

RSA NEWS!

MARCH 2019



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Message from Mrs. Johnson, Director: March is Art Education Month. RSA embraces an arts education approach that is integrated into the curriculum and for art's sake. As the school strives for a balanced exposure to dance, drama, music and visual art daily, the students experience a visual and performing arts (VAPA) curriculum that incorporates creativity, logical reasoning and an evaluation of their personal ideas into the world around them.

There is a large volume of research backing the importance of early exposure to VAPA. This research supports brain development through music, which promotes language, spatial – temporal and social skills. Among many educational benefits, visual art builds cognitive skills for pattern recognition, and symbolic recognition through observed or imagined mental representation. Dance combines body awareness and movement through coordination of the body, posture, balance perception as well as physical response to time and space. Lastly, drama promotes social skills, interpreting body language, development of voice tone and social interaction while tapping into imaginative play. As we prepare students for successful living in the world around us, VAPA develops a breadth of human experiences from cultures around the world, seeing various human expressions and interactions.

Currently RSA offers an array of visual and performing arts classes: General art, 3-D art, ceramic, painting, culinary arts, orchestra, beginning through advanced violin, general music, choral music, beginning drama, theater musical drama, tap, jazz, ballet, and contemporary dance and others depending on staff and student design.

This capacity of people, especially our students, to create and appreciate the arts is just one of many reasons to teach the arts in schools. RSA celebrates the importance of art in education throughout this month beginning with Open House and Celebration of the Arts. RSA's LCAP goal #2 emphasizes the value of attending school and growing as a productive contributor to the class, school and communities. RSA believes that a VAPA education brings pleasure into a student's day, enhancing their success in all subjects.

Snow Day Make-up: RSA will be adding Monday, April 22 as a make-up day for this instructional year. Please plan accordingly for your spring break to return to school on Monday, April 22. We will be applying for a Waiver for the two additional snow days and will not be making up those days.

News from the Dean: Our Character Trait for the Month of March is **Caring**. There are two components to **Caring** that define its spirit: Having concern for others and being charitable. You show concern for others by being compassionate, empathetic, kind, loving, and considerate. You are thankful and express gratitude for what people do for you and you forgive others for their shortcomings. Showing Charity means you give money, time, support, and comfort for the sake of making someone else's life better, not for praise or gratitude, and you help people in need. The color we use to celebrate caring is **red**: Think of a heart.

Caring is a powerful antidote to bullying. All bullying behaviors are uncaring in that they represent a disregard for how one's words and actions affect others. If students are taught to be kind and compassionate, a culture of caring will develop and bullying behaviors are less likely to emerge. Emphasizing the need for students to actively show caring can

Save the Date

- 3/1 Auction Committee Meeting, 8:00
- 3/4 Assembly, 10:00
- 3/5 Toyon Bay Parent Meeting, 5:30
- 3/6 Dine & Donate @ MOD Pizza, 4:00-8:00
- 3/7 Krupit Field Trip, 10:15-12:00
- 3/7 Governing Board Meeting, 5:45
- 3/8 Zaniroli/Kang Field Trip, 10:00-12:00
- 3/9 RSA Annual Auction @ Win River, 6:00
- 3/11 Assembly, 10:00
- 3/11 TBC Executive Meeting, 3:15
- 3/11-3/22 CAASPP Testing
- 3/12 Informational Tour, 9:30
- 3/12 Burkett Spring Concert, 6:30
- 3/17-3/23 8th Grade @ Toyon Bay
- 3/18-3/22 6th Grade @ WES Camp
- 3/19 TBC General Meeting, 6:00
- 3/21 PTC Executive Meeting, 7:45
- 3/25 Assembly, 10:00
- 3/27 Family Bingo Night @ RSA, 6:00-8:00
- 3/28 PTC General Meeting, 8:00



prevent bullying behaviors. Highlighting the need for students to be kind creates a climate unwelcoming to bullying and raises the self-esteem of those who may be targeted.

You can help your child better understand caring by trying out some of these activities at home:

- Model caring to your child; listen to them, be empathetic and describe your caring thoughts to them with details. "I'm so proud of you because..."
- Take your child with you and volunteer to serve at a local food bank or nursing home.
- When watching TV, play a game to see how many caring acts you see as well as every uncaring act you see. Tally your results and discuss whether this show supports your family's values.

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

Internet/Social Media Safety & MoMo Challenge Score: The MoMo Challenge scare has made its way to RSA. Students in almost every grade have heard something about it. Although we take every possible step to protect our students from the newest threat that is preying on our children, nothing will be more effective than parental awareness and vigilance to monitor your child's usage of the Internet, and help them to understand Internet and Social Media Safety. If interested, you can read more about the MoMo Challenge Score here: <https://en.calameo.com/books/004967893e65d5f197127>

General News

Library News: In honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2nd, we will be having a reading challenge for the entire month of March. The class with the most minutes read will earn an ice cream party. Please see your teacher regarding this exciting reading challenge.

