

July 22, 2019

Dear Rustic Lane Families and friends,

Rustic Lane welcomes you to the 2019-2020 school year! We are excited to share many opportunities for growth, exploration, and collaboration as students embark on the journey of the year ahead. It is my hope that this letter finds everyone enjoying a wonderful summer vacation and family time, and we are actively gearing up to welcome our students on August 7th. We have included some school site program information below as well as our August 6th Back to School Night information.

Digital Gateway

Jurupa Unified continues to grow with Digital Gateway implementation. Students in grades K-12 are supported at school with technology via the use of student Chromebooks. Students in grades 2-12 take the devices to and from school to support extended learning beyond the classroom walls. Please take a moment to visit the JUSD webpage at www.jurupausd.org to review the variety of resources and information provided under the "Resources" tab, then select 1:1 CHROMEBOOKS. A Chromebook Device Protection Plan will be offered through the district for \$39 per device. In September, we will begin the replacement process for chromebooks for students who do not have fines totaling \$100 or more.

AVID

Rustic Lane continues to grow with the implementation of **AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**. AVID principles are implemented in all grades at Rustic Lane in support of "closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society." Organization, Agendas, Notetaking, and School Culture are areas of focus for Rustic Lane as we continue this journey. Your support in monitoring student organization and homework completion, checking and signing student agendas/homework calendars nightly, and conversing with your student about their daily learning experiences are vital to the success of AVID for our students and their futures.

With the implementation of AVID, there are also various organizational tools that students will be required to have daily for learning. ***Please see the Back to School Night Flyer*** for details of what this looks like for the different grade levels. Donations will be accepted and AVID kits with these requested supplies will be made available during Back to School Night and/or the first days of school. Apart from the kit, students in grades 3-6 will receive a School Agenda free of charge. Student Agendas have been revised to align with our implementation of AVID as well as our Positive Behavior program, so I encourage you to look through the agenda with your student to learn more after receiving it.

PBIS Positive Behavior Instructional System

(PBIS) is a program that emphasizes educating students on how to behave appropriately within a school setting. The curriculum is made up of various lessons each teaching a different social skill. Some of the social skills taught include teaching students how to listen, to respond well to criticism, to stay on task, to get the teacher's attention, and how to ask for permission in an appropriate manner. The focus of PBIS is on the expected behavior rather than the misbehavior, and provides clear steps and directions concerning the expected outcome.

At Rustic Lane, the PBIS model is used daily through announcements, lessons, and activities to support the existing regular discipline system. Students are still held accountable for their actions and appropriate consequences are assigned in the event rules are violated. In addition, a variety of incentives help to support the program as well.

We believe that consistently teaching school wide expectations while modeling a set of appropriate socially accepted skills promotes an environment geared towards helping students achieve success.

Parent Partnership

Great success at any school does not happen without a team effort. We invite you to become an active participant in our school community through volunteering, joining our PTO, as well as attending and supporting school events. Throughout the year, you will be receiving announcements of upcoming meetings, parent-teacher conferences, assemblies, etc. I ask that you please be a part of the Rustic Lane school community and that you support our school by attending these important functions. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers and gets his/her agenda signed nightly
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Practices basic math facts and looks for examples of how math is a part of their world
- 5) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 6) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 7) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and to give his/her very best
- 8) Understands the importance of maintaining good character and integrity at all times

Once school begins, your child will also be receiving a packet containing important forms that must be completed and returned to the school. Please take care to complete, sign, and return these to school as soon as possible.

Communication

We will make communication a top priority and invite you to partner with us as we absolutely can grow stronger together. I look forward to working with our remarkable staff, involved parents, and committed students in the year ahead. Please utilize the following resources to stay informed of all things happening at Rustic Lane.

-Twitter: https://twitter.com/rle_leopards #RLEleopards #JUSDshares @RLE_Leopards @KBatchelderJUSD

-Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rustic-Lane-Elementary-School-123236361066115/>

-Rustic Lane Website: <http://jurupausd.org/schools/RusticLaneElementary/Pages/Default.aspx>

-Class Dojo: App for Android and Apple, teachers will provide sign up information for classes at the start of the year

-Peach Jar: A resource for receiving school flyers. Flyers will be emailed to the email address on file for your student. You can also peruse the flyers for the school by navigating to the district website at www.jurupausd.org and scrolling to the very bottom of the page. Under "Our District" there is a link to "Peachjar Flyers." When you select the link, you will be taken to a page to view flyers for the district. You can "View by school" in the top left corner and select Rustic Lane Elementary to view flyers for our school.

