

Rancho News

From the Principal's Desk

Rancho News September 10, 2020

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Principal's
Message

Upcoming Events

Sept. 10 First Responders Day

Sept. 11 Patriot Day

Sept. 12 Grandparents Day

Sept. 14-21 In-Person/Remote Learner Parent Selection Changes for 2nd 6 Weeks

Sept. 17 Grade Level Newsletters Go Out to Families

Sept. 17 Student Progress Reports Go Home

Sept. 18 Fall Picture Day (In-Person Students - See info below for Remote Student Schedule)

Sept. 21 LHISD Board Meeting 6-10

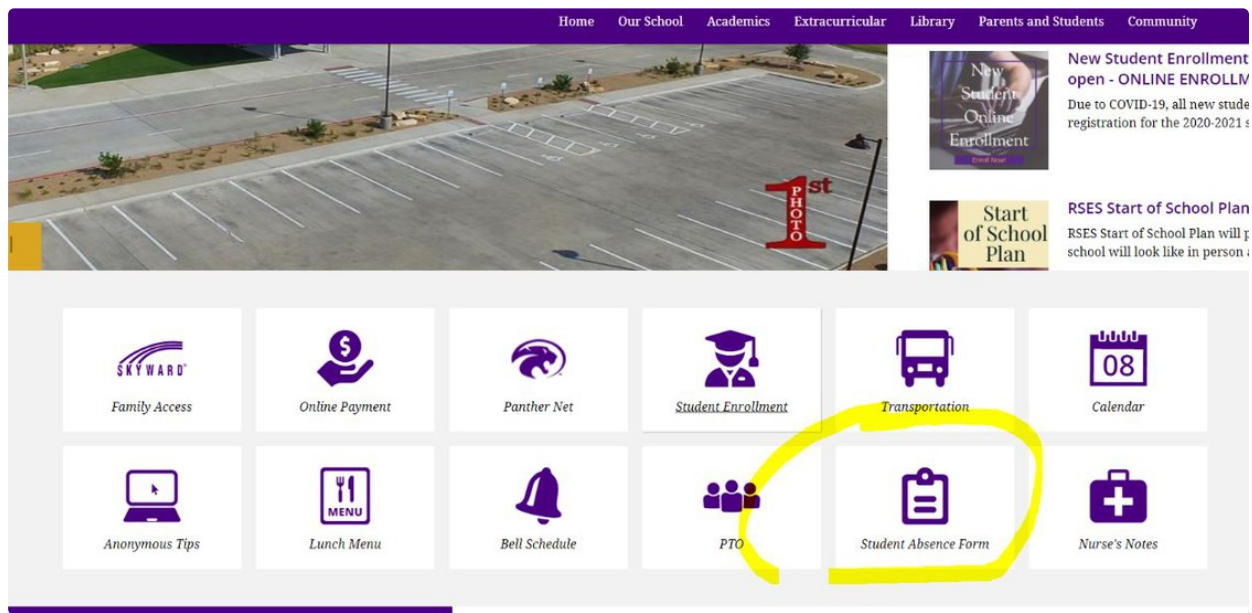
Sept. 21 Deadline for In-Person/Remote Learner Parent Selection Changes for 2nd 6 Weeks

Sept. 22 RSE PTO Virtual Meeting 6:30-7:30



District Communication Regarding COVID-19 Notifications

LHISD has a variety of approved communication channels to send and receive information to and from parents. Remind is one of the channels teachers currently use for classroom or extra-curricular communication. Beginning September 21st the Health Services department will be sending COVID-19 notifications to parents using Remind vs. Skyward or email. The district is moving to this platform as it's functionality will provide a faster and easier notification process for our Health Service team and parents during this challenging time. All campuses will be participating in this initiative.



Online Student Absence Form

You may now report a student absence online. If you visit our [Rancho Sienna District Page](#) at the bottom of the screen there is a 'Student Absence Form'. This allows you access to report your student absence at any time. The form also allows you to attach a personal or doctor's note.



Reporting an Absence, Doctor's & Parents Notes

To track the well-being of our students and to follow COVID-19 District guidelines, this year it is very important that health communication is being shared with our teachers and campus Nurse. If your child will be missing school due to other illness's or symptoms of COVID-19, please let your child's teacher and Nurse Carpenter know as soon as possible along with submitting a note upon your child's return to school.



