

# RSA NEWS!

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REDDING SCHOOL OF ARTS  
WHERE EDUCATION AND THE ARTS CONNECT

## 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 developed a comprehensive plan for high-quality teaching and learning in every school. This comprehensive plan is known as the LCFF and LCAP. RSA continues to strive to offer education with high academic standards and as a public charter, offer more input from our Stakeholders and Learning Communities to provide for their educational needs as well as ensuring resources are dedicated to students with the greatest needs.

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

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

RSA's LCAP has two main goals: **Goal 1** - Academic excellence for all students, and **Goal 2** – Provide opportunities for students to participate in their education and engage in leadership experiences that prepare them for the 21st century. My director's note provides some information on how we are striving to meet Goal 2 which encompasses priorities 5, 6 and 7.

Priorities 5 and 6: Student Engagement and Achievement occurs in a variety of ways. There are many opportunities for students to be involved in the school such as elective classes, ASB clubs, outside performances, and VAPA competitions. Students can also participate in our school's student government and help organize schoolwide events such as School Spirit Days. Each of these activities is designed to build leadership experiences and encourage participation in daily learning activities.

Priority 7: School Climate is also an important element of the learning process. During this school year, several safety improvements have occurred. First, the window facing outside the classrooms on the first floor had reflective safety film applied to significantly block outside vision into the classrooms. A second safety improvement was to provide ALICE training to our staff. ALICE training is a Redding Police Department-recommended safety response to danger that could happen on campus. ALICE stands for Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. Each specific section is unique to the physical area at school and the age of the students that a staff member is responsible for supervising. This training will continue during this school year and throughout the next 2 years. As we roll out this program, staff will have multiple opportunities for training and practice, and students will be informed of age appropriate responses to danger so they too feel prepared to react effectively during a critical incident.

## Save the Date

- 2/2 Chinese Luncheon @ Grand Buffett, 12:30
- 2/4 Auction Committee Meeting, 7:50
- 2/4 Chinese New Year Assembly, 10:00
- 2/4 Chinese New Year Classroom Activities
- 2/4 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Presentation, 9:00
- 2/6 Middle School Information Night, 6:30
- 2/7 Informational Tour, 9:30
- 2/8 PTC Family Skate Night, 5:00-7:00
- 2/8 Zaniroli/Kang Field Trip, 10:00-12:00
- 2/8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Registration
- 2/9 Me & My Guy Dance @ RSA, 6:00
- 2/11 TBC Executive Meeting, 3:15
- 2/12 Krupit Field Trip, 10:45-1:00
- 2/12 TBC Meeting, 6:00
- 2/13 Flag Ceremony (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), 1:20-1:45
- 2/14 PTC Executive Meeting, 7:45
- 2/14 Schack/Fan Field Trip, 8:15-11:30
- 2/14 Zaniroli/Kang Field Trip, 8:30-11:00
- 2/14 Governing Board Meeting, 5:45
- 2/18-22 Mid-Winter Break- No School
- 2/25 Assembly, 10:00
- 2/28 PTC Meeting, 8:00
- 2/28 Celebration of the Arts, 5:00

RSA remains committed to our high academic standards with strong emphasis in Thematic Instruction, Arts Education, and Mandarin Language opportunities. Specifically we desire to ensure that all students have increased opportunities for access to curriculum, technology and additional supports; maintain a healthy, safe and green environment; and actively encourage families to participate in the school community. If you would like to learn more about the RSA LCAP you can find the complete document on our website.

### News from the Dean:

**Monthly Character Trait** - Just a reminder that January and February are our months to focus on the Character Trait: **Fairness**. **Fairness** means you play by the rules and demonstrate impartial, unbiased, and equitable treatment of others.

Focusing on character education at Redding School of the Arts matters greatly to us. We believe that when you develop character in children you benefit the child, the school, families and the community. So remember Character really does count in helping develop children who will be healthy, successful, contributing members of our global society.



