

Rancho News

From The Principal's Desk

Upcoming Dates

Oct 24 Morning Meeting 2nd-4th 7:45-8:00
Oct 24 1st Grade Field Trip
Oct 28 Red Ribbon Week Begins- More details to follow
Oct 31 Storybook Character Parade 8:00
Oct 31 Fall Fest during each grade level specials time
Nov 1 Red Ribbon Week Last Day
Nov 1 Fall Picture Retakes 8:00-11:00
Nov 1 Brown Santa Donation Window Opens
Nov 1 Morning Meeting PK - 1st 7:45-8:00
Nov 4 Student Council Meeting 3:00-4:00
Nov 4 3rd Grade Math District Assessment
Nov 4-8 District Benchmarks Grades 2-4
Nov 5 4th Grade Math District Assessment
Nov 5 Election Day
Nov 7 3rd Grade Music Program 6:00-7:00
Nov 8 Morning Meeting 2nd-4th Grade 7:45-8:00
Nov 11 Veterans Day Recognition at the Flagpole 8 AM
Nov 15 Morning Meeting PK & 1st
Nov 15 Pre-K Field Trip to the Austin Aquarium
Nov 15 LAST DAY for Thanksgiving Lunch RSVP



Fall Festival Volunteers

On Thursday, October 31st our P.E. department will be hosting our annual Rancho Fall Festival. All students will participate in fun activities during their specials block. Students will enjoy various

activities such as Candy Corn Ring Toss, Monster Feet Hopscotch, Pumpkin Tic Tac Toe, and MORE! If you would like to volunteer and support our P.E. department for Fall Fest, please [click here!](#)

DON'T BE TARDY...

Tardy Policy and Procedures

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

Our school day begins at 7:45 a.m. Any student that arrives after that time, must be checked in at the front office by a parent or adult 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 enter the building 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 tardies, the teacher will contact the parent to discuss attendance/tardy policies and to collaborate toward a solution.

Beginning **Monday, November 4th**, if your student arrives to campus after 7:45 a.m., you will be directed to park in the parking lot and walk your child inside to receive a tardy slip from the office.

Car drop-off lines between 7:15-7:30 a.m. are minimal. Plan to arrive early to ensure your child is not missing valuable instructional minutes each day.

Helpful Tips for AWESOME ATTENDANCE

- Remind your child that school is their first and most important job! Tardies and early release times can count as "parts of days".
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child so they are hearing the same thing at home that we are saying at school.
- If your child has a doctor/dentist appointment, he or she can still come to school before and after their appointment.
- If your student is running a fever, vomiting, or has diarrhea, he or she needs to be kept home. If she or he does not have any of these symptoms, please send him or her to school.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!



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 be accompanied by 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 in the cafeteria to view the parade procession. You will not need to sign in through the office for this. These guests will then exit those same doors, not having access to the building. If you are volunteering for Fall Fest on that day

as well, you should plan to come to the office prior to the parade to show your ID at the front office to receive your visitor/volunteer badge.



LHISD Child Nutrition Services

Check out the So Happy App for nutrition and allergen information!

Meal Accounts Skyward Family Access allows you to: View daily purchases See current food service balance Select an option to receive an email reminder when meal account has dropped below a set amount Deposit funds via credit/debit card or checking account Submit a free/reduced meal application Set limits for your students a la cart/snack purchases. Online payments:

<https://libertyhillisd.revtrak.net/> Please note that cafeterias only accept cash or checks Low & negative balances will be emailed weekly. Did You Know? All food and beverages sold in the Cafeteria are Smart Snack Approved. Smart Snack Standards are a Federal requirement for all food sold outside the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Snacks must meet nutrient standards for calories, sodium, sugar, and fat. A la carte items such as extra milk, ice cream, and snacks may be purchased if the student has a positive account balance. Please see the Texas Department of Agriculture website for more information & guidelines for approved snacks.

<http://www.squaremeals.org/programs/nationalschoollunchprogram/smartsnacks.aspx>



Child Nutrition

Please see the attached document to review information regarding cafeteria a la cart items, lunch prices, and how to access personal information regarding your child's lunch account through Skyward. Skyward access allows you to set limits on your child's lunch account so they can not overcharge and also allows you to make payments.



Child Nutrition- CNS Brochure (1).pdf

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School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Info

Liberty Hill ISD, School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a committee of community, parents, and district representatives who meet a minimum of once each quarter to provide advice to the district on coordinated school health services and its impact on student health and learning.

2019-2020 Meeting Dates:

December 2nd

February 10th

April 6th

6:00 pm LHISD Administration office

Please contact Chair, Heather Konescheck, with questions at hkonescheck@gmail.com

832-577-8816

Pre-K Meals Info

[Serving School Meals for Pre K](#)



Rancho Thanksgiving Lunch Event

Rancho families and friends, we invite you all to our annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, November 20th. We invite you to come join in the festivities and enjoy lunch with your child. More information will be coming home today in your student's take home folder.

We encourage you to pre-purchase your meal ticket for that day so that we can be prepared with enough for everyone and you will be able to skip the ticket line. Ticket information is in your child's folder. If you unable to pre-purchase, there will be a ticket sales table on the day of the event.

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" form 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 prior to the event and ready for you when you arrive. This allows you to enter quickly by just showing your ID.

