



Rosedell Tuesday Telegram

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Just a reminder that tomorrow is an early release day – 1:44pm dismissal

Principal's Message: Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us at our Back-to-School Night. We hope it was beneficial for you to meet your child's teacher, learn about the classroom procedures/curriculum and visit the school to see where your child spends a majority of their day.

6th Grade Parent Meeting – Tonight! Please join us for an overview of 6th grade events and fundraisers planned for 2013-14. We will have Mike Stinson present information on our Day Camp to Valley Trails Ranch, which is scheduled for Friday, November 8th. We will also be reviewing fundraising opportunities to cover the costs of all the events, such as chocolate bar sales and our annual Car Wash. These fundraisers will provide the funds to pay for special field trips, 6th grade social, and several year-end activities. Please see message from PTA.

6th Grade Camp - Message from 6th Grade Parent Rep: We are very excited to announce that all of our Rosedell 6th Graders are slated to go on an extended day field trip with their teachers to Valley Trails Camp on Friday, November 8, 2013. Valley Trails (VT) Camp is located in nearby Castaic. The anticipated cost for the camp is \$99 per student and includes camp experience, transportation, meals and campfire treats. For more information on Valley Trails, please visit their website at www.vtranch.com. All questions regarding camp facility, camp experience, discipline policy and medical needs should be directed to Mrs. Mastrobuono at rmastrobuono@saugususd.org. More information will be provided at the parent meeting on August 27th at 6pm in regards to camp activities and fundraising opportunities for 6th grade events.

"Final Mile Challenge" - SCV Marathon- Save the Date! Rosedell was chosen once again to participate in the Santa Clarita Valley's "Finale Mile Challenge" during the Marathon on **Sunday, November 3rd**. Our city representative, Donna Avila, visited our students last Friday and explained to them during an exciting assembly how our students can participate in this great event! Kindergarten through sixth grade received a parent permission form and information about the event for parents. Our **Mileage Club** will begin on **Wednesday, September 4th** to help the students begin to accrue their 25.5 miles needed to participate! Every Wednesday at lunch, students will be able run our great track to fun music while getting their individual running card clipped for each lap! PTA is always looking for parents to help out during the Mileage Club!

Picture Day: This coming Friday, August 30th is Picture Day. Order forms are coming home today. If you are interested in purchasing pictures, you must turn in your order form on Friday.

GATE Parent Meeting: Our first GATE Parent Information Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11th at 6-7PM in the MPR.** We will be presenting the 2013-14 theme, classroom plans and program. **Parents will receive an invitation to the meeting if their children are in the program.**

- Students in 4-6th grade will be identified by their STAR testing scores from 2012 and 2013 who scored either a 470 or higher in Language Arts OR 557 or higher in Math.
- Students who are now in 4th grade and were “guests” in 3rd grade will receive a letter indicating if they received sufficient STAR scores (see above) to officially qualify for the GATE program in 4th grade or if the GATE Committee reviewed their cumulative file and made a determination to keep them in the program.
- Eligibility for current 3rd graders who met the STAR testing criteria in their 2nd grade STAR test, but will not have 3rd Gr. tests results until next year, will be determined at a GATE “Committee” comprised of teachers and the Principal. These 3rd graders will be considered “guests” of the program until 2014 scores arrive.

STAR Testing Reports: 2012-13 STAR individual state testing reports for 3rd -6th grade students were mailed to parents two weeks ago. Please ensure that you received your student's report by September 22nd. Last year's fifth grade students would also have an additional report for their 5th Grade P.E. Test results.

SCHOOL SAFETY PROCEDURES:

Parents at Drop-off and Pick-up: Thank you parents for transitioning into our typical school procedures for visiting and dropping off students at the school! We have begun to lock all gates at 8:10am so the school is “closed” to unidentified visitors. All visitors and volunteers are asked to sign in at the office before going to classrooms or crossing the campus. Parents, please continue to 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 - IMPORTANT: Please do not use your cell phones or text while pulling into valet or while dropping students off. Parents are concerned about the high number of parents on cell phones while driving during these important moments around the school. Our local officers have been notified and will issue tickets for parking and driving violations and cell phone usage, like last year.

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 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.** 4-6th grade students were trained today with our Deputy, so please be patient as we get our valet up and running. **Also we open at 7:40, so 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!**

Dad's Club: Calling all dads looking for a way to get involved? Rosedell is putting together a Dads Club to help out around campus. Look for more information in the Tuesday Telegram in the next couple of weeks.

6th Grade Chocolate Sales: World's Finest Chocolate Bar sale will begin on Thursday, August 29th. Candy will be handed out after school in the MPR between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Students must have turned in a signed permission slip to receive candy. This sale is to help raise money for all 6th grade activities. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Campbell at clanofsoup@sbcglobal.net or Brandi Clayton at bbclay@sbcglobal.net

Rosedell Car Wash: Rosedell PTA will be sponsoring a Car Wash on Saturday, September 21st from 7:30-11:30am. We invite all Rosedell families to swing by the Urbandale Parking Lot in front of the school for a wash and a shine! Please invite your friends and neighbors, too!

All cars start at \$5, but our 6th grade team will be working very hard to fill our tip jar! We hope you will support our 6th graders while they work together to raise funds for 6th grade activities.

Please look for an informational flyer and pre-sale order form that will be coming home soon.

For more information, please contact:

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Dates to Remember

Aug. 27	PTA Association Meeting – 8:15am – MPR Valet Training – 2:30pm 6 th Grade Parent Night – 6:00pm – MPR
Aug. 30	Picture Day
Sept. 2	No School – Labor Day
Sept. 4	Mileage Club Begins
Sept. 5	Room Parent Tea – 1:00pm – MPR
Sept. 9	Vision Screening for K, 2 nd & 5 th
Sept. 10	PTA E Board Meeting – 8:15am – MPR
Sept. 11	ELAC Meeting – 8:15am – Staff Lounge GATE Parent Meeting – 6:00-7:00pm – MPR
Sept. 12	Parent Volunteer Training – 2:15pm – Office
Sept. 13	Music Program Kick Off – 1:15pm – 1 st -3 rd , 1:50pm – 4 th -6 th - MPR