



Rosedell Tuesday Telegram

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MINIMUM DAY THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 23RD. DISMISSAL AT 12:30PM.

Principal's Message: Welcome back to our returning students and especially to our many new students and their families who are joining our Rosedell Roadrunner family! You'll come to love our great neighborhood school as much as we do! I would like to thank all of you for making the first week of school so successful. We're definitely a very full and vibrant school! It was a great pleasure welcoming the students and parents back to school last week. The students, parents and staff are very excited to be back at Rosedell with their friends and teachers and we can't wait to experience the many great events planned for the upcoming 2012-13 school year!

Every staff member has worked very hard to prepare for the arrival of our students and to begin the new school year on the right track! I would especially like to thank Mrs. Sue Haynes, our office manager, Mrs. Karen Harvey, our Assistant Principal, Mr. Richard Fernandez, our Head Custodian, and his hardworking custodial crew, who worked all summer ordering materials and supplies, planning programs, deep cleaning and fixing our buildings while preparing the school for the arrival of our staff and students. We also want to recognize our PTA President, Mrs. Pattie Foster, and all the amazing PTA parents who continued to plan great programs over the summer and help out in the office.

As much as I enjoyed our PTA Welcome Back Coffee on the first day of school, I am looking forward to hearing more about everyone's summer experiences at our Back-To-School Night this Thursday, August 23rd and annual "Back-To-School Picnic/BBQ" on Friday, September 7th from 6:00-8:00pm. The Picnic is a very relaxing and fun event for our families and neighbors to catch up, get to know each other and enjoy some fun BBQ or your family's picnic! Don't forget to pre-order your food if you are planning on eating hot dogs/hamburgers. The form was in your 1st day packet.

Despite weathering our severe multi-year budget cuts and our state's current fiscal crisis, we are committed to "thinking outside the box" to continually improve our school and offer the best education to our Rosedell students!

I look forward to working with you and the students this year. It's going to be a great year Roadrunners!

Possible Reconfiguration of Classes: The district is continuing to look at the actual enrollment numbers from each school to determine if schools need to reconfigure classes to meet "district" class average sizes. We will continue to call students who have not attended school the last few days to ensure our student enrollment is accurate. Currently, all of our Rosedell classes are very full and there is no room for movement of students between classes. Reconfiguring of classes and the addition of split grade level classes are still possible in the next few weeks. Please continue to work with the teachers your children have been assigned with to ensure they begin the year on a positive note.

PTA – Join and Make a Difference! Please don't forget to support our PTA by purchasing your PTA memberships! With your support, we will continue to offer the multitude of high quality programs, assemblies and field trips that makes Rosedell an award winning school!

Back-To-School Night: This Thursday, August 23rd will be our Back-to-School Night for Kindergarten and 1st-6th grades. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your children's teachers, learn about your child's educational program and classroom procedures and view the campus' facilities.

Here is our schedule:

Kindergarten Back-To-School Night – 5:00-6:00pm in K classes

1st -6th Grade Back-To-School Night – 6:30-7:30pm

- 6:30 - Introduce teachers and PTA at our back stage by the cafeteria
- 6:45-7:05 - First classroom presentation will be held
- 7:05-7:10 - Passing time for parents to go the next classroom presentation if they have siblings
- 7:10-7:30 - Second classroom presentation will be held

IMPORTANT – Sign up for Parent Conferences in MPR! You will also have an opportunity to sign up for parent conferences (September 17-21) during Back-To-School Night. So please bring your calendars, iPhones, Blackberries and Androids so you can sign-up for conferences in the MPR. Please plan to join us for this important evening and remember this event is for parents only. **There will not be child supervision provided during parent presentations in the classrooms.** We will begin promptly at 6:30pm on the outdoor stage facing the lunch tables.

STAR Testing Reports-Delayed By State: 2012 STAR individual state testing reports for 3rd -6th grade students will be mailed to parents in the next week. Due to students at other districts up and down California who posted test questions on social media during the STAR testing period, the state has had to reconfigure the tests eliminating those schools and students to ensure accuracy in comparison reports of students/schools/districts. Please ensure that you received your student's report by September 13th. Last year's fifth grade students will also have an additional report for their 5th Grade P.E. Test results.

School Safety Procedures:

Parents at Drop-off and Pick-up: Beginning this week, parents will be asked to follow typical school procedures for visiting and dropping off students at the school. **Parents, please say good-bye at the gates to the playground and K playground so we can get students into the routine and determine the identity of adults who are not employees. If you are visiting the school or classroom, please report to the office so you can sign in and receive a visitor's badge.** Please don't be offended if a staff member asks you for help if you are not wearing a visitor badge. As usual we will be closely monitoring any adults that are on campus before and after school begins. Kindergarten parents, please bring your K children to the K yard by the K parking lot so we don't have additional unidentified adults crossing the campus. Thanks!

