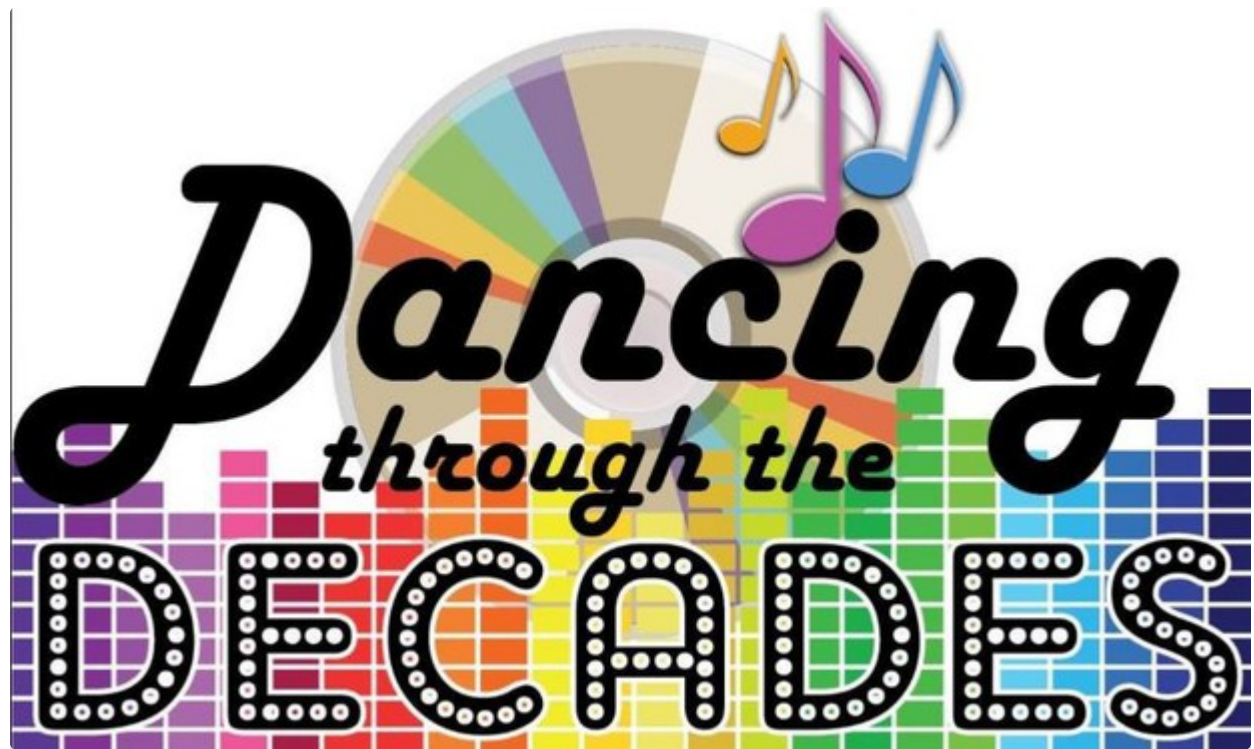


Rancho News

From the Principal's Desk

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 3-7 Counselor Appreciation Week
- Feb. 3-28 Fitness Gram 3rd & 4th Grade
- Feb. 5 NP4H8 Meeting 3:00-3:45
- Feb. 7 Morning Meeting PK-1 7:45-8
- 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





Valentine Party & Dancing Through the Decades RSVP

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](#)

Party Time Change for Pre-K Only

The Valentine party and Dancing Through the Decades time has changed for Pre-k only. They will be combined with the Kindergarten classes.

Valentine Party Times By Grade Level

Grade Level	Party Time
PK & 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 By Grade Level

Grade Level	Dancing Time
PK & 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

Attendance Matters



STRIVE TO BE ON TIME

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance

365 days in a calendar year

175 days not at school!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments



