
- Dec. 12 1st Grade Music Program 6:00-7:00
- Dec. 13 Morning Meeting Grades 2nd-4th 7:45-8:00
- Dec. 13 RSE Paint Night
- Dec. 13 Christmas Movie Night at LHHS (info below)
- Dec. 16 RSE Student Council Meeting 3:00-4:00
- Dec. 16 LHISD Board Meeting 6:00-9:00 PM
- Dec. 17 RSE-CEIC Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Dec. 17 Pre-K Holiday Music Program 6:00-6:30 PM
- Dec. 19 Christmas Class Parties (see below for times)
- Dec. 20-Jan 6 Christmas Break
- Jan. 7 Students return to school



## Food Policy For Class Parties

We love to celebrate student birthdays and holidays here at Rancho! However, we do have birthday and class party policies in place to protect students who may have food allergies and policies regarding party invitations.

"BIRTHDAYS/CLASS PARTIES": Please coordinate with your child's teacher one week prior. Parents are welcome to bring commercially prepared baked goods or non edible 'goodies.' Treats will be shared at a prearranged day and time agreed upon by the teacher. Please do not send balloons or flowers to

your child's classroom as it causes a distraction to the instruction day. As a district we value inclusion of all. For this reason, IF you send birthday party invitations to school to be distributed, you **MUST** invite all students in the classroom."

All class holiday parties will be held on Thursday, December 19th. Please provide commercially prepared food items only. Homemade food items will not be distributed to students.

## **Holiday Party Grade Level Schedule**

All classroom Holiday parties will be held on Thursday, December 19th. Your child's teacher will be sending home more information.

<b>By Grade level</b>	
<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Party</b>
<b>Pre-K</b>	12:15-1:00
<b>Kindergarten</b>	11:15-12:00
<b>1st Grade</b>	11:45-12:30
<b>2nd Grade</b>	12:15-1:00
<b>3rd Grade</b>	12:45-1:30
<b>4th Grade</b>	1:15-2:00

## **Holiday Party RSVP "Fast Pass" & Checking Students Out Early Policy**

Rancho Sienna Families,

We invite you all to attend your child's classroom Holiday Party on Thursday, December 19th. Please remember all treats must be store bought items.

Due to class parties being at staggered times, we ask that all visitors enter the building through the north entrance located by the library and exit out the front entrance of the school when your child's class party is finished. This will help with the flow of traffic and to run the check-in and check-out system more smoothly.

If you plan to check your child out early from school, please plan to have them leave campus with you at that time. School-age siblings should not be checked out and then attend other class parties. If you will be checking out multiple children please wait until the end of the last party to check them all out.

If you request to check your child out early using the [RSVP request](#), you will receive an exit pass from your child's teacher after the party. When you are exiting the building out the front doors, you will be required to show your red "Student Exit Pass".

If you want to check your child out early and you have NOT completed the [RSVP request](#), you will need to go to the office to sign your child out. Then the office will call to the classroom to have your child released to the office. We realize this is an additional step, but it is important to ensure that students are always in the care of their teacher or an adult authorized to be in custody of the child. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

To expedite our process of checking family and friends in for school events and class parties, Rancho will continue to use our Google [RSVP "Fast Pass"](#) system. Before any large school event or class party, an RSVP "Fast Pass" will be sent out for you to fill out via email and parent newsletter. Filling out the form allows us to have your visitor badge pre-printed in advance of the day, so we can have them ready for you. This allows you to enter quickly with just the showing of your ID.

If your ID has already been scanned into our system this school year, your badge will be pre-printed but you will still be required to show your ID for entry. If your ID has never been scanned into our system this school year, you may want to drop by before the party or event, to scan it and expedite your entry. You must have your ID on the event day regardless if your badge is pre-printed or not. LHISD policy is "NO ID, No Entry". However, the RSVP process will speed along your entry.

THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY TOMORROW: Friday, December 13, 2019.

[Holiday Party RSVP Form](#)



# Future Chef

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**LH District Future Chef Event for Grades 3rd-5th**

Liberty Hill School District will be hosting their annual "Future Chef" event. This event is open to 3rd-5th graders and provides them a neat opportunity to put their culinary skills to the test!

At the main competition, judges will consider the following 7 criteria:

- Taste
- Originality
- Ease of Preparation
- Healthy Attributes
- Kid Appeal
- Plate Presentation
- Student Chef Presentation to Judges

If your child has an interest in cooking or baking, this opportunity is for them! Please see the attachment below for more information.



Future Chef Info\_2019.pdf

[Download](#)  
747.9 KB

## Counselor's Corner



# JOY

Finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way

## HOW YOU CAN SHOW JOY:

- Tell someone one thing you are grateful for.
  - Smile at people in the hallway.
  - Remind people of the "bright side".

## November "Honor" Winners

Our character trait for November was honor. Below are the RSES students that represented honor through their actions and/or words, and were nominated by their teachers to be the award recipients. Students were recognized at our Friday Morning Meetings on Nov 29th and Dec 6th.

Congratulations students!



**Texas Community Challenge #LHStrong**



[ittcommunitychallenge.com](http://ittcommunitychallenge.com)

#CommunityChallenge



STEP 1

Register or reactivate your account



STEP 2

Spread the word



STEP 3

Plan to help your community win!

