



Message from Mrs. Johnson, Director:

Welcome to summer: We wish you all a very safe and enjoyable summer. Although rest and relaxation is fun we encourage your child to log in to their Moby Max or Lexia account. Be sure to visit the library where they have great books to read. Sincerely the RSA Staff! This month's news from the director contains several important topics regarding RSA updates, many thanks and items for next school year. You may want to take out your calendar to make some notes.

Combination Classes: Our team of administrators and teachers diligently worked together to make sure each child is placed in a class that will best meet their needs. You may find, next year, that your child has been placed in a class that is grouped differently. Sometimes these transitions are based on social factors and sometimes they are based on academic needs, but they are always made with your child's best interest in mind. We love your child and will always do the best that we can for them. See Q & A about RSA COMBINATION CLASSES for more information.

LCAP Public Hearing: Throughout the year, Administration has shared with stakeholders at PTC, TBC, staff, Instructional Leadership Team and Governing Board Meetings regarding student progress and the implementation of the 2017 LCAP report. Administration will be providing a final report in a public hearing at the RSA June Governing Board meeting, Thursday, June 14th meeting at 6:00 p.m. This public hearing will offer opportunities for the public to ask questions or comment on the LCAP for both 2017 and 2018.

Volunteering makes a difference at school: RSA believes that a strong educational program requires parent buy in and participation. Our parents are encouraged to volunteer up to 40 hours per year with various opportunities; in the classroom, on theme days, in the library, at the theater, or actively engaged in one of our many parent organizations to name just a few. RSA has amazing parents and community members that support our school. Did you know that for the November Science theme day 340 family and community members participated? The Earth Movers had over 110 volunteers. "Sleeping Beauty" musical volunteer teams were over 135 people. The PTC fundraising events - Fox Trot and Auction utilized around 100 (estimate based on volunteer logs) and these are only a few of the major events at the school! RSA's students and staff members benefit greatly from the expertise and willingness of our families and community.

When parents support their child's school with their time, talents and donations everyone wins. Thank you all for your generosity of time and talents for our students. A BIG thanks goes out to our different executive officers for TBC, PTC and Governing Board. We have appreciated your leadership for these important areas of the school. You are all amazing!

Chinese Sister School Visit: Shijiazhuang Shengshichang'an Primary School will be spending a long weekend with us beginning August 19. We will be taking them to historical sites such as Lassen National Park and Old Shasta as well as experiencing some "American" foods. Our first Monday assembly will be to honor our guests from China.

Fall Field Trip and Camp Out: Mark your calendar for our annual trek to the mountains. This year's trip will be to Hat Creek Campground as our base; it is just east of the Lassen Park entrance. RSA has reserved the group sites within the campground and to get your campsite contact Katie at kvernon@rsarts.org. See below more information. Intermediate grades and the Middle school students will be participating in educational activities and hikes within Lassen Park after the morning sing-a-long. Primary grades will remain at Hat Creek for Ancient Civilization Activities.

Spring Parent Survey 2018: Thank you to the families that completed the school survey. This information is being reviewed by the LCAP committee, administration, Governing Board and in the fall presented at various parent meetings. 84 families responded to the survey this year.

Save the Date

- 6/14 Governing Board Meeting, 5:45
- 8/10, 13 RSA Registration, 8:00-4:00
- 8/14 School Picnic, 5:00
- 8/16 First day of school, 8:00; Welcome Back school assembly 8:10
- 8/29 Back to School Night, 6:00

RSA Independent Study is adding options: Due to the change in state immunization requirements RSA has expanded the existing program adding a virtual school component to the current home school program. The virtual or traditional home school program is staffed with experienced teachers who are skilled at various grade levels and subjects who embrace the use of technology, hands on activities and a variety of interests to engage students in their learning. If you are interested in more information or know of someone looking for an independent learning opportunity visit the school's website for an application.

It's been an amazing year of learning and building community together. We wish your family a fun and restful summer and we will see you in August at the picnic.

School Start & Dismissal Times

School Begins at 8:00 a.m.

School Dismissal Times:
English Kindergarten at 1:15
Mandarin Kindergarten at 2:15
All Grades 1st - 3rd at 2:15
All Grades 4th - 8th at 3:00

Every Monday is a minimum day. Dismissal times will be 12:30 (K-3rd) and 1:00 (4-8th).



Come enjoy RSA's annual school picnic, you will be able to sign up for afterschool care, get information on after school activities, grab a 2018-19 driver application, buy a RSA shirt, eat some food from local food trucks, see your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher.

RSA's registration for student class schedule and Student packet pick-up this year!

