



Message from Mrs. Johnson, Director:

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): Knowing that public schools are preparing students for the challenges of the future, California has developed a comprehensive plan for high-quality teaching and learning in every school. This comprehensive plan is known as the LCFF and LCAP. RSA strives to offer education with high academic standards by soliciting more input from all our stakeholders and providing a plan that meets the educational needs of all our students. Additionally, the LCAP requires RSA and all public schools to develop a plan ensuring resources are dedicated to students with the greatest needs. RSA continues to monitor meeting the state's identified eight priorities and meeting the school's two overarching goals.

The state has identified eight priorities for schools to focus on when setting goals:

1. *Implementation of Content & Performance Standards*
2. *Parental Involvement & Input*
5. *Student Achievement and Student Engagement*
6. *School Climate*
7. *Course Access*
8. *Other Student Outcomes*

These eight areas as outlined by state guidelines are assessed regularly throughout the year. Teachers, administration and resource specialists monitor these priorities in a variety of ways. They include but are not limited to identification of student subgroups, review of students' school wide testing results for academic progress, and resources of time and staff are allocated and adjusted as needed.

In June of 2016, RSA's governing board adopted two goals: Providing academic excellence for all students and cultivating students to be participants and leaders in the twenty-first century. How will the school measure these two goals? Specifically RSA strives to ensure all students have increased opportunities for access to quality curriculum, technology and additional supports upon identification; all credentialed teachers use data driven instruction to make academic decisions for lesson development and work collaboratively with other teachers to meet student needs.

RSA has developed many activities that cultivate student (and family) to be leaders of the future. These activities and events include: student council, Middle School field trips, character development, etc., which also serve to strengthen students' interest in the VAPA program. Since RSA believes that parent participation increases student educational success, the school offers many parent volunteer and family gathering opportunities.

If you are interested in learning more about the LCAP and goal setting for RSA you are invited to attend the Tuesday Stakeholder meeting in the community room on Tuesday April 14th at 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, April 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the community room or Friday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room. The state's desire through LCFF and LCAP is to have stakeholder input which is valid and necessary in shaping the educational and school future goals, as well as encouraging our families to stay engaged in their child(ren)'s education.

Save the Date

- 4/3 Assembly, 10:00
- 4/4 Informational Meeting, 9:30
- 4/4-4/7 Basketball Camp, 3:30-5:00
- 4/6 Zaniroli/Kang/Lahey/Dressel/Nichols Field trip 8:30-11:30
- 4/6 Schack/Fan/Zimmerman Field trip, 8:15-11:30
- 4/6 Homeschool Info Meeting, 10:30
- 4/7 Krupit/Song/Phinney Field trip 8:15-11:30
- 4/10-4/17 Spring Break – No School
- 4/18 School Resumes
- 4/18 TBC Meeting, 6:00
- 4/19 Homeschool Info Meeting, 6:00
- 4/20 Governing Board Meeting, 5:45
- 4/24 Assembly, 8:10 (New Time)
- 4/25 Mr. Wylie Concert, 6:30
- 4/26 Application Validation Meeting, 6:00
- 4/27 PTC Meeting, 8:00
- 4/27 Application Validation Meeting, 6:00
- 4/29 Under the Crescent Moon Dance, 7:00
- 5/1 Bike tune up day, 1:00-2:30
- 5/1-5/5 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/8 Assembly, 8:10
- 5/9-5/12 Book Fair, 7:30-5:30

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, actively participate in the care of our earth, and do 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. The color we use to celebrate caring is **PURPLE**: Think regal purple as in representing the state.

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

- Ask your child and help them brainstorm answers to the questions, “What do you think our school and community would be like if people were not good citizens? What if they did not obey rules and respect one another? “
- As you drive around the community deliberately point out how you obey laws (traffic, no littering, voting) that contribute to making the world a better, safe place.
- If you don't already, have your child be responsible for taking care of the recycling in your family.
- Participate in Earth day festivities on April 22nd to learn more.

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



State Testing/ CAASPP- Smarter Balanced and CAST:

Please mark your calendars: This year the State will pilot the new CAST (California Science Test) assessment which is based on the Next Generation Science Standards. This computerized test will be given to our 5th and 8th graders on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, with make-ups as necessary in May. Also this year, thanks to our wonder PTC, we have enough computers to test all of our 3rd-8th graders in Smarter Balanced English Language Arts and Math during a one week time frame (5/1/17 thru 5/5/17). This significantly limits the disruption to our regular educational program. Thank you PTC!! If you are interested in knowing more about the CAST/Smarter Balanced Testing or what testing looks like for your child, click on the following links:

- Sample Practice tests: <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html> .

CA Dept. of Education: CAASPP info page: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/>

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 three 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 us in our efforts to provide an optimal learning environment for our students.

Fox Basketball Camp: It is that time of year again for RSA's annual Fox Basketball Camp. Session 2 will be held April 4th-7th for 6th thru 8th grade students. For more information, please email Mr. Sheridan at dsheridan@rsarts.org.