**Register before January to earn more points for our community**  
**#LHchallenge**

## LH Challenge

The holidays are here with too many delicious foods and desserts! Perfect time to register for the *It's Time Texas Community Challenge*. The *It's Time Texas Community Challenge* is a statewide competition that inspires individuals, organizations, and cities across Texas to engage in healthy activities in support of a healthier community.

**Last year we gave up our first place crown and we're ready to get it back! This year we are partnering with the City of Liberty Hill so LH can win the Healthiest City and District!**

Help our district win by logging your healthy activities and uploading photos of your healthy self in action.

Let's all join together in promoting healthier choices in our community!!

It's free and easy to sign up at <http://ittcommunitychallenge.com>. REGISTER NOW to earn more for our district!!

You'll be entered to win prizes like gift cards, fitness equipment, and more!

**LHHS Student Council Offer Movie Night While Parents Shop**



**Santa Visits RSE families**



**Brown Santa**



**Brown Santa**

RSE students are excited to load the buses for the Brown Santa trip





### **Brown Santa**

Our students experience the joy of giving!



### **Staff Christmas Party Fun!**

Coach Scott and Ms. Henry win the 'Snowman Mummy' contest



### **Mrs. Bowman Helping A Student**

Flashback to teaching 4th grade math!

## **Lost and Found Overflowing!**

This time of year always tends to see more coats, scarves and jackets in our Lost and Found. With the weather bouncing between freezing and warm each day, we are seeing an incredible amount of these items left unclaimed. All lost and found items are accessible every day. Any items unclaimed when we leave for winter break next Friday will be donated to Operation Liberty Hill. Check your closet and make sure you aren't missing anything!



## **Lost Items on the Bus??**

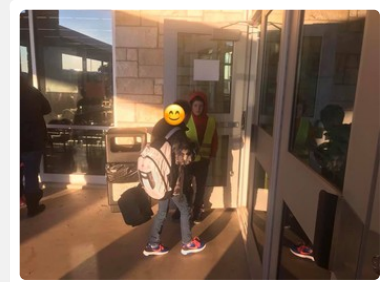
The LHISD Transportation Department has added a lost and found photo gallery on the [transportation website](#). Please take a peek at the photo gallery and see what's in there! We will be donating all of these items just before the holiday break in December. Thanks for your help!!!

## Panther Patrol Sign-In and Sign-Up

Does your child have upcoming Panther Patrol Duty? Panther Patrol members will arrive for duty at 7:15 when the doors open. They will report to the gym to pick up their safety vest and leave their belongings. Then they will locate their assigned duty on a chart posted in the gym. ***\*\*Parents please be mindful of the weather that day and help your child dress appropriately. Car line is the ONLY outside duty.*** Thank you!

If your 4th grade student is not already on Panther Patrol but would like to learn about this opportunity for the 2nd semester, applications are available from Coach Scott.

Please contact Coach Scott with any questions at [lscott@libertyhill.txed.net](mailto:lscott@libertyhill.txed.net)



## Rancho Momma Blessings

The stork has been visiting Rancho staff pretty regularly this school year. Join us in congratulating these beautiful ladies on their soon-to-be babies!



## EXPLORE UT

DISCOVER  
WHAT'S NEXT



Saturday, March 7, 2020  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free. No registration required.

[exploreut.utexas.edu](http://exploreut.utexas.edu)

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for **Explore UT 2020!**

Saturday, March 7, 2020  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The University of Texas at Austin

**FREE.** No registration required (except buses).

**Everyone is welcome.**

Start now to plan your trip to experience the excitement of learning and discovery on the UT Austin campus! Please visit the [Explore UT website](http://exploreut.utexas.edu) for more information on the day and to inform parents and invited adult supervisors who will accompany your students.

Download the flyer (English & Spanish) for more details. Look for full 2020 schedule and bus registration in January.

We look forward to hosting you and your students for a day of academic adventure!

For questions, contact [exploreut@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:exploreut@austin.utexas.edu)



## Screen Time and Language Development

Schools are having an influx of young children coming to school with language delays. Often it is simply lack of practice, interaction with peers and adults, and not enough exposure to literature. Find out more here about appropriate amounts of screen time on how you can support your child's language development.

<https://www.today.com/video/screen-time-may-be-reshaping-preschoolers-brains-new-study-says-72848453586?fbclid=IwAR3bDOPwIx1ptdakuapUGjdb6w8tCZtYe0yttTqS5h5q4r3nG9INHt9Gri8>



## RSE 2nd Grade Students Publish Letters to Santa

Our local newspaper, "The Liberty Hill Independent" will be publishing letters written to Santa by LHISD 2nd grade students on December 19th. You'll want to be sure to get a copy of it!

## Limited time to Order Yearbook 4th Grade Pridelines

RSES 4th Grade Pridelines!

Show your 4th grader how proud you are of them with a prideline ad. Yearbook ads are full color and will all be created online. Parents can go online, design their ad, pay and it will be delivered directly to the yearbook staff!

Cost of each Prideline: \$10

Deadline to Purchase: January 31st, 2020

1. Visit [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) and find your school
2. Shop Yearbook products and purchase the ad size you want
3. Create an account


4. Look for an email within 1 business day confirming your **Ad Workspace** is available
5. Log into your Balfour.com account and look under **My Orders** to design your ad
6. When you're ready, choose **Submit Your Ad** to send it to the yearbook staff



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