



Weekly Wildcat News

October 4, 2016

Happy Tuesday Wildcat Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful long weekend and the cooler temperatures.

My hope this week is that all of our families join me on Wednesday night, October 5th at 6pm at the RUHS auditorium for the 2016 RBUSD State of Education and keynote speaker Rob Franek. You may be thinking that your children are too young and college is too far away, but unfortunately, that's just not the case. It's never too early to start thinking about college!



Redondo Beach Partners in Education Presents

State of Education 2016



COLLEGE FOR ALL

It's never too early to find the right fit



OCTOBER 5, 2016

RUHS Auditorium on Vincent and PCH

5pm — Meet and Greet

Healthy Bites from Blue Zone Restaurants from Beach Cities Health District

6:30pm — Program Starts

Childcare provided for ages 4 and up starting at 6pm



Rob Franek is Princeton Review's chief expert on education and college issues. He has served as a college admissions administrator, test prep teacher, author and lecturer. He is lead author of the Princeton Review's annual "Best Colleges" series.

Recently featured on the Today Show, watch Rob Franek's interview at www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings/best-colleges

Educational Advocate of the Year Announced

Important Dates this Week:

Tuesday, October 4th - PE Makeup Day for grades 1-5

Wednesday, October 5th - Walk to School Day

LIFT OFF (SDC K) Double Day

6pm RBUSD State of Education at the RUHS auditorium

Thursday, October 6th - 4pm Reflections Workshop (see PTA message below)

Friday, October 7th - World Smile Day

6pm Family Movie Night and 5th grade Bake Sale



ALTA VISTA BOX TOPS SCRAMBLE CONTEST UPDATE

Week 2 of the contest - A shout-out to the following teams that have advanced on the contest game board:

The 1st, 4th and 5th Grade Teams onto the second tile, with over 400 Box Tops submitted

The 2nd and 3rd Grade Teams onto the first tile, with over 200 Box Tops

FIRST TEAM REACHING 1,200 BOX TOPS WINS!

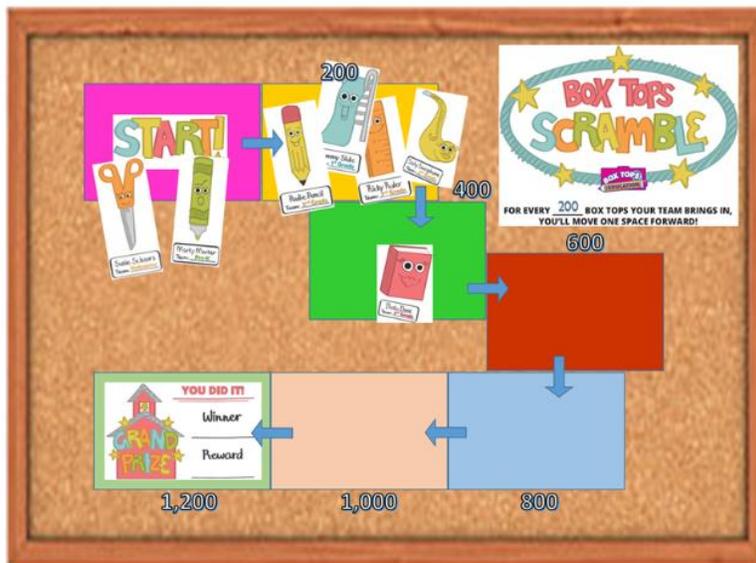
We've organized our school into teams to see who can turn in the most Box Tops the fastest. The winning team will receive free ice treats from Rita's. There are 7 teams for the 7 grade levels - from Pre K to 5th grade.

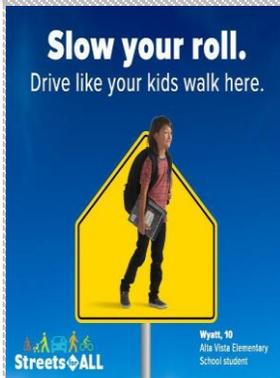
Bring your Box Tops into school labeled with your child's name and classroom so we can credit your team.

Your team will move forward a space on the board for every 200 Box Tops it brings in.

All Box Tops submitted since the beginning of the schoolyear will be counted toward this contest.

You can clip Box Tops from hundred of products. Each unexpired Box Tops clip earns 10 cents for our school.





National Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 5th

October 5 is International Walk to School Day! The Walking School Bus program at Alta Vista is moving full speed ahead. Enroll your child before the kickoff on October 5 to be eligible for prizes throughout the year. **Children who participated last year must re-register for the 2016-17 school year.**

Each child that enrolls in the Walking School Bus program will receive one **FREE Admission** to AdventurePlex (including children who are re-registering from last year).

Visit www.bchd.org/walkingschoolbus to enroll.