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

### School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

What is SARC? California public schools annually must provide parents and the community with important information about their public school. The public can use this information about the school to evaluate and compare schools on a variety of indicators. The material contained in the SARC report provides a general overview of the RSA's mission, last year's progress towards school wide goals, details about the arts program, Mandarin immersion, thematic instruction, core curriculum, as well as CAASPP testing results. Other important information contained in the SARC includes:

- Demographic data
- Information on school safety & climate for learning
- Academic data
- Class sizes
- Teacher and staff information

RSA has completed their SARC report for the 2017-2018 school year. This report has been forwarded to our authorizing agency, Columbia Elementary School District, and posted on the California Department of Education's website as well as posted on our website. RSA is proud of its accomplishments and the strong support of our parents. You can view the RSA 2017-2018 SARC report on the school web site, view a copy in our lobby, or request your own copy at the front desk. The report will also be presented at the February PTC General and Governing Board meetings. Don't miss an opportunity to see what makes RSA a great place to attend.

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## General News

**Chinese New Year:** We will kick off the Chinese New Year with a no-host luncheon on Saturday, February 2nd from 12:30-2:30 at Grand Buffet. Everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to wear your Chinese attire. Classrooms will be celebrating the Year of the Pig on Monday, February 4th, which includes an assembly at 10:00.

**Middle School Information Night:** Would you like to know more about our middle school program and how RSA addresses the educational and social needs for adolescents? RSA's strives to meet its mission by utilizing a thematic instructional approach that daily incorporates the arts and builds global awareness 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, multi-day experiments;
5. One Chromebook for each student in grades 6th – 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. 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.

Come to our Middle School Info Night presentation on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in room 19. RSA's Middle School teachers will share about this developmentally appropriate and nurturing environment for adolescents to thrive while learning and embracing the arts.

**4th – 8th Grade Electives:** Elective forms will be sent home on Monday, February 4th, both electronically as well as a paper copy. Completed elective forms are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, February 11th.

**Outside Interest:** Outside Interest forms will be sent home Monday, February 4th and are due to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 15th.

**Family Skate Night** sponsored by PTC, will be held on Friday, February 8th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Viking Skate Country. Cost is \$1.00 per person (whether skating or not); Babies free. As an example, a family of 5 pays \$5.00. Come enjoy this time of family fun and get to know other RSA families. This event is for RSA families **ONLY** please.

**Lions Club Flag Day:** Redding Host Lions Club will hold their annual Flag Day presentation for all RSA second graders on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:20-1:45 p.m. Students will learn the history of the American flag, its symbols, proper display and etiquette, as well as some fun flag facts.

**Lost & Found:** Unclaimed clothes/items will be donated to a charitable organization this month. Please come and claim your child's clothing/items no later than Friday, February 15th.

**Mid - Winter Vacation:** Mid-Winter vacation is February 18th-22nd. School will resume on Monday, February 25th.

**Open House - Celebration of the Arts:** RSA's Open House – Celebration of the Arts will be held Thursday, February 28th. Schedule as follows: 5:00 – 6:20 pm – Classrooms are open to appreciate the student art work and learning activities. Performing Art Classes will present from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the amphitheater. Dinner will be available that evening (pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, bag of chips, and drink). Dinner is \$6.00 per meal. We will also offer a "meal deal" that will consist of 4 meals for \$20.00. Pre-sales will be offered in the office starting February 4th thru the 26th. All pre-sales will be entered into a special drawing of a surprise gift, so please get your dinner tickets early. A limited number of dinner tickets will be available the night of for a slightly increased price of \$8.00 per meal; no meal deal will be offered at this time.

**Yearbook Sales:** Yearbooks are on sale for \$35.00 (sibling yearbook \$30.00) at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com).

**Me and My Guy Dance:** SAVE THE DATE! Redding School of the Arts' Glee Jr and Festival Choirs will be hosting "Me and My Guy" Dance on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 if purchased by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Dinner may be preordered for an additional \$5.00 per person. At the door, tickets are \$6 each or \$24 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 contact Mrs. Zaniroli [szaniroli@rsarts.org](mailto:szaniroli@rsarts.org).