COVID After Hours Reporting

LHISD and Rancho Sienna Elementary are committed to the safety, health and well-being of all students and district members. In an effort to support students and families after hours, LHISD has added the following resource to our district 'Return to Learn' resources.

The After Hours Positive COVID-19 Reporting Form has been added to the main [Return to Learn](#) website at the top right hand side, under the Family Updates button.

- Please complete [this form](#) should you receive information after 4:00 PM that your LHISD enrolled child tests Positive for COVID-19. All members of the same household should quarantine until further instruction from the LHISD Exposure Team or the local health department.



To accommodate our students both on campus and learning from home, we have created different picture day options as follows:

Students On Campus

Friday, Sept 18

Monday, Nov 30 (retakes)

Remote Students

(Enter and exit the cafeteria door along the front drive for pictures on the stage)

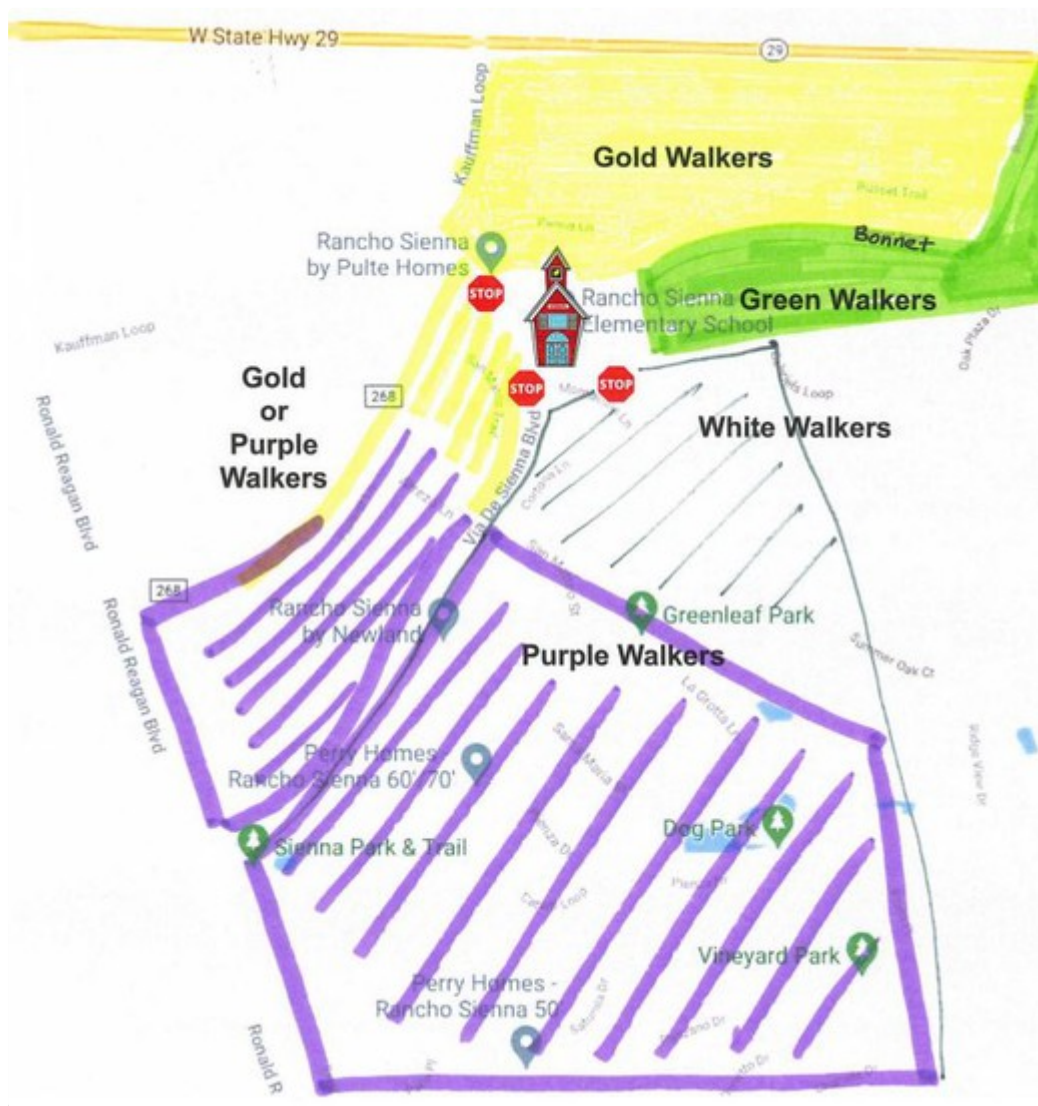
Monday, Nov 30 8-10 AM

Tuesday, Dec 1 5-7 PM

Does Your Child Walk Home from School??