Interested in becoming a Walking School Bus Volunteer one day a week?

Contact Maureen Raynor at maureen815@yahoo.com.



Skechers Friendship Walk & The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation

It's that time of year again!!! Last year, \$18,200 for ALTA VISTA! Last year, we were in 1st place for the third year in a row! Let's continue to support an event that brings SO MUCH MONEY directly to Alta Vista.

All proceeds from the RBUSD team of walkers will come straight back to RBEF . Each school will receive the funds in proportion to the number of registered walkers we have. For example, if our school has 50% of the RBUSD walkers, we will get 50% of the proceeds RBEF receives. Let's get a big team together for a fun, family-friendly event for a great cause. (Note: If you can't join us at the event, please consider registering as a virtual walker... you can register and show your support without attending the event. You can also encourage family members, friends and co-workers to join!)

How to Register for the Skechers Friendship Walk – Sunday, October 25th

1. Go to www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com
2. Click on **Register**
3. Select **Join An Existing Team**
4. If you registered last year, log in using the same email and password. If not, sign up using an existing social network account or create a Friendship Walk Account.
5. You will be asked to **Join or Form a Team** - enter "Alta Vista Elementary" to find the school team and click **Search for a Team**.
6. Scroll down and click the **Join** button next to your team
7. Follow the **Next** prompts to finish registering.
8. Remember to **select the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation** to benefit from your contribution.



Alta Vista PTA

Reflections Art Contest Workshop - This Thursday, Oct. 6th

Reflections is a National PTA art program. This year's theme is "What's Your Story" and there are multiple categories including visual arts, dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition and photography. See attached flyer, rules and entry form. PTA will be hosting a series of workshops to provide information, materials and guidance for this great program. The second drop-in workshop will be after school on Thursday, Oct. 6th from 4:00 – 5:30 in the cafeteria. One more workshops will be held on Oct. 18th from 2:30-4. The deadline for entries is November 2nd. Please see attached workshop flyer contact our reflections chair, Jackie Brann at Jackie@5branns.com with questions.

Family Movie Night & 5th Grade Fundraiser – This Friday, Oct. 7th

Join us for Family Movie Night on Friday, October 7th at 6:00 for a free screening of Zootopia! 5th grade parents will be selling dinner and deserts to fundraise for 5th grade events. Bring beach chairs and blankets and come dressed as your favorite zoo animal for a chance to win movie tickets! Please see attached flyer. Also, everyone is welcome to donate baked goods for the 5th grade fundraiser. Please sign-up here to

donate: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caead2ea7f49-5thgrade/>

Let's hear your ROAR! Join PTA Today!

Our Donation and Membership drive is going strong. Currently we are at approximately \$20,000 in flat fee donations – thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! We need your help to reach our \$35,000 goal, which is \$10,000 more than last year because there will NOT be a Fall catalog fundraiser this year, and the Fun Run is not until Spring! Join PTA today for only \$10 and make a flat fee contribution starting at \$50 and receive a FREE gift! (see attached flier for details). Your donations are critical because they help support over \$112,000 of funding for programs such as Hands on Art, field trips, assemblies, teacher educational funds, and much, much more! Free gifts will be delivered to your student's classroom by mid-October.

Donations can be made and PTA memberships, select Wildcat gear items and Yearbooks can be purchased at our web store at <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com>, or by completing and submitting the attached 2016-2017 PTA Order Forms and returning them to our front office or your teacher.

Last Call for Emergency Kits

If you have not yet purchased or submitted your own emergency kit, now is your chance to purchase one for only \$5. A limited quantity of emergency kits are now available for purchase on our web store at <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com> while supplies last. The kits will be delivered to your classrooms.

Ways to Connect with Alta Vista PTA

Check out our website at www.AltavistaPTA.org and Like us on our **new** Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/altavistapta>

Stay tuned for upcoming new ways to connect with us!



College-Going Culture Corner

Increasing student awareness of the opportunities for college and career early can help to keep many doors of opportunity open. RBUSD has dedicated itself to making sure that students are starting to see the connections of what they are learning in school to how it could apply to college and careers after. Kids don't always make the connection to the end result. By starting the conversations early and raising awareness of these connections and possibilities students will be able to access more in the future. Knowledge is power, without knowing the possibilities it is difficult to make choices to work hard and keep those doors open. This year every 4th grade student will have the opportunity to go on a field trip to a college campus to see what it is like. This should spark an awareness and desire to see what other possibilities may lie ahead for them. We are starting the conversations early, are you?



Attention all 5th Grade Parents!