Virtual Study and Homeschool Informational Meetings: If you have ever considered independent study program such as virtual or homeschool or know a family who would enjoy this unique educational experience, please come to one of the following informational meetings or call Mrs. Humphrey at our homeschool department 247-6933 ext. 124 for more information. April 6th @ 10:30 in the Community Room at RSA and April 19th @ 6:00 PM in the Community Room at RSA.

Spring Break – No School: Spring break is April 10th – April 17th. School will resume on Tuesday April 18th.

Earth Day Watershed Festival: On Saturday, April 22nd, select classes of Mrs. Eby & Ms. Hess will perform at The Earth Day Watershed Festival held at the City of Redding, 777 Cypress. For more information please email Ms. Hess at dhess@rsarts.org and Ms. Eby at seby@rsarts.org.

Assemblies: RSA assemblies will go back to the start time of 8:10 starting Monday April 24th and continue at that time for the rest of the school year.

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

Pictures Needed... If you have any photos of this year's Talent Show or Cross Country, please email them to Mrs. Zaniroli (szaniroli@rsarts.org). These are the only two sections that haven't been completely covered.

RSA Art Students Selected for the 2nd Annual Middle School Juried Art Competition: Congratulations to the RSA students in the competition: Mitchell Bagley, Murphy Chen, Camille Brown, Zoey Dalglish, Alex Johnston, Corina Limon,

Sarah Mueller, Kaydence Mungia and Aliya Salter. This competition was open to all Shasta County middle school students, grades 6-8, and included RSA, U-Prep, Mistletoe Middle School and Academy of Personalized Learning (APL).

Under a Crescent Moon: Dawn Hess and the RSA Festival Choir will present “Under a Crescent Moon”, a swing dance to the Crescent Moon, on Saturday, April 29th, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm at RSA’s Stage 19 inside the amphitheater. This event includes table seating under the stars, snacks, beverages, and a performance by the Festival Choir. Proceeds will go towards scholarships to the Heritage and Glee Jr. Choir Festival Competition. For more information or ticket reservations, please call 510-1903.

Art from both Ms. Brown and Mrs. Lindberg’s art classes will be on display and charming the halls at Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE): March 29th to May 5, 2017 in Redding. The art teachers will let parents know if your child is displaying art at this venue. Regular office hours at SCOE are Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SCOE is located off of Placer at 1644 Magnolia Avenue (Schreder Planetarium). If possible, please come and enjoy the art!

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 @ w_white@charter.net or Jennifer Holien @ jennecat71@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.

RSA's Spring All-School Theme Day: RSA’s upcoming theme day, to be held on Friday, May 19th. This is a minimum day for RSA students. There will be many fun, community-building activities that will take place. In order to make this day a success we are in need of a great number of supplies and volunteers. More information will be shared as the date approaches.

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

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, April 20th at 5:45 pm in the Community Room. To read adopted minutes or review agendas visit the RSA web site. You may also email the board any concerns or questions you may have to rsartsboardmembers@gmail.com.

Parent Teacher Council: A Buddy Bench for the school and students was approved at last month’s PTC meeting. Student Body and PTC will be donating towards this project and the Boy Scouts will be making the bench welcoming to all students. We also approved spending \$6200.00 for instruments to start a band for the school. During the 2017/2018 fall school year, PTC will be paying \$6000.00 for buses to take the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes to Sacramento. Our year end school party will be held at Waterworks Park again this year. We will be selling wristbands for \$1 for entrance into the park the evening of the event. Students must be in attendance at school the day of the event in order to attend.

- We have been so blessed to have a wonderful PTC Secretary Marisa Palma for the 2016/2017 school year. She has done such an amazing job and will be missed next year. We are looking for individuals that are interested in filling that position. If you are interested, please email Will Keeler at williamkeeler2@gmail.com.
- Please be on the lookout for a signup genius for Kinder Roundup. We will need individuals to help with a few activities, snacks and answering questions from parents of kinder students.
- 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.

Thank you for being the best families, teachers, and administrators a PTC could wish for. We love serving you. We will be holding our next PTC meeting on April 27th at 8:00 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!

Theatre Booster Club: Once again, we would like to extend our gratitude and thank you to all of the wonderful parents and volunteers who worked so tirelessly on our production of The Music Man, Jr. The play was a great success! We had strong attendance, came in under budget and most important, our students were incredible! If you have not purchased a Vimeo download, there is still time! Use the link, <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/rsathemusicmanjr> to order your digital download today.

The next Executive Team meeting will be held on April 5th at 3:15 pm. The next TBC General Meeting will be held on April 18th at 6:00 pm. Both meetings are open to the public and we would love for you to come and share your enthusiasm and support!

We have open positions for the Executive Team for the 2017-2018 school year. Nominations will be held at the April General meeting. Please contact one of the current officers and/or plan to attend the April General meeting for more details.

We are still selling raffle tickets for the Mac Air for \$10 per ticket until we sell 100 tickets. Please stop by the front office or look for our table at Mr. Wylie's concert on April 28th. The winner will be announced on May 17th at the Joust performance.