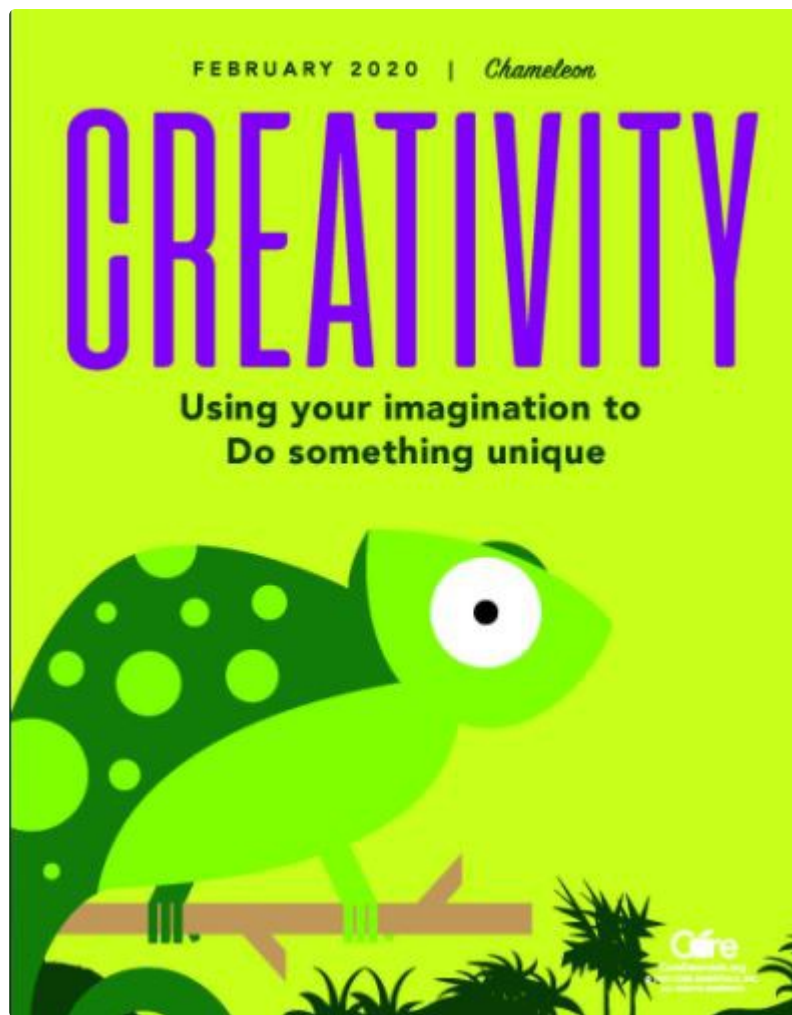


Panther Academy

Classes are starting next week and filling up fast! Don't miss out on the wonderful enrichment opportunities for your child!

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](#).

Counselor's Corner



February Character Trait Is Creativity

Creativity allows us to show our unique qualities! And it is our character trait for the month of February. It emphasizes using the imagination in all sorts of ways – art, music, movement, and writing to name a few. Exercising their imagination helps in processing their emotions and in problem-solving. Morning announcements and character lessons with Ms. Payne will center around this character trait. Please use the newsletter to start discussions at home. As always, I thank you for your support!



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Do you have a 4th Grader?

If so, the flyer below is for you! As hard as it is to believe, it's time to start thinking about next year! Please join the principal and counselor at Liberty Hill Intermediate School on Thursday, 2/20/20, at

6:00 in the gym. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about life as a 5th grader! Hope to see you there!

Attention 4th Grade Parents!

Informational Meeting for parents of all
incoming 5th grade students.

Thursday, February 20
6:00 pm in LHIS Gym



CAREER DAY



Career Day is rapidly approaching and we need YOUR experiences! Whether you are a nurse, mechanic, astronaut, custodian, serve in the military, or business owner- we need you! We are looking for a variety of people interested in spending a day talking to our students about their career. Many of our students are unaware of the career opportunities available to them and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first hand knowledge of potential career paths. This is also a great way for you to make an impact on the students' future. The presentations will be about 20 minutes each session and will be held in the morning on 4/9/2020. Many thanks!

If you, or someone you know, would like to be a presenter at our Career Day, please click [HERE](#) to fill out the form. Thank you so much!

STRATEGIC PLANNING

On January 23rd and 24th, a group of 50 comprised of community members, parents, staff, board members, and staff from each campus gathered in Liberty Hill for two days of strategic planning. The group was very passionate about the future of Liberty Hill ISD and the type of school district we aspire to become as we manage growth and leverage our resources towards the future.

The work was grounded in the beliefs set forth by the Board of Trustees and 6 Pillars (or Big Rocks) to build the strategic plan around.

LHISD Beliefs:

- We believe every child deserves the highest quality education
- We believe in the commitment and dedication to educating the whole child
- We believe in high expectations for student achievement and quality instruction
- We believe in attracting, retaining, and developing an effective and diverse staff
- We believe in providing a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff
- We believe in a unified community embracing collaborative partnerships with parents strengthens the education process
- We believe that a positive culture promotes learning for all stakeholders
- We believe that our students should be the basis of all decisions

LHISD Mission: The mission of Liberty Hill ISD is to build future-ready graduates empowered to be the best version of themselves.