The 5th grade parents, in partnership with the PTA, are holding a bake sale at the Family Movie Night on October 7th to support 5th grade science camp scholarships and other 5th grade activities. Can we get your help with distributing the attached flyer and this Sign Up Genius link below so that parents can sign-up to contribute baked goods for the event.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caead2ea7f49-5thgrade/>



How to have a productive reading conversation with your child - prompts for supporting your reader

We all know that reading with our children is the single most important thing that we can do as parents. But did you know that the conversations that you have with your child about that reading are also important? Talking with your child about what they are reading helps them to think about and process their reading on a deeper level. Reading is thinking; talking helps us think deeper. An important point to remember as parents: we encourage our children to process text when we listen intently

without waiting for a right or wrong answer. Reading is a personal experience, so try not to correct your child's answers, but rather use follow up questions such as, "What makes you think that? What did the author say that makes you think that?"

Productive Talk Question #1: What do you think is the main message of this story? What did the author want you to know? What makes you think that?



Growth Mindset Corner

Why is it important?

Holding a fixed or a growth mindset has huge implications when it comes to motivation. If children have a fixed notion of intelligence, they probably believe that success has a lot to do with talent. They may think that some are born with the ability to succeed, and others just aren't. They might view successful people as possessing some unattainable, innate gift. The side effect of the fixed mindset is a helpless or apathetic attitude toward effort — especially when it comes to challenging tasks.

The simple belief that intelligence is malleable can better equip children for challenging tasks and difficult subject matter. If they know that they can develop their abilities, that effort and dedication make a difference in the formula for success, and then children won't become paralyzed by challenge. The growth mindset creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for achieving goals.

Student Absences

Just a reminder that all student absences need to be reported to our main office at 310-798-8650 every day that your child is going to be absent. Our office calls all of the families of absent students if we do not hear from you by 10am.

Our district is happy to announce a new consolidated site for all district flyers featuring community events. Please [click here](#) to view all of the latest flyers available to families and our community. Looking for a flyer specific to Alta Vista and our after-school programs?

[Click here](#) to be directed to our home page that houses all of our latest flyers.

Important Dates for the Next Few Weeks:

- Monday, September 26th - Fresh Brother's Fifth Grade Science Camp Fundraiser
- Tuesday, September 27th - 8:30am Room Parent Meeting in AV Cafeteria
- Wednesday, September 28th - Reflections Workshop 1:30-5:30pm
- Friday, September 30th - 8am PTA Meeting
- Monday, October 3rd - Local Holiday, No School
- Wednesday, October 5th - 5:30pm RBUSD State of Education at RUHS Auditorium
- Friday, October 7th - PTA Movie Night 6pm
- Wednesday, October 12th - Local Holiday, No School
- Thursday & Friday, October 13th - 14th - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria
- Wednesday, October 19th - Unity Day
- Thursday, October 20th - 10:30am Great California Shakeout
- Friday, October 21st - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
- Sunday, October 23rd - Skechers Friendship Walk
- Monday & Tuesday, October 24th & 25th - School Pictures Day
- Wednesday, October 26th - LIFT Pupil Free Day
- Thursday, October 27th - MINIMUM DAY - Staff Professional Development
- Friday, October 28th - 8:30am Halloween Parade
- Monday, October 31st - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development Day
- Wednesday, November 2nd - LIFT Pupil Free Day, LIFT OFF Double Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 3-4 - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria
- November 7 - 10 - Fifth Grade Science Camp
- Thursday, November 10th - Reflections Contest Entries Due
- Friday, November 11th - No School, Local Holiday
- November 14th and 15th - 4th grade classes to UCLA
- Wednesday, November 16th - Career Dress Up Day
- Friday, November 18th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
- November 21st - 25th - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- Tuesday, November 29th - School Picture Make Up Day
 - National Day of Listening

Ways to Support Alta Vista:

- Join the PTA!
- Consider donation to the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation. Go to www.rbef.org/donate
- Student absences cost the school \$38 per day per child. Families are welcome to repay that cost directly back to Alta Vista if able.
- Do you shop Amazon as much as I do? Try Amazon Smile instead! Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and designate Alta Vista PTA and a portion of all your purchases will go back to support our school.
- Looking to purchase a new lunchbox or lunch gear? Go to www.mightynest.com where 15% of your purchases will go directly back to Alta Vista.
- Don't forget to collect and return your General Mills Box Tops for Education. Every boxtop is money for our school!
- Go to mycokerewards.com/school, enter your Coca-Cola product codes and donate to our school. Our school can redeem the points for much needed physical education equipment.
- Keep collecting your Galleria receipts! Just shop and log receipts from any South Bay

Galleria stores and restaurants until December 31, 2013. Receipts can be logged at Guest Services anytime during the program. Remember to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to log their receipts. Anyone can support AV in the Galleria School Rewards Program!

- Stopping by Jamba Juice on a warm summer day? Just show the PTA Jamba Card when making a purchase.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Wildes