Driving at Drop off and Dismissal: Please do not use the front side parking lot by the office as a drop off or pick up zone. Gates will be closed at 1:50-3:10 to eliminate cars driving through the front parking lot, which is heavily populated with students during dismissal. In the morning, please use the valet with the cones and not the parking lot as a drop off. Bypassing traffic through the parking lot ties up more traffic when trying to merge in front of the official Valet line. Thank you for following the rules so we have the utmost safe environment for our 820 students!

Valet Program: For parents using the Valet line in the mornings, please have your child exit on the right hand side of the car. Exiting on the left hand side is dangerous due to traffic on Urbandale, prohibits the valet student from helping the student out the car and delays the process. In the valet line, drivers should never get out of the car. If you need to leave the car, please park in the neighborhood. Drivers getting out of the car significantly delay the process of getting children out quickly, safely and efficiently. **Also please pull up to the very front of the line when able. Students can open their own doors if there's not a valet door opener, so please do not wait for someone to open each door, unless your child is too young to open their door.** We will be training 4-6th grade students with our Deputy on August 29th so please be patient as we get our valet up and running. **Also we open at 7:40, so please come early to help with the flow of traffic. If parents wait until 8:00am, it will always be impossible to get everyone onto the playground in time for the bell at 8:10. Thank you for your cooperation!**

Changes in the Cafeteria- Message from Food Services Agency: We would like to welcome our new cafeteria supervisor, Diane Reagan, to Rosedell. Miss Amanda switched schools with Mrs. Reagan for this new school year. **Important message from Food Services: With the beginning of the new school year all "Al a Carte" AKA "Red Cart" (snack) sales will be cash only. The children will not be able to purchase from the cart using their computer account. Thank you for your continued support.**

What's New at Rosedell? New Smartboards! Thanks to PTA and teacher-led fundraising last year we were able to purchase and install **three more Smartboards** over the summer! We were able to purchase the Smartboards and projectors due to our Book Fairs, McTeacher McDonald's Night, Family Restaurant Nights and Penny Wars fundraisers to name a few events. Thank you parents for supporting the teachers and PTA as we continue to fundraise and purchase the last few Smartboards needed to ensure every class at Rosedell has this great technology. Great teamwork Rosedell Teachers and PTA! Our PTA goes "above and beyond" for our students! Don't forget to join the PTA to support the school!

District Focus: Systematic ELD, Intervention and Brain-Based Direct Instruction (BBDI): We will continue to train teachers and implement the following district mandates:

- Brain Based Direction Instruction (BBDI) – Focused direct instruction methods during teaching to increase student learning and academic achievement.
- Response to Intervention (RtI) – Leveled grouping of students in K-4, four days a week for ½ hour, focusing on direct instruction in reading. Regular "progress monitoring" of students through assessment determines students' movement between these grade level reading groups. The focus is intense reading instruction in the various levels of reading comprehension and decoding (phonics). In 5th and 6th grade, intervention occurs in each classroom (small group instruction, working with resource teacher, math groupings, etc.)
- Systematic English Language Development – Systematic instruction in language acquisition for English Language Learners

Rosedell's Art & Technology School Focus: We are looking forward to continuing to explore our unique **ART & TECHNOLOGY** focus. We will continue with our special partnership with the Performing Arts Center (PAC) through the College of the Canyons. Every grade will enjoy a high quality artistic/cultural performance with Performing Arts Center performers from around the country. Many of our grades will be bussed over to the PAC to see their various performing arts assemblies. In addition, we have special PAC performers who will be coming to Rosedell for unique student lessons and performances in our MPR. Parents are welcome to join our RO assemblies. Chaperoning the PAC performances are limited due to tickets. Teachers will organize the chaperone with our PTA Coordinator. We will also continue having our annual musical, which is an after-school enrichment program. Musical

Instruments and Band Ensemble for 3rd-6th grade will continue to be offered through our after-school enrichment program. Technology will be the focus in the classroom with the use of computers, Smartboards, programs embedded in our curriculum, 4th grade personal swattec laptops, student blogging on SUSD's teacher controlled student blog and more! Please read the Telegram and look for fliers announcing Parent Information meetings for many of these exciting educational opportunities.

Tuesday Telegram Via Email and Website: Thank you for filling out the "Email Request" paper to begin receiving our Tuesday Telegram via email. This will save the school a lot of money for paper, photocopying and make it more convenient for parents. Please give us a few weeks before you can expect it emailed, since we need to input and create our email group in the office.

In the meantime, the Tuesday Telegram is also posted weekly on our amazing school website; www.rosedellroadrunners.com Please use our website for up-to-date information about our calendar, bell schedule, programs, policies and school news! Our new PTA website can be accessed through our school website link for additional information on fundraisers, upcoming activities and school event pictures! Students, enjoy finding yourself and school friends in our gallery!