Your child's safety is our first priority. Please ensure that your child is exiting the school property from the correct colored crosswalk. These color zones are designated to minimize crossing of major streets and direct students towards a crossing guard if needing to cross a street. Crossing guards are located at the STOP signs. You will see that parts of our neighborhood may select from different colors. However, we ask that student living on the north side of the Bonnet Blvd to be Gold Walkers and cross Bonnet Blvd with a crossing guard. If after reviewing this map you would like to make a color change, please complete a permanent transportation change request [here](#) and a new backpack tag to coordinate to their colored zone will be issued to your child.

We would ask that parents use the car line if driving to campus to pick up your student(s). Cars parked along the streets and near crossing guards during dismissal times limit the line of sight for cars in the car line and also put our students at risk who are walking. Our car line is fast and clear on most days by 3:15, so please utilize this pick up to help us keep our students safe.



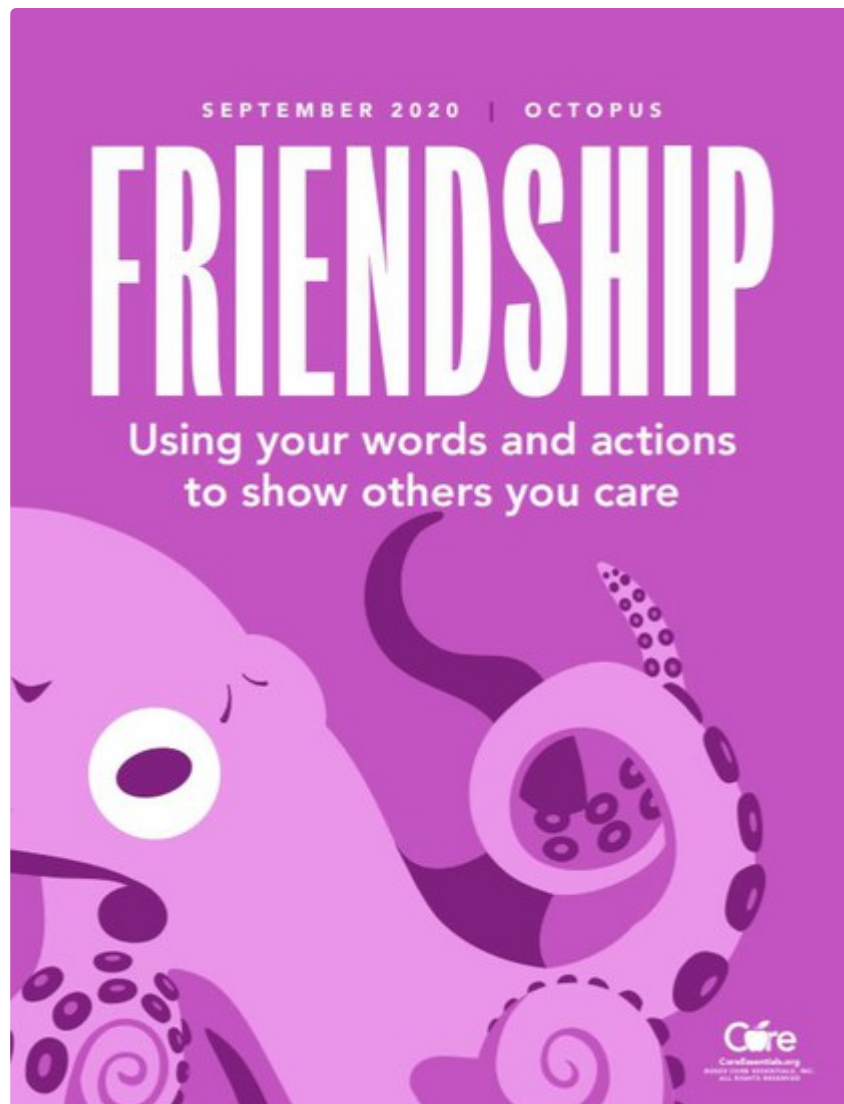
Learning Choices 2nd Six Weeks - Selection Opens Soon

The window to change your learning selection (In-School or Remote) for the 2nd Six Weeks will be open from Sept 14-21. Be looking for an email from the district if you would like to CHANGE your child to a different setting. If you do not wish to make a change for the 2nd Six Weeks, no action is required.