In order to use the Fast Pass, your I.D. must have been scanned into our school system this year. If your ID has not 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.

Please fill out the [Thanksgiving RSVP](#) here!

Wellness Week is Next Week!

You will likely hear Red Ribbon Week and Wellness Week used interchangeably. While Red Ribbon Week tends to focus on all the things to stay away from, Wellness Week turns it into a positive by concentrating on things you **CAN** do to keep your mind and body healthy! This habit of self-care is a lifelong skill that is so necessary! Ask your kiddo to tell you some things they learned about to keep their mind and body healthy. Each day next week students will get to dress up and represent a form of self wellness! See the week schedule below.

Wellness Week

(also known as Red Ribbon Week)
October 28 – November 1








Monday
My future is bright because of my smart choices!
Wear sunglasses and your higher education shirt!

Tuesday
Panthers Paws-tively make healthy choices!
Wear your Panther gear!

Wednesday
I will exercise my dedication to a healthy body and mind!
Exercise to Go Noodle in class for 5 extra minutes!
Wear your work out wear (must be in dress code)!

Thursday
I'm not afraid to stand up for my healthy mind and body!
Wear your storybook character costume!

Friday
Heroes make great choices!
Wear a Super Hero or Camo shirt!



November Character Trait

November's character trait is **HONOR**. Honor is letting someone know that you see how valuable they really are. The color for honor is **GOLD**. Gold is associated with riches, wealth, and is a metal that has been valued for many years. The animal for honor is the **RHINOCEROS**. It will defend its territory and can charge other animals going 40 miles an hour in order to honor and protect its territory. Please see the attached newsletters to discuss the character trait of honor with your child and family.

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HONOR

Letting someone know you see
how valuable they really are



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English Honor Newsletter Nov19.pdf



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Child Anxiety & Mental Health

Tuesday night at Bill Burden Elementary, staff and families had the opportunity to listen to Megan Ibanez discuss children and anxiety. Ms. Ibanez discussed tools to support children and ways to help teach children how to manage their feelings and anxiety. If you were unable to make it, that's OK! We have attached the presentation for you view.



Children & Anxiety October 22 (2) (1).pptx

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Additional Bike Racks on Order

We love that many of our students ride their bikes to our school each day. To accommodate the large number of bike riders each day, additional bike racks have been ordered to be placed near the White and Green Walker exit locations. As soon as they arrive, we will get them installed. To ensure the safety of bikes and scooters, locks are recommended.

Free Community Event- Liberty Hill High School Fall Fest



Excited to Announce the First RSES Student Council

Student Council Sponsors, Mrs. Barrios-Garza and Mrs. Labay, have been working diligently to start Rancho's newest student leadership team. This student organization is intended to support the needs of our campus and student body while empowering our own student leaders. Throughout this school year they will have multiple opportunities to be involved, be a leader, and make a difference! StuCo members will have both privileges and responsibilities, and we are looking forward to a great year!

4th grade classes held student council elections and we are proud to share with you our 2019-20 representatives for each class:

- Barrios-Garza - Gracie Calvin, Ashley Burnett, Austin Edwards
- Billingsley - Oakley Pittman, Gideon Hemphill, Sutton Honnoll
- Coates - Bry Tuley, Saylor Singleton, Eilsey Moore
- Chapman - Bella Villarreal, Reid Robertson, Aly Tuley
- De La Pena - Daphne Traina, Cameron Alptekin, Gavyn Boydston
- Guillot - Paisley Allen, Ralph Falavinha, Hayden Harmon
- Labay - Tanner Tucker, Ava Boydston
- Sprinkle - Madelyn Ahern, Drew Langford Austin Huddleston

Additionally, interested StuCo members created a campaign video which was viewed by the entire student body. Following the election last week, Daphne Traina was elected President and Drew Langford was elected Vice President.

Congrats to all of these student Champions! I can't wait to see all that you accomplish!



53rd Annual Zilker Holiday Tree Coloring Contest

Would your child like to create an original version of the Zilker Holiday Tree? Read the attachments to find out more!



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Elementary School Handbook for Parents and Students

Please Update Contact Information

Parents and/or guardians may edit their contact information electronically in Skyward Family Home Access. By keeping your contact information updated, we will be better able to communicate from the campus and district level. <https://www.libertyhill.txed.net/Domain/255>

I Didn't Get My School Pictures!

Missing School Picture Order & Retakes

Parents if you are missing your child's fall pictures, please call 1st Photo at 512-610-9990. Also, fall picture retake day is 11/1/19.

Yearbook Art Cover

Congratulations to Drue Johnson and Violet Morgan. They are our yearbook art cover winners. Thanks to these ladies for helping create such a wonderful keepsake for all our students!



Rancho Sienna 2019-2020 Yearbook

Share Your Photos With Us for the Yearbook!

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 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.

Order Your 2019-2020 Rancho Sienna Elementary Yearbook!

This hard cover, all color yearbook is on sale for just \$22. The yearbooks will be delivered in May, but order now to reserve your copy!

Yearbooks will only be sold online. Go to www.balfour.com and type Rancho Sienna Elementary and select your school.

Purchase your book online using a credit or debit card.

The LAST DAY TO ORDER ONLINE will be May 3rd.

Price will increase to \$25 on January 1st. Any extra books will be sold in May for \$30 after pre-ordered books have been passed out. Order NOW for the lowest price!

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 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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