Our school has applied for all students to receive a Shasta County library card. With a library card there will be many online services available to help support our curriculum, from homework help, data bases for research, eBooks, and so much more. Our library cards should be available next month. Save the date for our Spring Scholastic Book Fair which is scheduled for May 7th-10th. The Book Fair is a great opportunity to earn Scholastic dollars to buy equipment and books for our library. More details to follow! Thank you for all your support of our RSA Library. Happy Reading!

RSA's Annual Auction: Don't forget to purchase your auction tickets! Come support RSA and our 20th Birthday celebration! www.supportrsa.com. The Auction Committee still needs your donations! Please bring them to the front office (the donation box is to the right as you walk in)! Yellow slips are for your family's donations! There is a whole list of items that would be great items! Here are a few ideas for great baskets that are easy to put together!

[Auction Ideas #1.jpg](#) [Auction Ideas #2.jpg](#)

Glee Jr. and Festival Choir Fundraising: Glee Jr. and Festival Choir will be working to raise funds before heading to the Mouse's House for competition! There are several ways you can help support them and have a great time doing it! On March 6th, the choirs will be hosting a dine and donate at MOD Pizza from 4:00-8:00 pm. It is on a Wednesday and who wants to cook on Wednesdays?!? Grab your family and friends and head to MOD with the fundraiser flyer to skip dinner dishes and support these hard-working kids. Please be on the lookout for flyers coming home in the next few days. It is very important to have the flyer in hand; this flyer ensures a portion of the night's proceeds will help support these choral groups.

Bingo Night: Glee Jr. and Festival Choir will be hosting RSA's 1st annual Family BINGO Night. We couldn't be more excited about this evening! Please join us from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Activity Center for a spaghetti dinner and an evening of BINGO. There will be amazing prizes and great company. Please see a choir member to purchase your pre-ordered tickets for only \$10 per person or contact Shelby Price at 530-262-5259 or shelbyprice@msn.com for your tickets. Ticket may also be available at the door for an increased price of \$15.00 person. Bring your own dauber or purchase one at the door for \$1.00. We will also sell additional bingo cards to those that want to increase their odds each round for \$1.00 per card. Grab the kids and get ready for a great night!

Yearbooks for Sale: Yearbooks are selling out quickly. Don't miss your opportunity to own this year's book of memories throughout the year. Only \$40.00 through the month of April. Please visit www.jostens.com.

Pictures Needed: If you have any photos of this year's events, please email them to Mrs. Zaniroli at szaniroli@rsarts.org ASAP or upload them directly from your phone to our school's free app called RePlayIt. This is your chance to get your photos in the yearbook. We are especially in need of photos from the Talent Show and the Moon Festival. Deadline to submit photos is Monday, April 1st.

Pupil Mental Health Services, AB 2022: This law requires schools to provide mental health services information at least twice a year by at least two different methods. The law is intended to help bridge the gap between the need for pupil mental health services and pupils' lack of awareness of the available mental health resources, especially amongst youth in poverty or with non-English speaking parents. There are at least two ways to receive mental health services in Shasta County for our students and families: 1. Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency, https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/hhsa_index.aspx which provides a full spectrum of supports. Their phone numbers for immediate help are: 24-hr mental health 530-225-5252 or 888-385-5201; Suicide Help 800-273-TALK (8255). 2. RSA has supports through our Dean of Students and School Counselor. Students or parents may request mental health supports through the front office, notifying their classroom teacher, emailing Mrs. Wahl cwahl@rsarts.org or Mrs. Percia cpercia@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, March 7th at 5:45 p.m. 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: We will be holding our next PTC meeting on Thursday, March 28th at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Stop by for coffee, goodies and learn what the PTC is doing for our school. We hope to see many new faces! Thanks for being the best families, teachers and administrators a PTC could wish for. We love serving you!

Theatre Booster Club: The Mulan Musical is finished! Thank you everyone for your hard work on Mulan. We are grateful for the Cast, Crew, Orffestra, Set Design, Parents, Volunteers and Teachers. Without all the help and support we could not have pulled it off. The show was awesome! Thank you everyone who worked on Mulan! Next year's show has been officially announced: Disney's Frozen! We are very excited for the 2020 musical. If you worked on a committee for Mulan and haven't done so yet, please turn in all receipts ASAP so we can reimburse you and finalize our numbers. The next TBC Executive meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th at 3:15 p.m. The TBC General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. All are welcome to attend the general meeting to hear more about the preparations for next year's musical.