



Message from Mrs. Johnson, Director:

Have you wondered about the RSA Middle School Program? RSA's strives to meet its mission by utilizing a thematic instructional approach that daily incorporates the arts and builds global awareness through the through a variety of educational approaches designed for middle school students: Sequential English Language Arts reading and writing, continuing Mandarin foreign language development, participation in science labs, variety of historical references including interactive units and advanced mathematics classes to name just a few. RSA stands out in our educational community as a leader in:

1. Extensive visual and performing arts program for all grades;
2. Annual musical that rivals high school musical productions;
3. Middle School program that supports the academic, emotional and social needs of young adolescents;
4. Science lab that allows for hands on, multiple day experiments;
5. One to one computers for grades 4th – 8th grade;
6. Mandarin Language arts program that creates bilingual students who can speak, listen, read and write at high proficiency levels when entering high school;
7. Two all school theme days (Science and History) that offer unique experiences beyond the classroom instruction;
8. Field trip experiences for middle school students, WES Camp (6th), Theater Experience in Ashland or Sacramento, (7th) and Toyon Bay-Catalina Island Marine Institute Camp (8th) as well as field trips for science and social studies topics.
9. Amazing parent organizations that volunteer and financially support the educational and arts programs including several 8th grade scholarship to attend institutions of high learning;
10. Focus on sustainability through classroom lessons, recycling and gardening.

Save the Date

- 1/8 First day Back to School
- 1/14 Assembly, 10:00
- 1/14 TBC Executive Meeting, 3:45
- 1/15 Informational Tour, 9:30
- 1/17 PTC Executive Meeting, 7:45
- 1/17 Governing Board Meeting, 5:45
- 1/18 Musical @ David Marr, 7:00
- 1/19 Musical @ David Marr, 2:00, 7:00
- 1/21 No School
- 1/22 TBC General Meeting, 6:00
- 1/22 1st draw Application Deadline
- 1/23 School Show @ David Marr
- 1/24 School Show @ David Marr
- 1/25 Musical @ David Marr, 7:00
- 1/26 Musical @ David Marr, 2:00, 7:00
- 1/28 Assembly, 10:00

Would you like to know more about our middle school program that addresses the educational and social needs for adolescents? Come to our Middle School Info Night presentation on Feb. 6th at 6:30 in the Activity Center. There the teachers will share about this developmentally appropriate and nurturing environment for adolescents to thrive while learning and embracing the arts.

As RSA implements our educational mission, the school remains dedicated to the future of our adolescent students' education by creating a unique, safe, educational opportunity where students interested in visual or performing arts can thrive and grow as individuals to reach their full potential and succeed in life.



News from the Dean: January and February are our months to focus on the Character Trait: **Fairness**. Fairness means everyone has the same rules; you play by those rules and demonstrate impartial, unbiased, and equitable treatment of others. Likewise someone demonstrating **Fairness** will: Take turns and share • Be open minded • Listen to others • Not take advantage of others or blame others carelessly. The color we use to celebrate fairness is **Orange**: Think of dividing an orange into sections to share fairly with friends. You can help your child focus on Fairness by trying out some of these activities at home:

- Describe why rules are necessary when playing a game, or driving on the road- What would happen if there were no stop lights?
- Talk about how you see justice and fairness depicted on television.
- Talk about it: How is justice and fairness hard sometimes?
- Model Fairness through your own actions and words.



Building a child's character takes time and effort, but we know character counts — and your kids are counting on you.

"CHARACTER is doing the right thing when nobody's watching" J. C. Watts

General News

Flu & Cold Season: January is the time of year when it is common for germs and lice to easily spread. With the continued goal of student health in mind, RSA has shared some suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control website on effective hand washing techniques, preventing the spread of conjunctivitis, and effective treatment of head lice. Effective hand washing is the first line of defense in the fight against disease. Conjunctivitis and head lice are very common occurrences in school settings where many people gather together on a daily basis. Please visit as a family about being and staying healthy in the New Year. We hope you find these resources helpful!

<http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/conjunctivitis/about/prevention.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/treatment.html>

2019/2020 Sibling Enrollment: In preparation for the 2019/2020 school year, we are requesting current RSA families to submit their application for siblings of currently enrolled RSA students. Applications can be found on our website at www.rsarts.org. Sibling applications are encouraged to be submitted by January 22, 2019.