Need to make a transportation change?

Whether it is for one day or for a permanent change, go to the link on the RSE website: [Quick Access](#)
[Transportation Change Request](#)

Remember that same day changes must be received BEFORE 1 PM to this link.





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PTO Panther Pride

I invite you to learn more about the great things happening with our PTO in this months newsletter and thanks to all the families participating in Spirit Night with the Salt Lick tonight!



The Panther Pride PTO Newsletter

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PTO Meeting

We hope you will join us for our first General PTO meeting of the Rancho Sienna Elementary PTO for the 2020-2021 School Year!!

Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Join your voice with ours as we talk about the plans for the upcoming school year and vote on the 2020-2021 annual budget!!

Register as a member of the PTO **BY SEPTEMBER 8th** to be considered a "member in good standing." You must be a "member in good standing" to have voting rights at the September 22nd meeting!

Click [HERE](#) to join the Rancho Sienna PTO today!

Please note that this is will be a virtual meeting. Watch for information on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for more information on how to connect to the meeting.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Playground Canopies

Thank you Van Noy family for lending us your canopies for our playground! This will offer our students and staff shade on these hot Texas days while also allowing a place for our teachers to do some outdoor lessons. Your generosity is very much appreciated! Thank you!





Water For Our Students

Thank you Taylor family for organizing our Rancho water drive! Also, thank you to those families that have donated cases of water. Due to COVID19 guidelines, our water fountains can't be used, so this really helps us all out! Thank you for donation and for keeping our students hydrated! We thank you all!



Reusable Water Bottles Donated

Thanks to the Meurer, Van Noy and Oldis families as well as Texas Electric Cooperative and Farmer's Insurance for donating hundreds of reusable water bottles for our student! Thanks for ensuring that every student has their own bottle!



Panther Pit Crew

Thank you to our Panther Pit Crew for donating outdoor P.E. equipment for our staff and students to enjoy! They delivered wagons full of outdoor play equipment, fans, tents, sprayers, etc.! Thank you Panther Pit Crew for supporting Rancho Sienna Elementary and our P.E. staff!



Staff Lunches Provided

Thank you Holland family for providing our staff with a yummy lunch from Chick-fil-A! We appreciate it more than you know!

Also, thank you to the La Grange family for providing our staff lunch from Malted Grains during our professional development week! It was a much needed meal to get us through all of our planning and learning!

Congratulation to our Teacher and Para of the Month!

We are so proud to have some of the finest educators in LHISD and the state at Rancho Sienna Elementary. Join me in celebrating!

Teacher of the Month - Alicia Jiminez, 2nd Grade Teacher

Alicia is steadfast, hard working, and a dedicated teacher who always shows calm, love and confidence. She has been our champion since March with online learning and continues to guide our work online. She is a genuine gem!

Paraprofessional of the Month - Mari Parker, Receptionist

Mari was instrumental in getting the school year up and running. She willingly takes on many tasks with a smile and sense of humor. She goes above and beyond to meet the needs of kids and staff with the utmost Panther Pride!



'So Happy' App for School Menus

You can even link it to an Alexa account!



School Menus at your Fingertips!

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LHISD Fightin' Panther Club

What is the FPC?

The FPC is a privilege for students to be a part of in LHISD. It gives them the opportunity to be unified, show Panther Pride, and support all Panther Varsity sports! Purchasing a t-shirt will get your child into all **home varsity** LHISD sports for FREE! Your student will also have the chance to run across the football field at home games on Friday night.

Who is the FPC for?

The FPC is for all LHISD Elementary **PK-4th students**. Each campus has a specific color for their campus to easily recognize and differentiate at games. Rancho Sienna's T-Shirt is gray.

Parents and Siblings will have to purchase tickets at the gate. (Shirt only gets the elementary students in free)

Details on the Friday Night Home Football games:


- ★ The meeting location is on the North side of the field (entrance on the home side)
- ★ They will be required to get there 30 min. before the game starts. (this time may change and will be given to students the week of the game)
- ★ Students are divided by grade level and sit at a cone behind their grade level on the track, then will line up 4th grade first in the end zone to run.
- ★ Parents are **required** to be at the game to **pick up their child** after the run on the south side of the field.

Questions? Contact Coach Simpson at asimpson@libertyhill.txed.net




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