**RSA Art on Exhibit at Shasta County Office of Education:** Student art work from Redding School of the Arts (K-8) is now on exhibit at Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) in Redding. SCOE is located at 1644 Magnolia Avenue (Schreder Planetarium location) and hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, and Friday 7:30-12:00 (excluding Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Presidents' Day). There is a variety of media from fanciful 2nd grade texture collage portraits (Miss Kate) to more realistic graphite grid self-portraits along with a sprinkling of other art (Ms. Brown's 6-8th grade students). See photos below.

**Amazon Smile:** Are you an Amazon shopper? Well now there is a great way for you to continue to shop and support RSA at the same time, it's called Amazon Smile. The Amazon Smile Program will donate .5% of your purchases to Redding School of the Arts; all you have to do is log on to <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose Redding School of the Arts as the charity you would like to support. Each time you shop through Amazon Smile they will make a donation to our school, it's that simple. On your first visit to Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), you will be guided to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Once your charitable organization has been selected, every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation to that organization. Please consider supporting RSA and help us spread the word to your friends and family.

**Camp Out Hiatus:** Based on the Fall Campout Survey results, RSA will be taking a break from the annual school camp out. RSA will be offering a family art & culture activity in its place to provide family time and a musical sing-a-long experience. Final details will be forthcoming.

**WES Camp:** RSA's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will depart for Lassen Pines (this year's location for WES Camp) on Monday, March 18th. Students must be at school by 8:00 a.m. with their camping gear. We won't leave until later that morning. A few letters have gone home with details regarding what to bring, payments and health packets, all of which have specific due dates. Contact Mr. Olberding if you have questions.

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## Committee News

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

**Student Council:** Once again RSA will be teaming up with Haven Humane in our second annual "Pennies for Pups" fundraiser. This will take place during the month of February. Turn over the couch cushions, look under the floor mats in your car or raid the piggy bank to find any extra change or cash that you might have. Let's help out our local community! The homeroom who collects the most money will win a pizza party sponsored by Haven Humane.

**Governing Board Meeting:** The next RSA Governing Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 14th 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 with any concerns or questions to [rsartsboardmembers@gmail.com](mailto:rsartsboardmembers@gmail.com).

**Parent Teacher Council:** Join us for our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala auction for RSA on Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 pm at Win River Casino. 20 years is such a great milestone!!! Tickets are on sale now. Each ticket gets you dinner, dancing,

opportunities to bid on unique classroom auction projects and mingling with wonderful staff, RSA families, and community members! It would make a fabulous date night!! We will have a DJ, MC and an auctioneer! Interested in sponsoring a table? Contact Mari @ [chefmarim@gmail.com](mailto:chefmarim@gmail.com) for more information on the benefits of purchasing a table. All funds raised at the auction go directly into our students' educational programs. Buy Tickets here: <http://www.supportrsa.com/> . 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 \$10. Drop by the front office to grab one for your child or yourself. 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 Thursday, February 28th at 8:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Please stop by and learn what the PTC is doing for our school. We would love to see you.

**Theatre Booster Club:** We are so grateful to each and every person who contributed to this year's musical. Mulan was a magical success. Each year the show comes together through the hard work, sweat and countless hours of dedication from our parents, staff, students, alumni and extended community. Without this support these shows would not be possible. This year was especially daunting with fewer days in the theater, but our kids (and volunteers) outdid themselves. The sets were stunning, the orchestra stellar and the cast sublime. We could not be more proud of our middle school students. Bravo to a job well done! If you are interested in purchasing a DVD of the show, please pick up a copy of the order form at the front desk. The cost is \$25.00. Checks can be made out to RSA TBC. The next TBC Executive meeting will be held Monday, February 11th at 3:15 pm. The general TBC meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. All TBC meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend. Agendas and minutes for meetings are posted ahead of time on the TBC section of the RSA website. We are still looking for interested parents who want to join the TBC Executive board for next year. If you are interested in working with us to make the next show as amazing as this year's, come to the meetings! Remember, being on the TBC board counts as volunteer hours, and is a great way to help out!

### Art Work by Ms. Brown & Mrs. Lindberg's Art Classes