6th Grade Science Camp: High Trails Camp is located in Big Bear and Rosedell 6th graders are slated to go during the week of November 5-9, 2012. The anticipated cost for camp is \$325 per student (includes camp experience, transportation, meals & a camp t-shirt). For more information on High Trails, please visit their website at www.thehightrailsway.com. All questions regarding the camp facility, camp experience, discipline policy, packing information, and medical needs should be directed to Ms. Dickinson at ldickinson@saugusd.org

6th Grade Fundraiser for Science Camp: The Chocolate Bar fundraiser will be from August 24th through September 21st to help raise **individual** money to offset the cost of camp. In order for your child to participate in this fundraiser, the student **MUST** have turned in the non-refundable \$75 camp deposit and signed fundraiser permission slip. Please make checks payable to *Rosedell PTA*, include your child's name and teacher. Candy will be signed out after school on Friday, August 24th from 3:00-3:45pm in the MPR to students who have turned in his/her camp deposit and a signed permission slip.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding camp deposits, the fall fundraiser, any other 6th grade activities, or if you would like to receive 6th grade informational updates via email, please contact Susan Wilson at nysusanwilson@gmail.com. 6th Grade Camp Info fliers will be sent home today with more information.

Message From The Cafeteria: "School meals are important! And the school day just got healthier. School meals have more whole grains, fruits, and vegetables; nonfat/low-fat milk; and less salty and fatty foods. School meals now do a better job of giving your kids the healthy foods they need.

Students are now **REQUIRED** to take a fruit or vegetable at lunch, along with at least two other components (Protein, Grain, Milk). You can help make them be successful by reinforcing the importance of eating fruits and vegetables at mealtime.

Meals, foods and beverages sold or served at schools meet state and federal requirements which are based on the [USDA](http://www.usda.gov) Dietary Guidelines and our school's local Wellness Policies. We provide students with access to a variety of affordable and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students. The School Day Just Got Healthier. Together we can help our kids learn healthy habits that last forever."

Family Fun Night: Our first family fun night will be at Chuck E. Cheese on Thursday, August 30th. Look for more details to come home next week or check on the PTA website rosedellpta.com for more information.

Back-to-School BBQ: September 7th is the Back-to-School BBQ from 6:00-8:00pm. Order forms where in your first day packet. Please remember to include payment with your order form.

Attention All 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Students!! Rosedell Drama Club will be having a meeting on Tuesday, August 28th at 3:00pm in the MPR. If you are interested in participating in this year's production of "The Little Mermaid Jr.," you must attend this 30 minute meeting. This meeting is for students only! A parent meeting will follow at a later date. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Wilson at nysusanwilson@gmail.com

Box Tops for Education®, Labels for Education, and Tyson Project A+: These are three fantastic and FREE ways to earn money and supplies for Rosedell. Clipping and turning in these labels is such an easy way for families to get involved in their child's education.

Just by purchasing products such as soup, cereal, granola bars, printer paper, school supplies, and fruit snacks, then clipping the coupons, and sending them into school, we earn CASH for Box Tops (10cents each) and Tyson project A+ labels (24 cents each), and points for FREE classroom, office, and playground supplies! Throughout the year, we have several contests so start collecting now and be ready for our next contest!

You can find **Box Tops** on thousands of your favorite products, from Big G® cereals to Avery® office supplies to Hanes® T-shirts to Boise® printer paper. Last year we earned \$2,829.50 and used the cash to provide Smart Boards for several classrooms for our students, and many field trips to the PAC center some truly fantastic performances! This year our goal is \$3,500 and we plan to use the cash to pay for more field trips, special events at Rosedell, and much more.

Labels for Education are on many products, such as Campbell's Soup (Visit the website below for a list of products). We collect the labels and turn them in for points. Then the school orders much needed office, classroom, and playground equipment. And it's FREE-no shipping costs!

Tyson Project A+ labels are found on Tyson frozen foods. In your grocer's freezer section, look for Tyson Products that display the Tyson Project A+™ logo. The label you save is easily identified by looking for the simple 1, 2, 3 program steps. Each label is worth 24¢ cash!

For more information visit these websites:

boxtops4education.com, projectaplus.tyson.com, labelsforeducation.com.

I'm here to make our school's Consumer Rewards program a huge success!

Dates to Remember

August 22	Early Release Day for all grades – 1:44pm dismissal
August 23	Minimum Day – 12:30pm dismissal Open House – K-5:00-6:00pm, 1 st -6 th – 6:30-7:30pm
August 24	6 th grade candy sales begin
August 28	Drama Club student meeting – MPR – 3:00pm
August 29	Valet Training for 4 th – 6 th grade – 8:20am
August 30	Chuck E Cheese Night
August 31	Picture Day Music/Band Program Kick-off Assembly