

# Rancho News

From the Principal's Desk

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 24 Morning Meeting- Grades PK-1 7:45-8
- Jan. 29 100th Day of School
- Jan. 31 Morning Meeting- Grades 2-4 7:45-8
- Feb. 3-7 Counselor Appreciation Week
- Feb. 3-28 Fitness Gram 3rd & 4th Grade
- Feb. 5 NP4H8 Meeting
- Feb. 7 Morning Meeting PK-1
- Feb. 14 Valentine Class Parties
- Feb. 14 Dancing Through the Decades
- Feb. 17 Student Holiday- President's Day
- Feb. 17 Board Meeting 6-10
- Feb. 18 CEIC Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Feb. 21 Morning Meeting Grades 2-4 7:45-8
- Feb. 27 2nd Grade Music Program 6-7
- Feb. 28 Morning Meeting PK-1 7:45-8

## Attendance During the Winter

Every winter, bad weather – ice, slush, freezing temperatures, and heavy rains— can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the colds, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months.

1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.
  - a. Check to see if your child can get a ride with other families who have a reliable car that can manage the snow.
  - b. Form a “walking school bus” with other families to get students to school safely.
  - c. Join other families in a snow shovel brigade to clear the sidewalks closest to the school.
  - d. Ask if school administrators have developed plans for transporting students.
2. Keep your children healthy.
  - a. Dress them warmly for the cold weather.
  - b. Stress the importance of eating a good breakfast every morning.
  - c. Stress hand washing, particularly in the winter months. Send your child to school with a small bottle of hand sanitizer. Research shows that something as simple as hand washing can improve attendance.

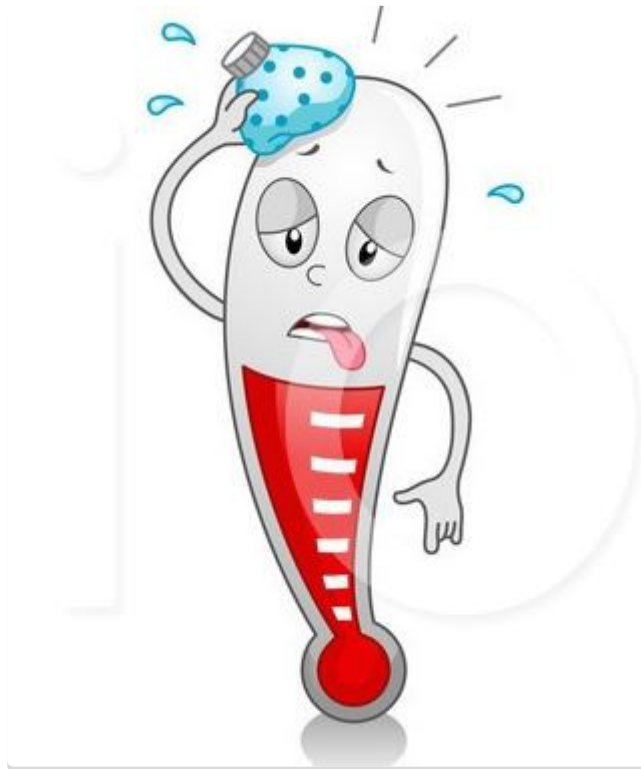
d. Talk to your doctor or school nurse about when a sick child should come to school. Most health providers allow a child to attend with a cold, but not with a fever.

## Fever & School Policy

It's the time of the year that viruses and illnesses such as the flu, stomach bug, and common cold are highly contagious and impact students and their attendance. Please remember that our district policy is that any child that has a fever must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. Below is our Elementary Handbook policy regarding fever and a link to access more information.

"Fever - A temperature of 100 degrees F or above orally, is considered a fever, and may indicate that your child has an infection. If a child's temperature goes up to 100 degrees or higher while he/she is at school, he/she will need to go home, and we will notify you as soon as possible. In case we are not able to notify you, an alternate person should be listed on your child's emergency card. If your child has a fever at home, we require that you keep him/her at home until the temperature has been normal for one full day (24 hours) without fever reducing medication."

For more information please reference [The Elementary Handbook](#) regarding our health related policies.





## Bus Lane Is Not For Student Drop-Off

Parents,

The back parking lot is **limited** to bus and ESLE drop-offs in the mornings. We have extended the front car line in order to speed up the drop-off process. We do not staff the back parking lot at a level to provide safe monitoring for parent drop-offs in addition to bus unloading. Additional vehicles also impede the efficiency of buses and the safety of our special needs students who unload in that area.

