

# Rancho News

From The Principal's Desk



## The Best is Yet to Come!

Happy New Year! I would like to extend best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year. It's been wonderful to see all of our students, families, and staff back at school after a long, well deserved break.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to those that have joined the Rancho family recently. Your child's academic success, social-emotional welfare, and safety are our highest priority. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with questions or needs. Your voice is needed and appreciated.

Just a reminder that temperatures change quickly in Texas! Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed comfortably to play at recess time. Since the weather also warms up in the afternoons, be sure to check our Lost and Found by the cafeteria often for any missing coats, hats, and gloves.

January is UIL season, so good luck to our students as they prepare for their UIL academic competitions. Rancho students are always great ambassadors that represent themselves, their families, and our school with pride!

Thank you as always for your support and partnership. I invite you to check our social media pages to stay connected.

<https://www.facebook.com/lhisd.rses/>

[https://twitter.com/rancho\\_panthers](https://twitter.com/rancho_panthers)

<https://ranchosienna.ptboard.com/home>

Happy new year and blessings for a safe and prosperous 2020!

Go Panthers!

Melanie Bowman

Principal

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 10 Morning Meeting- Grades PK-1 7:45-8

Jan. 14 WatchD.O.G.S. Donuts With Dad 7-8

Jan. 14 2nd Grade Inner Space Cavern 8:30-2

Jan. 16-Feb 6 Skate Days Grades 3rd & 4th Only during P.E.

Jan. 17 Morning Meeting- Grades 2-4 7:45-8

Jan. 17 Spring Pictures 8-12

Jan. 17 Last Day to Return GT testing Consent Forms (All 2nd grade students)

Jan. 20 No School- MLK Holiday

Jan. 21 Board Meeting 6-10

Jan. 21 PTO Meeting 6:30-7:30

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



## Calling all Dads!

We welcome all Dads and GrandDads to join your student this coming Tuesday, January 14th between 7-8 AM for 'Donuts with Dads' hosted by our fabulous WatchDOGS team! In addition to a yummy breakfast treat and time with your son and/or daughter, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a day on campus this semester as a WatchDOGS volunteer. Donuts will be served in the cafeteria. Guests entering through the front cafe door or back bus line door will be able to enter the cafe only

without badging in through the office. Guests wishing to enter the building (outside of the cafeteria) should bring photo ID and sign in through the front office before entry. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!



Please make safety your first priority. No cell phone usage in posted school zones or in car drop-off and/or pick-up lines. We have noticed an increasing number of drivers on devices while coming through car lines or while waiting to load/unload their children. Please feel free to leave car lines to park in the lot if you must use your phone. Remember, it's not just a good idea. It's the law!



## Roller Skating 101

Skating 101 (3rd and 4th Grade Only)  
January 16-30 (PE Times)

In-line Skating 101 is an "in-school" field trip that allows teachers to enhance their curriculum during our regularly scheduled P.E. classes. The Skating 101 program costs \$10.00 per student for 3rd and 4th graders. This price includes all the equipment during the skating period.

Skating is a great sport that teaches skills such as safety gear, road safety and balance that students will use throughout their lifetime!

Questions? Contact Coach Gamez [cgamez@libertyhill.txed.net](mailto:cgamez@libertyhill.txed.net)



## Counselor's Corner

### January Character Trait

The animal is the Bighorn Sheep. These animals show the knowledge they have gained from their parents by migrating. Their parents teach them when they're young where to migrate for food, so that when they're grown, they know what to do. They use this to show that some knowledge we gain from learning in school and some knowledge is gained through living life (so to speak).

The color is YELLOW. This color is used to tell people to pay attention. In order to gain information, we must also pay attention, whether it's paying attention in class or in life in general - there's always something to learn!

JANUARY 2020 | *Bighorn Sheep*

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can be better at whatever you do



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## Crossing Guards

School crossing guards play an important role in the lives of children and their families who walk or bicycle to school. They help children safely cross the streets near campus as well as the car line at the front entry. They also remind drivers of the presence of pedestrians. A crossing guard plays another key function – a role model helping children develop the skills necessary to cross streets safely at all times. Parents...please support us in reinforcing safe habits for your children as you also observe and follow rules in crosswalks.



## Paper Recycling Coming Soon

LHISD will begin paper recycling on school campuses this semester. As we roll out this system, students will have opportunities to learn how the recycling process works, what materials can be recycled, and how to recycle properly.



## Morning Car Line Changes

Thanks to everyone's efforts to arrive at school on time! With an average of 250 cars dropping off students each morning, we appreciate your efforts to arrive early to ensure that your child is not tardy and enters the building by the 7:45. Student drop-off begins at 7:15 each morning, and we see that the line is shortest (and fastest) between 7:15-7:30 am. To help accommodate the number of vehicles driving through each morning, we will be extending the car drop off area to wrap the front driveway towards the library side entrance doors. A detailed map will be coming home by email to all families prior to the change with the specific start date. Thanks again for your continued support! #ArriveEarly



## It's not too late!

### Share Your Photos With Us!

TO UPLOAD PHOTOS FROM YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:

- Search for Balfour Image Share in your app marketplace
- Download the app and create your account:
  - o Enter your name, email and our project number **021760**
  - o Check your email for a confirmation code. Enter it, select a username & password to complete your registration.
- There is no upload code.

(OPTION: Point your web browser to [images.balfour.com](http://images.balfour.com) to upload photos from your computer.)

\*The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Image Reminders:

-Images should be in JPEG or PNG format, RGB

-Maximum file size is 20MB per image.

## Student Enrollment

Rancho Sienna Elementary continues to see high student enrollment with new home construction flourishing in surrounding neighborhoods. We have welcomed 66 new students since the beginning of the school year for a total present enrollment of 902 students. Please help me welcome our new families to RSE and to your surrounding neighborhoods.

## Santa Rita Elementary and School Bond Updates

For the latest information on LHISD School Bonds and the progress with Santa Rita Elementary, visit the LHISD webpage under the 'Community' tab. Then see the "2018 LHISD Bond Program". If you want to learn more, you are welcome to attend informal meetings with our Superintendent, Mr. Snell and project management consultants. These meetings are held from 5-6 pm prior to the monthly School Board Meeting at the district office. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 21st.

## Tips for School Attendance

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routines.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to their teachers, our school counselor, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

## Pets on School Grounds

Please be sure to have pets on a leash on school grounds, even on the playground. Also, please be sure to clean up after yourselves and your pets so that our playground is a fun and clean place for kids to play. Thank you!!



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