

Administrators' Message

This is an incredibly busy time of year, and it's hard to believe how fast the holidays are approaching. In celebration of the season, we invite you to join us for our annual choir and band performances. On Dec. 6 at 6 p.m., our middle school band will present its Holiday Concert in the gym. Our award winning show choir group, Encore, will present its "Singing in the Snow" extravaganza on Dec. 15-17 at Yorba Linda High School. Please view details and more on our school website, www.travisranchschool.org.

We would like to introduce two new staff members. Ryan Ralph has joined our middle school faculty as a moderate/severe teacher. A product of our school district, Mr. Ralph has four years experience as a special education teacher, the last three in Compton Unified. Prior, he was a substitute teacher and a special education paraprofessional here in the PYLUSD, including at Travis Ranch. He has a master's degree in Sports Management and Education from Brooklyn College in New York.

We also welcome Melissa Holo, our new elementary mild/moderate teacher. Mrs. Holo comes to us from Orange Unified with four years of experience teaching special education and three years teaching general education at the elementary level. She also is a PYLUSD graduate and has a master's degree in Instruction and Curriculum from Argosy University.

On a final note, our district has started a public awareness campaign to inform parents that when students miss school, they miss important instruction and the district does not receive State funding for that day—regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused. The State funds school districts based on student attendance, not on the number of students enrolled in the school district. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) determines the revenue that a school district receives.

By simply increasing our attendance rate by 1%, our school district can gain an additional \$1.3 million per year. This would help make a huge difference in saving student programs and services during the State's fiscal crisis. We urge you to bring your student to school for a portion of the day even if a family trip or doctor's appointment is scheduled. However, if children are sick, please keep them home until they are well.

We wish all of our families a joyful holiday season spent with family and friends.

Larry Mauzey
Principal

Susan Metcalf
Assistant Principal

2011-2012 PTA Executive Committees





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December 2011 / January 2012

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1 Elem Parent Conf Min day 1:17pm	2 Elem No School - Parent Conferences	3
4	5 Lost and Found 2:30p-outside of office	6 Instrumental Holiday Concert - Gym 6:00pm - 7:30pm	7 Early Release 1:47 Elem. / 2:18 M.S.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Early Release 1:47 Elem. / 2:18 M.S.	15	16 Winter Break Dec 17-Jan 2 2012 	
		3 Return to school	4 Early Release 1:47 Elem. / 2:18 M.S.	5	6	
8	9	10	11 Early Release 1:47 Elem. / 2:18 M.S.	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day - No School	17	18 Early Release 1:47 Elem. / 2:18 M.S.	19	20	21
22	23	24 NJHS Meeting 3:30pm - 4:00pm	25 Early Release 1:47 Elem. / 2:18 M.S.	26 1st Gr. Field Trip - Science Center Kdgn. Field Trip (not Preppy K)- LB Aquarium	27 MS No School - End of 2 nd Quarter 	28
29	30	31		MS Dance 3:30-4:30		

Attendance Reminder

Please call the Attendance Line each day that your child is absent. 714-986-7460, option 3

Important Information from the Principal's Office:

Every Day Counts

During these financially difficult times, parents often ask, "How can I help?"

Here is one way:



When students miss school, they miss important instruction. In addition, when students are absent, the PYLUSD does not receive State funding for that day—regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused. So you can see, every day counts!

Simply by increasing school attendance by 1%, the PYLUSD would receive more than \$1 million. **This amount would make a huge difference in saving student programs and services during the State's fiscal crisis.**

"Every Day Counts" when it comes to instruction; financially it makes a difference to our district as well. The district receives a full day's revenue if a student is present all day or any portion of the day. You can help: if a family trip or medical appointment is necessary, please bring your child to school for part of the day so he/she can be counted. If your child is ill, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME TO GET WELL.

How much State revenue can the PYLUSD gain?

96% attendance	25,847 students x 96% x \$5,240 = \$130,020,748
97% attendance	25,847 students x 97% x \$5,240 = \$131,375,131

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Every 1% gain = \$1.3 million

Every Day Counts!

More info at www.pylusd.org/attendance

Homework Without Tears Workshop

Are you looking for new homework strategies? Struggling with your child over math, science, and reading homework every night ranks high on most parents' least-favorite list. How is a parent to cope?

Please join us for a special presentation on "Homework Without Tears", by Shirley Fargo, Principal of Woodsboro Elementary School

Thursday, January 19th from 6:30pm-8:00pm
Travis Ranch Multi-Purpose Room

Travis Ranch Dinner Night Out

Travis Ranch PTA is proud to announce our **NEW** fundraising program - "Dinner Night Out". We are excited to partner with Chick-fil-A to raise money for Elementary and Middle school PTA programs. Each Yorba Linda restaurant will donate 15%-20% of the pre-tax proceeds to Travis Ranch PTA. All proceeds will fund Travis Ranch PTA educational programs.

