



Message from Mrs. Johnson, Director:

May is a big finance month for RSA. Educational plans are completed and costs associated with implementation are finalized. Staff determinations based on the educational programs and RSA mission are developed and secured. Employer and employee costs estimates are analyzed for budget impact. Finally, reviews of overhead costs for current year are used to calculate next year's estimates. All the associated costs are gathered for the finance committee to review and develop the budget for 2017 – 18.

RSA, along with all public schools, are facing significant employer costs. With incremental annual increases, the CA government is requiring public agencies to contribute more towards their employee retirement costs (STRS and PERS). By 2020 schools will be required to contribute 19+% of the employees' STRS or PERS. In comparison, last year, RSA contributed approximately 10%. Currently, the government will not be providing additional funds to meet those rising employer costs. It becomes the school's fiscal challenge to implement the increased employer costs and maintain the mission of the school.

Our Governance Board has wrestled with revenue/ expenses versus mission of the school during this school year to ensure our visual and performing arts mission continues as a cornerstone to our educational program (visual and performing arts includes dance, theater, music and visual art). After careful consideration of many current educational programs, such as After School Care, elective classes with student participation or ½ classes attending music classes, the board approved changes to the enrichment wheel, electives and elementary music program. The enrichment wheel and music will share a split time slot during the week so that students in grades kinder – third will experience the full VAPA program. This will result in a shortened day for these classes. **Primary (K-3rd) students will be dismissed 15 minutes earlier in their day – English kinder at 1:15 and remaining primary grades 2:15.** Grades four through eight students will have no changes for the next school year.

RSA believes that arts do make a positive, significant impact on a child's life. Through the commitment of our outstanding instructional and support staff as well as our interdisciplinary educational approach that we are able to provide the best educational practices for the retention and exploration of new information provided to students. RSA's Governing Board will continue to monitor the fiscal health and educational programs of RSA to maximize meeting state guidelines in both areas. Nevertheless, RSA remains committed to our goal of an educational program that connects daily with VAPA.

For additional fiscal information or to serve on the Finance Committee please contact Mr. Odd Rustand, Director of Business and HR.

Save the Date

- 5/2 Lottery, 4:00
- 5/1-5/5 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8 Spring Serenade, 6:30
- 5/8 Assembly, 8:10
- 5/8 Bike tune up day, 1:00-2:30
- 5/9-5/12 Book Fair, 7:30-5:30
- 5/10 Bike to School Day, 7:00
- 5/10 7th Grade to Ashland Trip, 8:30-6:30
- 5/10 TBC Executive Meeting, 3:15
- 5/10 Walker Performance, 6:30
- 5/15 YCT Testing
- 5/16 TBC Meeting, 6:00
- 5/17 Joust Performance, 6:30
- 5/18 PTC Executive Meeting, 7:45
- 5/18 Governing Board Meeting, 5:45
- 5/19 Assembly, 8:10
- 5/19 Theme Day – Minimum Day
- 5/22 Assembly, 8:10
- 5/25 PTC Meeting, 8:00
- 5/25 Spring Recital, 6:30
- 5/25 Dragon Boat Festival, 9:30
- 5/26 8th Grade Class Trip, Whiskeytown
- 5/29 No School – Memorial Day
- 5/30 Assembly, 8:10
- 5/30 Honor Roll, Trimester Awards
- 5/30 8th Grade showcase, 9:00
- 5/30 Minimum Day
- 5/30 Water Works park family night, 6:30
- 5/31 8th grade promotion, 6:30
- 5/31 Minimum Day
- 6/1 Assembly, 8:10
- 6/1 Last Day of school – Water Day – Minimum Day

News from Mrs. Wahl, Dean of Students:

Our Character Trait for the Month of April/May is: **CITIZENSHIP**. There are two components to Citizenship: Doing Your Share & Respecting Authority and the Law. To be a good citizen and a good neighbor you care about and pursue the common good. You volunteer to help your school & community by participating in taking care of the earth and doing what you can to make the world a better place. Citizenship is not passive. Citizenship demands participation, involvement and contribution. Good citizens go beyond their own interests, demonstrate a concern for the needs of others and recognize their obligations to make their home, school, neighborhood, country and world the best they can be. In conjunction with this, individuals demonstrate good citizenship by observing just laws and playing by the rules. Students show citizenship by obeying parents, teachers, and coaches who have been given authority to guide and protect them. All show honor and respect for the principles of democracy. The color we use to celebrate **CITIZENSHIP** is **PURPLE**: Think regal purple as in representing the state.