Registration of New to District Students

All new to district students register through the Parent Center. Please contact the Parent Center at (951) 416-1200 to schedule an appointment.

Bus Passes for Eligible Students

Bus pass applications are completed online through www.mypaymentsplus.com. For the safety of our students, all Home-to-School (big bus) riders must have a bus pass to ride the bus on the first day of school. For parents who applied for a bus pass by August 2, 2019, printed bus passes will be picked up at the Parent

Center. If a parent applies after August 2, 2019, the bus pass will be processed as quickly as possible and sent to the school site for distribution to the student.

Classroom Assignments and Back to School Night

If you would like to know which classroom your child has been assigned to before the first day of school, class lists will be posted on the office windows on **Tuesday, August 6th after 4:00 p.m.** Classroom assignments will remain posted for viewing through the first week of school. **Please note that classroom assignments may change the first week in September due to enrollment numbers.** Additionally, requests for any class change will not be considered until the first week of September. If you are unable to come to the school to see the lists, we will help your child find his/her classroom on the first day of school. **Please do not call the office to ask about classroom assignments or changes.**

August 6th is also our **Back to School Night!** Please join us at **4:00** to view the list for class placement and then visit your child's classroom and teacher for either the 4:30 or 5:15 sessions. Teachers will share a school message as well as present goals and expectations for your student and review school programs.

Classes begin: Schedule, Minimum Days, Arrival/Dismissal & Bussing, Free Lunch Application, etc.

Classes will begin on **Wednesday, August 7th.** **School starts at 8:15 and dismisses at 2:35 for grades 1-6, the Kindergarten schedule is from 8:15 to 11:35.** Kindergarten parents will be permitted to enter the MPR with their students during the first 3 days only to help them with the transition of beginning school for the first time. Activity supervisors walk all kindergarten students to their classrooms from the MPR daily. Remember that Perfect Attendance for the year requires students to have no Tardies, no Early Outs, and no Absences! We encourage all students to be here all day, every day to make the most of their learning opportunities!

Our first **Minimum Day** is **August 21st.** Dismissal on Minimum Days (**Every Wednesday** for grade 1-6) is at **1:00 p.m.** Please make note of early release days and ensure your student is picked up in a timely manner.

Drop Off/Pick Up

When dropping off or picking up students at Rustic Lane, please remember to slow down when entering the school zone and pull forward to use the **Student Drop Off Zone and Crosswalk.** We also ask that you respect our neighbors and not block any driveways or make U-turns on Rustic Lane during pick up/drop off times. **Stobbs Way and Rathke are also options** for pick up/drop off. If you are a bus rider, you must have a bus pass. Please renew your bus pass online as described above.

Free Lunch/Breakfast

Students requiring free lunch will also need to have their application completed and submitted online as well (Free breakfast will continue to be available to all students). Please Visit www.jurupausd.org and select the "How Do I" tab for further instructions. A parent computer station is also available in our front office for your convenience.

The wonderful Rustic Lane staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to partnering with you. If you have any questions, please contact the school at (951) 222-7837 during our regular office hours.

Healthy Living Initiatives

Unfortunately, Rustic Lane was not able to secure grant funding again for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program due to our percent of Free and Reduced Lunch applications received in 18-19. It is our hope to receive this funding again in the future, but we encourage our students to apply their learning and bring healthy snacks at recess time.

The 100 mile club also continues strong with students running the track every morning and throughout the school day. We encourage every student to sign up, participate, and stay active. Walk to school Wednesdays start up in October, so join us to help reduce traffic around our schools and build healthy bodies!

SPARK PE is another exciting addition to Rustic Lane programs. We are fortunate to have trained our teachers regarding these PE lessons and plan to continue to extend the program to student led activities during recesses...finding positive ways to get students more active!

Many Thanks...

During the course of the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students of Rustic Lane Elementary the best possible opportunities in preparing them to be world class citizens, ready to master the challenges of the 21st Century with a solid foundation developed here at our school. As Principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. The wonderful Rustic Lane staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family, we thank you for your support, and look forward to partnering with you. Please feel free to email me or call to make an appointment to discuss any celebrations, concerns, suggestions, or ideas that keep Rustic Lane Elementary students ROARing strong!



Sincerely,

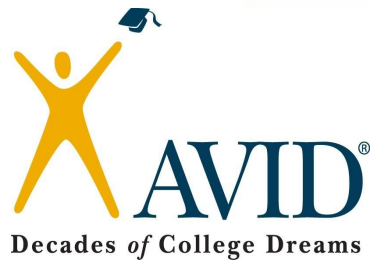
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