



September 29, 2017

Dear Rustic Lane Families,

**October 12th is College and Career Kickoff Day** for the Jurupa Unified School District. As you well know, our students throughout the district and here at Rustic Lane are embracing the AVID system to support students in developing skills for bright and successful futures. As we wrap up the first trimester and reflect on and celebrate our Leopards' strong start to the year, I would like to invite you to an **Informational Parent Night beginning at 5:00 p.m. on October 18th**. We will have students sharing out what AVID means to them, and explaining some of the components & supportive tools AVID offers. In addition, you will get to see our Rustic Lane "Pumpkins on Parade!"

As a part of our Kickoff celebration on October 12th, I am encouraging students to participate in a **Schoolwide College & Career Project called "Pumpkins on Parade!"** For this project, students are to choose a college or career of interest, and decorate a pumpkin to resemble themselves attending college or in a career. Please select no larger than a medium sized pumpkin, one that your child can carry to school. Your child's pumpkin can be decorated in any way that they wish (not carved), as long as it resembles the college and career theme. Students may use a variety of paints to create their college and career pumpkin character along with: glitter, accessories, clothing, fake hair, etc. The opportunities are endless and creativity is encouraged! Keep in mind that this is to be completed at home (You are welcome and even encouraged to provide your student assistance and make it a family event!) – but please do not do the project FOR your child. Due to limited space, please send your child to school with the pumpkin on the assigned date October 12, 2017; not earlier. Students will also receive a form to fill out and share some details about their pumpkins. Please have students include their name, teacher, room number, and short description of their pumpkin: Why their pumpkin character is a successful college student? or Why that career path interests them?

I am looking forward to seeing all of the creativity your child brings to this project. Students will receive Lucky Leopards and Certificates for participating, and we will also have a contest with prizes!! Hearing about our Leopards' college and career goals will be so much fun. Happy crafting everyone, and Happy College & Career Day!

Sincerely,



K. Batchelder  
Rustic Lane Elementary- Principal