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

★ General News ★

Dress Code Reminders for Students: With the warmer weather approaching and with kids seemingly growing overnight, we would like to re-highlight some of RSA dress code policies. Overall, RSA requires the following criteria for personal appearance: Clothing must be neat, clean, hemmed and appropriate for class. Modesty is required. Shoulder straps are to be the width of the wearer's two fingers, with no undergarments visible. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be mid-thigh length. The following clothing/garments are not permitted on campus or any school activity: Caps/hats of any kind, unless specifically permitted; strapless/backless dresses or blouses; halter tops, garments that reveal bare shoulders or low underarms; muscle shirts, unless worn with a t-shirt; Clothing with large rips, holes or tears, is unacceptable. We will be updating the Family Handbook defining large rips, holes or tears to a standard military measurement - the size of a quarter. This means any rips, holes or tears on your clothing that can be seen after placing a quarter on it will be a violation of dress code and require you to change. Garments that reveal a bare midriff when arms are raised; spandex shorts; side split shorts; clothing which is too tight or revealing; blouses or shirts of transparent or mesh materials revealing bare midriff or shoulders; low cut tops or blouses. It is recommended that shoes are closed-toe and have a back strap. Thank you for supporting RSA dress code in efforts to provide an optimal learning environment for our students.

Spring Serenade: Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of singing by the talented Choirs of Redding School of the Arts. The Festival Choir, the Glee Jr. Choir and Chart Toppers will be presenting beautiful selections of music from their 2016-17 repertoire on May 8, at 6:30. Tickets are \$4.00. Festival Choir and Glee Jr. have both received first place awards at the World Strides Heritage Choral Festivals in 2014, 2015 and 2016. They will once again be competing in the 2017 Festival in May. Proceeds from this event will help them raise money to cover the cost of their trip. The evening will also include a Bake Sale and Raffle. Thank you for your support. Tickets may be purchased from any RSA choir member or at the door.

Library News: The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is almost here!! Please mark your calendars for May 9-12th. The spring book fair is a great place to find summer reading material for your children. If you need volunteer hours, the book fair is a great place to earn them. Keep your eyes open for our sign up genius to help volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact the Co-Chairs: Danielle White at w_white@charter.net or Jennifer Holien at jenncat71@yahoo.com Thank you for supporting our school library.

Bike to School Day: RSA's Bike to School Day will be held Wednesday, May 10th! Flyers and permission slips are located under the event calendar on the website or on Mr. Sheridan's teacher web page. We are looking for help to lead and ride back with the students. For more information please email Mr. Sheridan at dsheridan@rsarts.org. RSA will hold a bike tune up day at the RSA campus on Monday, May 8th from 1:00-2:30.

Independent Study: As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, no Independent Study requests will be issued for dates after May 19th.

Renaissance Theme Day: Theme day will be held Friday, May 19th. This is a minimum day. We are in need of volunteers to prep and plan things in advance, set up the day before and to help work in classrooms and at stations on that day. In addition, we are in need of a variety of supplies. Please visit the Sign Up Genius links and help us out where you can!

[Renaissance Theme Day supplies](#) [Renaissance Theme Day Volunteer...](#)

PBS Showcase: RSA is part of a PBS showcase on the state of dual language programs in California. Click on the link below to view the footage of this documentary <http://insidecaled.org/videogallery/video/episode-106-dual-immersion-summer-at-city-hall-teaching-the-arts-education101-proposition58-2646/>.

Yearbooks: Yearbooks are almost completely sold out...There are only a few yearbooks still left for sale. Don't miss out on this opportunity to own your own book of memories from our school year. Yearbooks are \$40.00 until May 15th. At that time, the price will increase to \$50.00, if there are any copies remaining. Please visit <http://www.jostens.com>.

Middle School - 8Th Grade end of the Year Activities: The school year is coming to a quick end but there are still several adventures for our 8th grade students here at RSA. Students have an opportunity to interview for several scholarships: academics, citizenship, visual arts, and performing arts. Requests for scholarship interviews are due to Mrs. Dunaj by Friday, May 12th. Individual interviews will be scheduled by Mrs. Dunaj for Monday, May 22, 2017. Scholarships are awarded at the Promotion Ceremony. There will be tryouts for MC's and speakers for the promotion ceremony on Monday, May 8, 2017. Talent Showcase Auditions with Mr. Burkett are being held Tuesday, May 9th, Wednesday, May 10th and Thursday, May 11th from 3-5 p.m. Students should sign up outside Mr. Burkett's room. The 8th grade picnic is Friday, May 26th. The promotion ceremony, reception and celebration are being held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in our amphitheater.

Each year we are asked if there will be reserved seating or tickets needed for the promotion ceremony. Neither is necessary as we have more than enough seating for everyone. Here are some important dates to remember:

- *Monday, May 8th:* Tryouts for promotion emcees and speeches
- *Tuesday, May 9th:* 8th grade Showcase Tryouts
- *Wednesday, May 10th:* 8th grade Showcase Tryouts
- *Thursday, May 11th:* 8th grade Showcase Tryouts
- *Friday, May 12th:* Scholarship interview requests are due to Mrs. Dunaj
- *Monday, May 22nd:* Scholarship interviews
- *Friday, May 26th:* 8th grade picnic at Whiskeytown Lake/Brandy Creek. (Permission slips have gone home and are due by Friday, May 12th).
- *Tuesday, May 30th:* 8th Grade talent showcase - immediately following the 8:10 a.m. assembly.
- *Wednesday, May 31st:* 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.; cake reception follows from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the celebration for 8th grade students only is from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. Please contact Mr. Olberding or Mrs. Dunaj if you have any questions at kolberding@rsarts.org or ldunaj@rsarts.org.