Six Pillars

- Teaching and Learning
- Human Capital
- Culture
- Funding and Finance
- Facilities
- Communications/Community Engagement

Strategic Objectives and Strategies

The Strategic Planning committee took the six pillars and created a strategic objective and two strategies under each pillar. From there, we will generate Action Teams to take the work of the first committee and take the next step.

Teaching and Learning:

1. Create a system of learning that is flexible to serve all students.
 - 1.1 Design collaborative learning experiences that empower all students.
 - 1.2 Redefine the district-wide accountability system to provide specific, timely, and actionable feedback to enable students to take ownership of their learning.

Human Capital:

2. Ensure the highest quality staff through comprehensive recruitment and retention plans that emphasize a sense of community.
 - 2.1 Create an innovative recruitment plan that seeks candidates who embody the Panther teacher profile.
 - 2.2 Develop an innovative retention plan that offers tiered professional growth opportunities.

Culture:

3. Panther values and traditions identified and instilled to support the buy-in of the whole child connecting them to the entire district.
 - 3.1 Create a Panther Profile aligned to the values for all stakeholders.
 - 3.2 Develop a plan to carry on Panther values and profile perpetually.

Funding and Finance:

4. Through clear lines of vision, align future growth, funding, and the Liberty Hill ISD community.
 - 4.1 Develop a comprehensive plan for communicating financial needs to the community.
 - 4.2 Develop master plan principles as a governance structure over financial needs and obligations.

Facilities:

5. Plan to accommodate growth and the changing needs of Liberty Hill ISD.

5.1 Proactively use a variety of data sources to foster the creation of Liberty Hill ISD's facilities master plan.

Communications/Community Engagement:

6. We will have consistent and transparent district-wide communication for all stakeholders.
- 6.1 Implement a communications plan that will streamline information within the district.
- 6.2 Educate all district stakeholders of the district's goals, priorities, and programs.

The Next Step - Action Teams

Action Teams will be developed for each of the strategies to develop plans to make the strategy operational.

- Each pillar will have at least one action team and maybe some spin-off committees. These teams will consist of staff and community members.
- **If you have an interest in serving on an action team, please go to the link below and fill out the form or contact Donna Cox in the superintendent's office.**

As part of the Teaching and Learning pillar, LHISD is exploring P-Tech options. This planning will focus on the concept of "Student Agency" and incorporating interdisciplinary projects into the curriculum.

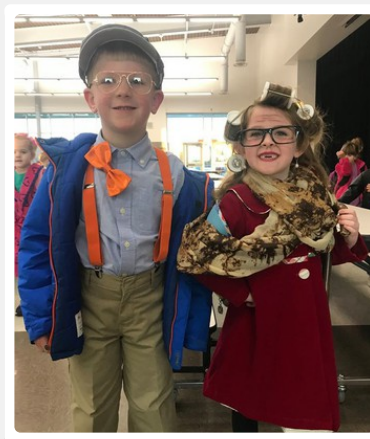
The district is also hosting Dell Educational Services to help lead students, parents, and teachers through a Dell Vision day. This day is designed to help LHISD talk through the classroom experience we want to create and what role technology will play in that future.

By the time the entire strategic planning process is over, I hope each member of our LHISD team and several community members have had a chance to participate and give input.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON AN ACTION TEAM - Click on this link and fill out the form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BYROEadlyELyVLl3unlVUtEDSy5c59wfs3PFhJTp8-Y/edit?ts=5e347855>

Student Celebrate 100 Days of School!



Your are Invited!

In honor of Read Across America, the staff at Rancho Sienna Elementary would like to invite your family to join us for an evening of reading. We ask that children are not left unattended and that once you enter a story room, you do not leave until the end of the time. There will be parent education tables for reading tips and ideas, along with fun reading crafts and activities between story times. You are welcome to wear comfy jammies.

To help us plan accordingly, ***please return the RSVP at the bottom of the page linked below to your child's teacher by Feb 12th.*** We are excited to see you at our first literacy night!



Fall In Love with Reading.pdf

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Future Chef Winners!

Congratulations to all the LHISD student Chef Champions!

Landon Johnson
Burden Elementary
4th

Haydon Harmon
Rancho Sienna Elementary
4th

Lillian Pazienza
Rancho Sienna Elementary
4th

Austin Andrews
LH Intermediate
5th

Kinsey Blaire
LH Elementary
4th


Lydia Jarvis
LH Elementary
4th



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