If your student is a neighborhood walker who enters through the back doors, he/she should be on the sidewalk beginning at the playground's edge, not crossing the parking lot. Additional vehicular traffic in that lot puts those students in danger as well. **Please use only the main front drop-off line for any drop-and-go needs in the mornings.**

If you wish to **park** in the back lot and **walk** your student **all the way** to the cafeteria doors, you may continue to do so. Please only **park** in designated parking spaces and cross only at the **crosswalk**. We have special needs students who must have access to handicapped parking spaces.

Students may unload in front of the school beginning at 7:15 each morning. Between 7:15-7:30, the line moves quickly with minimal or no delays. If you wish to bypass the slower line between 7:35-7:45, leaving home just a few minutes earlier can make a huge difference in the efficiency of your morning.

Thank you for doing your part to keep all of our Panthers safe!

# Valentine's Day PARTY

## **Valentine Party & Dancing Through the Decades - Parent RSVP Form**

Dear Rancho Families and Friends,

We invite you all to attend your child's classroom Valentine Party and Dancing through the Decades on Friday, February 14th. Please remember all treats must be store bought items. If you plan to check your child out early, they then need to leave campus. Once students have been checked out, they may not attend other parties on campus. If you will be checking out multiple children please wait until the last party to check them out.

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: Friday, February 7, 2020.

[Parent Valentine Party & Dancing Through the Decades RSVP "Fast Pass" Form](#)

#### Classroom Party Times

##### By Grade Level

Grade Level	Party Time
Pre-K	12:15-1:00
Kindergarten	8:45-9:30
1st Grade	9:30-10:15
2nd Grade	1:40- 2:25
3rd Grade	9:45-10:30
4th Grade	1:00-1:45

#### Dancing Through the Decades Times

##### Dancing Through the Decades By Grade Level

Grade Level	Dancing Time
Pre-K	11:25-12:15
Kindergarten	9:30-10:20
1st Grade	8:35-9:25
2nd Grade	12:50-1:40
3rd Grade	10:30-11:20
4th Grade	1:45-2:35

## Calling all dancers for Feb 14th Dancing Through the Decades!

Don't forget to dress up and join the fun!



## Rancho UIL Results

Rancho Rocked UIL!

Congratulations to students and coaches who participated in academic UIL contests! We garnered a 2nd place finish overall, close behind Bill Burden Elementary. Our students excelled in many areas. We

appreciate the time and commitment of all of our UIL participants and coaches. These students and teachers came to school early, stayed late, and worked hard to compete against hundreds of students from Liberty Hill (RSES, BBES, LHES), Taylor, and Salado.

We'd like to recognize these students who placed in their individual competitions:

#### 2nd Grade Music Memory

- 1st Place (tie): Aubrey Boyett
- 5th Place: Evelyn Peng

#### 2nd Grade Chess Puzzles

- Best Alternate: Kamdyn Rich

#### 2nd Grade Creative Writing

- 3rd Place: Paige Tingey

#### 2nd Grade Story Telling

- 2nd Place: Leah Jackson
- 5th Place (tie): Josie Hunt

#### 3rd Grade Music Memory

- 1st Place (tie): Aubrey Boyett
- 5th Place: Evelyn Peng

#### 3rd Grade Story Telling

- 3rd Place: Kinley Cearly
- 4th Place: Ava Van Noy
- Best Alternate: Alyson Miller

#### 3rd Grade Spelling

- 1st Place: Daniel Trotta
- 2nd Place: Madeleine Heiderscheit
- 3rd Place: Marley Cuculich
- Best Alternate: William Schultze

#### 3rd Grade Music Memory

- 2nd Place: Dyce Pleak

#### 3rd Grade Chess Puzzles

- Best Alternate: Sam Sladek

#### 3rd Grade Ready Writing

- 3rd Place: Gabriella Valdez

- 4th Place: Peyton Brown

#### 4th Grade Oral Reading

- 1st Place: Ashley Burnett
- 3rd Place: Oakley Pittman
- 4th Place: Caley Foster

#### 4th Grade Spelling

- 1st Place: Nina Gandy
- 3rd Place (tie): Mia Patel
- Best Alternate: Kaleb Min

#### 4th Grade Ready Writing

- 1st Place: Klaire Murphy

#### 4th Grade Art

- 1st Place (tie): Mia Patel
- 3rd Place (tie): Jack Holthaus
- 6th Place: Jane Streeter

#### 4th Grade Chess Puzzles

- 5th Place: Lily Rich

## UIL Champions!

We are so very proud of all the student who competed and staff that coached UIL this year. You did a FABULOUS job representing RSE and Liberty Hill. Your "SWAG" is showing!!





## Remind App

Great news! The district is moving forward to address the need for consistency within the district and to address the new TX Public Information Act -SB 944 when it comes to two-way communication with staff, parents, and students.