Lifeguard Wanted: The 8th grade class is looking for an OPEN WATER LIFEGUARD to supervise their splash splashing around in the lake at their picnic on Friday, May 26th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We will be at Brandy Creek (Whiskeytown). If you or someone you know can help out, please contact Mr. Olberding at kolberding@rsarts.org.

Attention 7th Grade Parents: Each year it is tradition for the 7th grade parents to help out with the 8th grade promotion, reception and celebration so that 8th grade parents are free to enjoy the day and visit with friends and family. This year our promotion ceremony is being held on Wednesday, May 31st. Please go to the following signup genius link if you are able to help! It is a great night and tons of fun! If you have any questions please contact Mr. Olberding at kolberding@rsarts.org. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0C4FA9AB2AA20-8thgrade.

Spring Parent Survey: Please watch for RSA's annual spring parent survey, coming out soon.

Hat Creek Fall Campout: RSA's annual campout is set for Friday, September 8th. The RSA campfire sing-along will be taking place at Hat Creek Campground. Families must reserve their own campsite. Below is camping information for Hat Creek Campground and surrounding camping areas: **Hat Creek Campground:** 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 \$20, for Friday and Saturday 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. There are also 58 individual tent and RV sites that are on a first come, first served basis. They cost \$16 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>

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, May 18th at 5:45 p.m. in the Staff 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: It has been a very busy and productive 2016/2017 school year. We are so grateful to have so many supportive families and community members. We would like to thank everyone that participated in our 5th annual Fox Trot! This year we grossed over \$18,000, with prizes to be handed out at the end of May.

- Staff Appreciation Week is being held May 1st – May 5th. Please check out the signup genius if you need volunteer hours. While we will be honoring all the staff at RSA, please remember to give a special thanks to your child's teacher. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49a4a72aa57-staff>
- Kindergarten Roundup is coming up on May 25th and 26th. Below is a sign up for making this day go smoothly for the incoming parents and students. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49a4a72aa57-2016>
- Your 2017 Auction Committee is already working hard to put on another fun filled auction event to raise a lot of money!!! We have a few positions open if anyone is interested. For more details, please contact

the Committee Chair, Mari McCurdy, at chefmarim@gmail.com. We are also scheduling a few meetings prior to the end of the school year, so watch for those dates.

- Over the years, we have collected a lot of decor that takes up space and doesn't work from year to year with new themes. We were running out of storage space, so a few auction committee members did some auction clean up. Items that were not reusable were recycled or tossed. Action figures from the Comic Book Auction were donated to the Kinder, 1st and 2nd grades for treasure boxes. Others were sold that were in good condition or useful to someone else for decor such as bird cages, candelabras, ceramic succulents, hanging ceiling decor and large decorative candle holders/votive. Those sales netted \$150.
- Waterworks Park is set for May 30th from 6-9:30 p.m. We will be selling wristbands for \$1 to attend this event. An email will be sent to RSA families listing the dates and times the wristbands will be available for purchase. Remember this is an RSA family only event.
- PTC has shirts, sweatshirts, and totes with the RSA logo on them for sale at the front office. Shirts are \$15, Sweatshirts are \$28 and Totes are \$12.

We want to thank our "Chairs" who, with the help of many others, made our school fundraisers a huge success. We would not be able to provide the teachers, students, or staff with education material/musical instruments/books/etc. without these wonderful events. We have a special thank you to Mari McCurdy for the amazing Fall Auction and Cory Pavone for the Fox Trot. You and your team of volunteers did an amazing job this year and we are so very thankful. Thank you for being the best families, teachers, and administrators a PTC could wish for. We love serving you. Please remember to visit us at our final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 25th at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Thank you for all the wonderful support! HAVE A FABULOUS SUMMER!

Theatre Booster Club: Our next Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 3:15 p.m. and the next General Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16th. Both meetings are open to the public. We will be electing our Executive Team for the 2017-2018 school year at the general meeting so please come to vote. If you are interested in joining our team we have several open positions to fill. We would love to have fresh input from you as we look ahead to our new year!

- In addition, if your child is planning to participate in next year's musical and he/she is NEW to the program, you (or another adult representative) must to attend the MANDATORY Parent meeting. There are two identical meetings held to accommodate busy schedules. Please come on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 pm OR Monday, May 22nd at 9:00 am. The commitment to orff, cast and set design will all be addressed and questions answered. Refreshments will be served.
- *Joust* will be performed Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 pm and again Friday, May 19th at 8:10 for Renaissance Theme Day.
- *Mac Air Raffle:* At *Joust*, tickets for the Mac Air laptop raffle will continue. The tickets are \$10 each and only 100 will be sold. Tickets can be purchased at the front office, at the evening show or at one of the TBC meetings.

And once again, a huge and heartfelt thank you to every person who poured into our kids through TBC. You have been a part of creating memories and learning experiences that will last a lifetime.

DUCK STAMP POSTERS – MS. BROWN'S ART CLASS

Sarah Mueller – 8th grade



Sergio Fadda – 7th grade



Sophia Suh – 6th grade



Nevaeh Griffith-Jewell 7th grade