- Parents/guardians will need to confirm their demographic & contact information prior to picking up class schedules at the picnic. **Information for this process will be sent to you in August.**
- On Friday, August 10th & Monday, August 13th we will be in Room 19 for you to come in and pick up your packet! In order to pick up your student's information you will be required to provide the printed "Online Registration Verification" sheet which will be at the end of the online confirmation process. Snapshots of this page are not accepted. Printers will be provided in Room 19 for your convenience! You will also need to review the front desk emergency card prior to receiving your packet (or complete one if you are a first time student to RSA)

Class schedules will be handed out on Tuesday, August 14th at the school picnic. The above process must be completed prior to receiving your student's schedule.



Hat Creek Fall Campout: RSA's annual campout is set for Friday, September 7th. The RSA campfire sing-along will be taking place at Hat Creek Campground. Families must reserve their own campsite. RSA has reserved Group Site 1 and Group Site 3 for families to use. Each group site will accommodate 50 people. The group sites are tent sites, cost \$10.00 per night, payable to RSA, and include shared picnic tables and BBQs. If you would like to use a Group Site for camping, please reserve your spot with Katie Vernon kvernon@rsarts.org. Families may choose to stay Thurs, Fri, Sat night or Fri and Sat night. There are also 58 individual tent and RV sites that are on a first come, first served basis. They cost \$16.00 per night and include a picnic table and BBQ. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/lassen/recarea/?recid=11425>.

Other Camping possibilities that are nearby:

- Hat Creek Resort and RV Park
<http://hatcreekresortrv.com/>
- Hat Creek Hereford Ranch RV Park and Campground
<http://www.hatcreekhierfordrv.com/>
- Rancheria RV Park
<http://www.rancheriarvpark.com/>
- Cave Campground
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/lassen/recarea/?recid=11421>
- Rocky Campground
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/lassen/recarea/?recid=11433>
- Bridge Campground
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/lassen/recarea/?recid=11418>

Please go to these Facebook pages to get updated on events and information at RSA!

- (RSA – School website) Arty Fox Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100013759244460>
- RSA PTC Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/RSA-PTC-Redding-School-of-the-Arts-Parent-Teacher-Club-239419886103037/>
- RSA TBC Facebook Page www.facebook.com/events/234587543627375

Q & A about RSA COMBINATION CLASSES

What is a combination class? To put it simply it is a class of students in which two grade levels are combined into one class. This configuration exists in many elementary schools throughout Redding and is a common occurrence, so it is important to understand why and how they are formed and how instruction works.

Why do we have combination classes? Combination classes are simply the result of how many students are enrolled at a given grade level for that school year. Numbers of students at one grade level do affect every other grade level in the school, so combination classes reflect the total school enrollment. A review of total enrollment by grade level is used to set up grade level configurations.

How are students assigned to combination classes? Once class configurations are developed, the Administration and teachers review all students at a particular grade level based on their professional assessment of where and with whom a child will have the greatest opportunity for success using test data and teacher observations. In all classrooms whether combination or single grade, there are students of varying ages, abilities, and achievement, as well as at different stages of physical, social, and emotional development. Within each class, students may be grouped and regrouped to meet individual needs, interests, and learning styles, or to capitalize on individual and group strengths. Each student is assigned to a class combination or single grade level only after careful thought and discussion by the director and teachers as to the best educational placement. Within a class of combined grades, students work towards the achievement of their grade-specific curriculum expectations and state standards.

How does instruction occur in combination classes? When common “big ideas” or skills are involved, all students in the class often work together, but at other times, instruction may be specific to each grade. Assessment, evaluation, and reporting are grade-specific.

How do combination classes differ from single level classes? In reality, they don't. Students assigned to combination classes receive the complete curriculum appropriate to their grade level, as do the students in single grade level classes. All students have opportunities to extend their learning based on individual abilities and achievement. All students have learning and play experiences in which they function independently or cooperatively in groups. In all classes, teachers will work with the whole class and at times work with students in small group or individually. A key component to a combination classroom is the emphasis on sense of community. The closer the community atmosphere, the more secure the children feel.

How does teacher planning occur to ensure grade level standards are met? Teachers collaborate with other staff, share resources, and coordinate timelines to ensure standard skills are met for both single-grade classes and combined grades.

Anticipated Class Combinations & Compositions for 2018-19

Grade Levels and Combinations	Teacher English Only Program	Grades Levels and Combinations	Teacher Mandarin Program
Kinder/ 1 st	Lynam	Kinder Mandarin	Newham/ Chen
2 nd /3 rd grade	Zimmerman	2 nd & 2 nd /3 rd grades	Schack/ Fan
3 rd /4 th grade	Krupit	3 rd / 4 th & 3 rd grades	Zaniroli/ Kang
4 th /5 th grade	Chain	Two 4 th /5 th grades	Nichols/ Song

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