Library News: Wow! What an amazing Book Fair! Our goal for our fair was \$6000.00, and we ended the fair with over \$7000.00!! A huge thank you to our Co-chairs Anna Grady and Jennifer Holien and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped set up, run, and tear down the fair. Without our amazing volunteers none of this would be possible.

Yearbook Recognition Ads: Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. All ads must be created online. Please visit www.jostens.com for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zaniroli at szaniroli@rsarts.org. All ad orders must be placed online by February 1, 2019. **Yearbook Sales:** Yearbooks are on sale for \$35.00 (sibling yearbook \$30) at www.jostens.com.

Boots and Belles Dance: SAVE THE DATE! Redding School of the Arts' Glee Jr and Festival Choirs will be hosting our second Boots and Belles Dance Saturday, February 9 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in RSA's Activity Center. Please join us for a

fun evening with family. All students must be accompanied by an adult. This event is open to all RSA students and families. The funds raised benefit Glee Jr. and Festival Choir as they head to the Heritage Music Festival in May. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more if purchased by February 8. Dinner may be preordered for an additional \$5.00 per person. At the door, tickets are \$6.00 each or \$24.00 for a family of 4 or more. There will be a raffle drawing, photo booth to capture the memories and refreshments available for purchase. Hope to see you there! For more information email Mrs. Zaniroli at szaniroli@rsarts.org.

Committee News

Time spent at RSA committee meetings will qualify toward your family's volunteer hours. Don't forget to log your hours!

Governing Board Meeting: The next RSA Governing Board Meeting will be held Thursday, January 17th at 5:45pm in the Community Room. To read adopted minutes or review agendas, visit the RSA web site. You may also email the board with any concerns or questions you may have to rsartsboardmembers@gmail.com.

Parent Teacher Council: **SAVE THE DATE!!! March 9th 2019** Your Auction Committee is hard at work! The auction donation forms are ready and now on the RSA website under the Annual Auction tab! If you are out and about or traveling, take a minute to ask for a donation! Vacation Destinations are a great auction item! [Community Donation Form Final 2018.pdf](#). There is a form for the community as well as a family donation form. We ask that each family donate to the auction!! We cannot have a successful fundraiser without the entire school helping! [Family Auction Donation Form.pdf](#). Please feel free to contact Mari McCurdy chefmarim@gmail.com with any questions. As always, the Auction Committee thanks you for your support!

RSA's Family Skate Night: Friday, February 8th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at Viking Skate Country. Cost is \$1.00 per person (whether skating or not). As an example, a family of 5 pays \$5.00 Come enjoy this time of family fun and get to know other RSA families. **Thank You Parents:** We would also like to thank each RSA parent who has stepped up and helped make RSA the wonderful school that it is. Without your continued support and hard work to RSA, we could not do the things that we do! Please join us at our next PTC meeting on Thursday, January 24th at 8:00 am in the Community Room. We will have fresh coffee and pastries.

Theatre Booster Club: Join us at the David Marr Theater, 2200 Eureka Way in Redding, for 4 evening and 2 matinee performances: January 18th @ 7:00 pm, January 19th @ 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm, January 25th @ 7:00 pm and January 26th @ 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm. There will be extended photo opportunities with the cast after evening performances. Reserved seating is now available and shows often sell out before so act now to ensure a ticket to see this great show! Tickets on line are \$12.00 general admission, \$8.00 children and seniors. Tickets purchased at the door for all shows will be \$13.00 general admission and \$9.00 children and seniors. For Advance tickets on line go to: [https://rsamulan.bpt.me./](https://rsamulan.bpt.me/)

Directed by Hillary Rogerson, Redding School of the Arts takes on a Disney Classic and squeezes a little more magic into it. With a live Orffestra, directed by Tom Burkett, vocal direction by Dawn Hess, set design by Kate Lindberg and choreography by Amberly Steffenson, this dream team brings to the stage that little something extra that has earned RSA the reputation for excellence by turning a wonderful story into an amazing work of art. It is RSA's mission to teach our middle school students every aspect of show production. From the band in the pit, the design team making the sets, the crew running the stage, to the actors performing, our students literally run the show and do so with an amount of professionalism to rival any community theater or college quality production making this year's Mulan a must-see event.

Disney's
MULAN JR.



REDDING SCHOOL OF THE ARTS 2019

JANUARY 18, 19, 25 & 26

For Tickets & Info visit www.rsarts.org

DIRECTED BY HILLARY ROGERSON

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