Please join us for dinner and thank you for your support!

December

Wednesday, Dec. 14th
5:00pm – 9:00pm



AND SUPPORT
TRAVIS RANCH



Travis Ranch fundraising flyers **must** be presented at each restaurant to be included in fundraising donations. Dinner Night Out restaurant flyers will be sent home with students, be available on our website and in the front office prior to the event.

If you have any questions, please contact Travis Ranch PTA at (714) 986-7460 - option #7 or visit www.travisranchpta.org.

TRAVIS RANCH SCHOOL PLAY 2012

Oh the Thinks You Can Think!!!
Travis Ranch PTA & Spotlight Theatre is pleased to present::



Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza!!!!!!!!!!!!

All your favorite Dr. Seuss characters brought to life including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, JoJo, a little child with a big imagination and of course all the Who's!!!!

*The performance dates and times are:
Thursday, February 2nd @ 6:30 pm Blue Cast
Friday, February 3rd @ 6:30 pm Red Cast
Saturday, February 4th @ 2:00pm Blue Cast & 6:30pm Red Cast*

*Tickets will be sold to the general public in front of the Travis Ranch office on:
Tuesday, January 17 2-4:30 pm
Wednesday, January 18 1-3:00 pm
Thursday, January 19 2-4:00 pm*

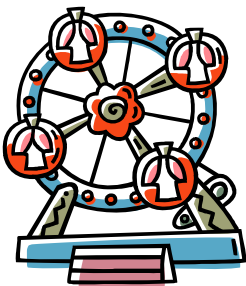
This year's production will again be held at Valencia High School's 900 seat theatre. All seats are reserved and will sell for \$ 8.00.

Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss this musical extravaganza!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Matey's Wanted! Annual Carnival Kickoff Meeting....

Please join us on Thursday, January 12th at 6:30pm in the Travis Ranch Multi-Purpose Room.

We are looking for people to help with planning & executing our annual school Carnival.



Community Partners

Please support the Travis Ranch PTA through these Community Partners programs! Thank you!
Your Community Partners Chair, Erin Gary

Box Tops Marketplace

Earn cash for our school when you buy from Box Tops Marketplace stores. Choose from Oriental Trading, Target, Staples, 1-800-Flowers, Personal Creations, Best Buy and hundreds more! Just log on to www.btfe (Box Tops for Education) and go to "shop online and earn" or "shop marketplace" under the Earn tab. Our school can earn up to 8% with your online shopping. Also, while you're on the Box Tops website, look for coupons for Box Tops products and other promotions.



Sign up for a Target Visa card and up to 1% of each purchase can go back to our school in the form of a cash donation from Target. The money will be used in many ways to benefit the school and our kids' education. If you already have a Target Visa card, please be sure to link it to Travis Ranch.

Here are two easy ways to link your Target REDCard or Visa Card with our school:

- 1) Use the gift registry kiosks in the store located near the customer service desk
 - 2) Go online to www.Target.com/tcoe and link your Target Card to our school
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It's that time again!!

**PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW TERM BEGINS ON
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.**

There is no pre-registration! This means that you cannot register for the new term until September 1, 2011 or after.

1. All of your members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2011.
2. Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at www.Ralphs.com or by using the scan bar letter at the register starting September 1, 2011.
3. If you received a scan bar letter last year, it is still good and can be used this year.
4. Even if your participants registered as recently as June or July 2011, they will be required to register again, on or after September 1, 2011.
5. Your organization does NOT need to re-register, only your participants.
6. This notice does not apply to participants of the Food 4 Less/Foods Co Community Rewards program.

Although the Travis Ranch PTA cannot endorse any business or service mentioned in this newsletter, we thank them for their support.

Box Tops Competition



The Elementary School vs. Middle School Box Tops competition runs until January. The "school" that turns in the most will get an extra 15 minutes added to their lunch. Please be sure to put your name and "Elementary School" or "Middle School" on the baggie when turning them in. Good Luck!

Elementary News

Elementary Memory Books



Back by popular demand!!!

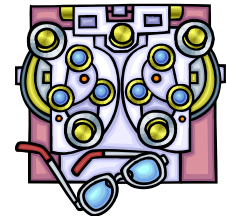
Elementary Memory Books...**All 72 Pages in Color!**

Online Sales begin October 1, 2011 through January 30, 2012 for presale price of \$34.00; Order yours NOW at www.travisranchpta.org. Note that personalization orders can only be done online.

For those who wish to pay by cash or check, please return the yellow flyer sent home last month. If you need another copy you can go online and print one out.