Remind will be one of the District's official messaging platforms. Remind is a messaging system that allows you to send quick messages via text, push notifications, or email and phone calls to members of the community, without revealing personal contact information.

This will be the official channel for our employees to communicate with parents, students, and staff **instead of texting on personal devices** to ensure we meet the legislative requirement of records retention, safety, and professionalism for all stakeholders.

Phone, email, Skyward, Blackboard (Admin), website (Campus), mobile app and in-person **will still remain options** of official district channels of communication. Teachers may still opt to use digital platforms such as ClassDoJo or SeeSaw for the time being as well.





## Panther Academy

Registration is now open for Panther Academy at Rancho Sienna Elementary. The purpose of Panther Academy is to provide further enrichment opportunities for students. Classes available are coding, archery, book club, picture writing, cup stacking, experimental drawing, and ukulele basics. These courses are taught by our LHISD staff members. Each campus in the district has different offerings and new courses will form each semester. Please note that the course at the high school includes grades 4 through 12. Here is the link to the [Panther Academy webpage](#).



RSES Panther Academy Course List



Download  
447.1 KB

## Counselor's Corner



# KNOWLEDGE

Learning something new so you can  
be better at whatever you do

## HOW YOU CAN SHOW KNOWLEDGE:

- Learn at least one new thing every day.
  - Learn to say "Hello" in three different languages.
  - Read a non-fiction book.
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*KNOWLEDGE is discovering something new so you can be better at whatever you do.*

With all there is to know and discover in the world, it can be overwhelming. But what if it's not about the facts we are learning? What if we believe that everything we learn makes us better at whatever we do? Instead of thinking of knowledge as something to gather and store up, think about it as helping you to get better at other things you like to do.

## **Santa Rita Elementary**

Stay tuned to the [campus webpage](#) in the near future for upcoming news and events.

Superintendent Snell is excited to announce Mrs. Kristine Kline as the new Principal of Santa Rita Elementary School. Her passion for students, dynamic personality & servant heart makes her a great addition to the Panther family. Welcome Mrs. Kristine Kline!



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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January 22, 2020



Liberty Hill ISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Mrs. Kristine Kline as the Principal of the new Santa Rita Elementary to open in the Fall of 2020.

Mrs. Kline has been an elementary principal for 14 years. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting from Tarleton State University and a Master's Degree in Education from Texas State University.

Mrs. Kline has served the last four and a half years, as the Principal at Laura Welch Bush Elementary in Leander ISD. Prior to becoming a principal, she taught preschool, second and fourth grades. Mrs. Kline is a collaborative leader who is passionate about setting up systems to ensure all students are learning and growing. She believes that a school should be an engaging and joyful learning environment.

Mrs. Kline and her husband have 5 children and 3 grandchildren. As empty-nesters, they are realizing their dream of living in a rural community. Mrs. Kline is honored to be named the Principal of Santa Rita Elementary and is thrilled to be a Panther!

Welcome, Kristine Kline to Liberty Hill Independent School District.

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## **Donuts for DOGS (Dads of Great Students)**

"Donuts with Dad" was an incredible event again this year. Thanks to Lead DOGS Mr. Russ Stanphill and Mr. David VanNoy for helping to plan and host this year. Thanks also to Mrs. Susan Hussey for picking up and delivering the yummy breakfast goodies from Round Rock Donuts at O'Dark-Thirty in the morning! A special thanks also goes out to Farmer's Insurance District 95 for partnering with us to fund the event.



## Launching the Next Generation

January is School Board Recognition Month. Here's to the best school board a district could ask for—y'all rock!! Thank you for leading LHISD and making it the place to be!



## **Student and Staff Champions for January 2020**

Congratulations to our student Champion of the Month, Marley Cuculich who was selected by her teachers for her personal drive, compassion for other and can-do attitude. Her ideas in class are incredible, and she is such a great role model for other students academically and socially. We are so proud of you Marley!

This month's ParaProfessional Champion is the fabulous Rebecca Lambert, Special Education Aide. Rebecca received this honor for her servant's heart. She is so great with the kids. She creates opportunities for students to be successful and celebrate their learning! Rebecca is truly dedicated to her students. She follows her schedule with fidelity and puts the needs of kiddos front and center! She was blessed with Baby Lauryn on Dec 30th!

Chelle Harrison, PreKindergarten Teacher is our well-deserved Teacher Champion of the Month for January. Chelle does so much for our staff and the community of Rancho Sienna Elementary. Her dedication and positivity have helped to shape the culture of our community. Chelle is the ultimate encourager. She is always lifting others up and helping them see their full potential, especially when they need it. She is a champion for our school in supporting a positive atmosphere.




## A Day in the Life at Rancho...

Rancho Sienna Elementary - Liberty Hill ISD




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