From the Health Office:

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING GRADES K, 2, 5 Color vision for 1st grade boys



The State of California mandates vision and hearing screening for students in public school. The screening for grades K, 2, 5 and 1st grade boys, for color vision only, will be conducted on December 12th and 13th by nurses. The exam consists of visual inspection of the eye, along with a test for acuity. Hearing testing consists of your child wearing headphones, where tones are presented, and your child will raise his/her hand.

Parents will be notified by mail if their child's vision or hearing screen shows a need for further medical evaluation. If you have any questions, call the Health Services Department at 714-986-7170 and speak with a district nurse.

Should you decide that you DO NOT wish to have your child participate in the above screening; a written note by a parent/guardian will be required to be on file. Please give the note to the school's health clerk.

Thank you,

Health Services



Elementary News

Birthday Book Club News

THANK YOU to our elementary students who, in honor of their birthdays, donated books to the Birthday Book Club. This is a terrific way of keeping our school library constantly updated with great literature. Look for our Birthday Book Club poster and donors' pictures on the wall in the library. Remember to check out all of the new books, they are terrific! We look forward to receiving many more exciting books from our birthday students!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to the following students:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Book Title</u>
Kaitlyn Jamison	PK/Mrs. Angeles	Barbie – A Pet Vet
Ishana Jansen	PK/Mrs. Angeles	Splat the Cat – Back to School, Splat!
Jackson El-Farra	K/Mrs. Duncan	Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Cabin Fever
Emma Beelner	K/Mrs. Mathewson	Fancy Nancy Spendiferous Christmas
Ella Hawkins	1/Mrs. Estrada	Joseph Had a Little Overcoat
Rylan Firouznam	1/Mrs. Estrada	Skippyjon Jones – Lost in Spice
Addelynn Meldrum	1/Mrs. Estrada	A Princess Treasury
Madeline Hayes	1/Mrs. Rose	Fancy Nancy & the Fabulous Fashion Boutique
Grant Janish	1/Mrs. Rose	I Spy Mystery
Francesca Valenzuela	1/Mrs. Rose	Bear Wants More
Caitlin Ball	2/Mrs. Aho	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Aidan Holihan	2/Mrs. Aho	On the Night You Were Born
David Van Dyke	2/Mrs. Aho	Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Cabin Fever
Ava El-Farra	2/Mrs. Aho	Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Dog Days
Kindra Gilbert	2/Mrs. Cuomo	Tangled
Emily Krohn	2/Mrs. Sitar	Diary of a Wimpy Kid – The Ugly Truth
Sara Slonkosky	2/Mrs. Sitar	Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Cabin Fever
Emma Karcher	3/Mrs. Greenspan	Dork Diaries
Konstantinos Hatzidakis	3/Mrs. Greenspan	Thomas Gets Tricked
Riley Fong	3/Mrs. Greenspan	The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Isabel Esquivel	3/Mrs. Greenspan	The Muppets – The Movie
Parker Bono	3/Mrs. Smith	The Runaway Mummy
Landon Herrin	4/Mrs. McDonald	Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Cabin Fever
Andrew Krohn	4/Mrs. Osborne	Onion John
Kaylee Kent	4/Mrs. Osborne	Ivy + Bean – Bound to be Bad
Jake Gilbert	4/Mrs. Osborne	Star Wars – The Clone Wars
Ava Delaney	4/Mrs. Osborne	Island of the Blue Dolphin

Janice Krohn, Birthday Book Club Chair

Middle School News

P.E. /Gym Clothes



Middle School students interested in purchasing replacement or additional PE clothes have the opportunity every Wednesday morning from 8:15 to 8:45. Shorts are \$12, Shirts are \$8 and locks are \$5. We are located in front of Mrs. Buckley's office near the girls' locker room.



Thank you,
Colleen Walker and Cyndi Fixa

Read to Succeed



The PTA is once again providing exciting prizes for the Read to Succeed Program for middle school students. The program will start the second week of January and run through the end of March, so please be on the look out for reading recording slips that will be coming home in your student's backpack soon. Read to Succeed is a program to help motivate students to read for pleasure by providing five different prize levels for students that read and log their time. We encourage all middle school students to start reading for Read to Succeed during the Winter Break. More information about this wonderful program will be available soon on the PTA website.

Pam Miller and Michelle Briscoe
PTA Reading Programs

Instrumental Music

TRSIMB, our Travis Ranch music boosters, wrapped up the Cherrydale Farms fundraiser with an exciting reward lunch on Nov. 22nd. Congratulations to Lauren Finney who won an iPod shuffle and to Daniel Balducci who won \$25 cash!

Marching Band also wrapped up their season and along with Orchestra is looking forward to the Holiday Concert coming up on Dec. 6th. Thanks to our music students and families we have several fun-themed baskets filled with goodies to raffle. Come enjoy a festive evening of wonderful music performed by our talented students!



Play Rehearsal Pictures:

