



ROLLING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Bengal Tigers

March 2023 Parent Bulletin

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Bengals,

March madness--here we come! Though the madness is around us with basketball and this weather, I'm hopeful we can also find some peace and civility--in our hearts, in our minds, in our actions, and in our words. I've always said that I choose to work in a school and with kids because I have hope; that hope has evolved over the past few years, but it's still strong. We will continue to do right by kids, and while we do so, want to keep you up to date on all that is March madness.

One of the reasons I call it March madness (other than taking the selfish plug for my alma mater, Providence College, who is killin' it in men's basketball!)...I digress. Sorry. It is madness in schools at this time because we start to have one foot in this year and the other in next year. The first such example is with elective options for next year. You'll see a lot of important information about options for classes as well as deadlines for applications. Please be sure your child meets those deadlines, as our classes tend to fill quickly.

We also start planning for our end of year activities, especially for 8th graders. Please note there will be a planning meeting on **Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm** in our school library. We will brainstorm some ideas for the party and for the ceremony and then ask for volunteers for different committees. This first meeting is a brainstorming session and it will be in person.

Dr. Roth will be at our next Friends of Rolling Hills meeting, which is on Thursday, March 9 at 12:45 in our school library. Please join us for an update on what's happening in our district.

March 17 will also be a busy day, as students will be participating in Bengal Bootcamp during PE and a dance after school. The Bootcamp is big undertaking for a small but might group of volunteers, and we could certainly use your help. Be on the lookout for more information about how to sign up to volunteer on this day. It will be rain or shine, so please pack an extra set of clothes for your kids!

As if that all isn't enough, we also have state testing on Tuesday, March 21 from 7:50-10:50. Please be sure that they are in school that day, on time, and well fed (free breakfast is always available at RHMS). We want them to take it seriously, but we do not want to cause undo stress or anxiety about it. It's a snapshot for us to gauge our areas of strength and weakness in order to make a plan for continued improvement. We do schedule students in intervention classes if they struggle on these assessments, so please encourage your child to take them seriously and try their best. If you have any questions about the testing, please contact me or Dana Lee at dlee@buckeyeusd.org.

Finally, to really confirm the madness, WE NEED YARD DUTIES and a night custodian!!! If you have a few extra hours in the middle of your day to come work with us, we'd be so appreciative! The application can be found on edjoin.org or contact me.

May the Ides of March smile upon us all!

NOTICES AND EVENTS

IS YOUR CHILD COLD DURING PE? We are currently selling PE sweat pants and shirts in the office. The cost is \$20 each, or you can buy a set for \$35.

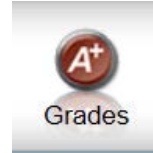
UPCOMING HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

3/13/23 **Staff Development Day**

4/3/23 – 4/7/23 **Spring Break**

REPORT CARDS: The end of the 2nd trimester was 2/17/23. Report cards now are available for you to view and print on Eschool, by going to the Home Access Center. The directions are as follows:

- Select this [link](#) to go to the Home Access Center
- Enter your Eschool Log On and Password and sign in
- Select the Grades Icon from the top of window
- Select Report Card to view your child's grades



LIBRARY NEWS

Women's History Month: March is Women's History Month. The library has a large display of books on inspiring women throughout history. For additional information and resources, visit womenshistorymonth.gov.

March "Book" Madness: The NCAA basketball tournament will be starting soon, and in the RH Library, that means it's time for March "Book" Madness! Each week, students will vote via a Google Form for their favorite book series. The Sweet Sixteen begins on Monday, March 6. A link to the voting form will be available on the library website.

Battle of the Books (BOB) Update: After many months of practice and four rounds of playoffs, our BoB Competition teams can now be announced. Representing RHMS at the County Competition on Friday, March 10, will be the Sinister Felines (6th grade), the Stars (7th grade), and the Bagels (8th grade). Congratulations to these teams, and good luck at the competition!

Mindful Mondays: On March 20, Mrs. Cutter, our counselor, will be in the library during all 3 lunches to share a relaxing craft. Pick up a "Mindful Monday" pass from yard duty, and join us in the library after you eat your lunch.

Any questions about the library? Please contact me at leszinske@buckeyeusd.org. As always, the library catalog is available for browsing [here](#), and students may request a library book by filling out the [Book Request form](#). Don't forget to follow the library on Instagram @rhmsreads. Happy Reading!

CJSF/HONOR SOCIETY INFORMATION

Exciting things are happening in CJSF!

Field Trip: Thursday, March 16th, we will be having a Field Trip to Top Golf for members that have qualified for at least one trimester. Members could have qualified 3rd trimester of 2021-2022, or 1st or 2nd trimester of 2022-2023. Permission Forms are available in the Library, and should be turned in to Mrs. Burstiner in J3. More information is available in the CJSF Google Classroom. Field Trip Form Deadline will be Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 1:15 pm. **NO Forms will be accepted late.**

2nd Trimester Application: The CJSF application for the 2nd Trimester is now available in Google Classroom. The form must be submitted by midnight on Monday, March 6. All 2nd Trimester Qualifiers are invited to attend an ice cream party during lunch on Friday, March 31.

Volunteer Hours: A gentle reminder that community service hours need to be documented and have a signature from the outreach lead that you are supporting. If you are not sure if what you are doing is going to count as community service, please reach out to Mrs. Burstiner (aburstiner@buckeyeusd.org) or Mrs. Leszinske (lleszinske@buckeyeusd.org) **BEFORE** you complete the hours and **BEFORE** the end of the trimester. We want to make sure what you are volunteering for will work and allow you to meet the CJSF requirements.

Gold Seal: Current 8th grade students who would like to have the Gold Seal on their certificate of promotion will be notified of 3rd Trimester deadlines for community service hours and grades in Google Classroom. The Gold Seal is awarded to students at promotion who qualified for CJSF at least 2 trimesters in both 7th & 8th grade.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Yearbook News:

Yearbooks on sale for only \$35.00!

It's easy to buy a yearbook AND to share your photos! Just log onto

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016533271583459>

and create your account. From here, you can purchase a book as well as upload your photos!

Outside (of school) Activity pictures are needed! It is our RHMS yearbook tradition to include photos of students doing the things they love to do outside of school: hiking, dancing, running, golfing, playing instruments, playing sports, riding horses, biking, skateboarding, hanging with friends, helping out in the community...we want your photos!

Scan this code to upload any photos for the yearbook!



HELP WANTED!

Have a few extra hours in your day? Come be a yard duty with us! It's so much fun! Hours are 10:30-1:30, and we could really use some extra help. We also have a position for night custodian, 2:00-10:00 pm. If you or anyone you know is interested, have them contact Debbie Bowers or apply on edjoin.org.

8TH GRADE EVENTS & PROMOTION INFORMATION

A meeting to start planning promotion activities will take place on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 PM in our library. Please join us in person, as we'll be creating a plan for the 8th grade party and ceremony.

CLASSES FOR 2023 – 2024

On the next pages you'll find info about exploratory/elective options for the next school year. Please read it carefully, as there are important deadlines to meet.

ELECTIVES INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

ELECTIVE	GRADE	INFORMATION	APPLICATION AVAILABLE	APPLICATION DUE	APPS AVAILABLE & DUE TO:
SPANISH 1A	7 TH	Two Year Commitment (7th & 8th grade) Prerequisites apply (see below)	4/10/23	5/1/23	OFFICE
ADVANCED ART	8 TH	Draw, paint and sculpt for the entire year! If your child did not have exploratory art this year with Mrs. Kamman, he/she must also submit a sample of his/her artwork. Advanced Art is only for 8th graders. Questions? Email Mrs. Kamman at bkamman@buckeyeusd.org.	4/10/23	5/1/23	G1
SYMPHONIC BAND	7/8 TH	Students should have one or more years of experience playing in a large ensemble See Mr. Massey (band teacher) if interested or email him at jmassey@buckeyeusd.org.	4/10/23	5/1/23	F2
YEARBOOK	7/8 TH	Yearbook is a full year Exploratory class. We create the book! We take the photos, design the pages, and edit it all to create our RHMS yearbook. A sample of your work will be due with the application. Questions? Email Mrs. Conforti at cpearl@buckeyeusd.org.	4/10/23	5/1/23	G3
BENGAL WEEKLY NEWS	7/8 TH	This course takes place during Focus, so students will still need to enroll in an elective. A video submission is required as part of this application. Applications will be accepted when school starts for the 22-23 school year. Questions? Email Mrs. Kamman at bkamman@buckeyeusd.org.	FALL 2022	FALL 2022	G1
ADVANCED LIFE SKILLS	8 TH	The Advanced Life Skills class continues exploring the principles of cooking, sewing, and other topics. Interested students should complete and submit the application for consideration. Questions? Email Mrs. George at mgeorge@buckeyeusd.org.	4/10/23	5/1/23	G4
LIFE FITNESS SUPPORT AIDE	7/8 TH	The Life Fitness Support Aide position allows students to work with special needs students during their PE class. Students interested should be kind hearted, patient and eager to help others. Questions? Email Mrs. Bowers at dbowers@buckeyeusd.org.	4/10/23	5/1/23	OFFICE
TEACHER AIDE	8 TH	Prerequisites apply (see below)	4/10/23	5/1/23	INDIVIDUAL TEACHER
OFFICE AIDE	7/8 TH	Prerequisites apply (see below)	4/10/23	5/1/23	OFFICE

MARCH-Nurse's Notes: Health Services

Are you familiar with health services related to school? California has mandates for services not only prior to school entry (vaccines) but also while your child attends school. Mandates for vaccines include immunizations for school entry at Transitional or Regular Kindergarten and 7th grade. Additionally, screenings such as hearing and vision are also required and conducted at your child's school site.



If you haven't turned in a CHDP form or Oral Health examination for your 1st Grade or Kindergarten student, please do. If you need a form, or don't know if you have this completed, our health office team can help you review your child's information as to what might be missing. For more on required vaccinations, review here: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/IMM-231.pdf>

Did you know that the beginning of March includes - **Preteen Vaccine Week, February 26-March 4, 2023.**

The El Dorado County Public Health Department wants to remind families of 11- and 12-year-old students to schedule a preteen doctor visit and get vaccinated against the following diseases. TDAP, HPV, Bacterial Meningitis, Influenza and Covid-19 vaccines. The TDAP booster (and any missing vaccines) are required for 7th Grade advancement. Personal Belief Exemptions expire at 7th grade entry. Please, consult with your family physician, or reach out to the health department if you need resources for vaccinations. **EDC PHD IMMUNIZATIONS: 530-621-6100**



Reminder... MEDICATIONS: Each site has a health clerk to assist with medications. **ALL medications require a completed BUSD permission form.** This includes prescriptions (like carried inhalers) OR anything Over-The-Counter (OTC) with an "active ingredient", e.g. vitamins, herbal or cough drops, homeopathies, ibuprofen, essential oils, etc. This helps alert the district school nurse to write a health plan for your child if needed. Exceptions, as written into code, include hand sanitizers and

sunscreen. Lotions or body oils that don't have a labeled "active ingredient" should be permitted – when in doubt, contact your health team!! AND, if your child is ILL keep them home until fever-free (<100) and vomiting-free for 24 hours without the use of medication. **Do you need a medication form?** Pick up at the office or online here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f55Q97DffiAT0X1zEhg8sRrnq-lbriPl/view>

WHAT ELSE TO KNOW? About the health office -- We provide first aid and see many students daily. We typically try to call home for concerns to be monitored, head bumps, etc. We work closely with the health department to maintain recommended protocols for communicable disease. **Our health office loves donations to keep things healthier and happier** – consider donating cleansing wipes, zip style plastic baggies and we can also use sport shorts or stretchy pants and sweats or hoodies and sweaters (*gently used items for the elementary grades are perfect*). **Thank you so much for your support!**



Here's the health team:

Tristan Kleinknight, MSN RN PHN: School Nurse for:

Blue Oak Elementary: Health Clerk II Joy Clark, MA
530-676-0164 x1830, Fax: 530-676-0758

Buckeye Elementary: Health Clerk II Rachel Kelly, LVN
530-677-2277 x1230, Fax: 530-672-1483

Camorado Springs: Health Clerk Sarah Lester, LVN
530-677-1658 x1530, Fax: 530-677-9537

Valley View Montessori: Health Clerk I, Carmela Bucci
916-939-9640 x3330, Fax 916-939-5015

Sandy Chavez, MSN RN PHN: School Nurse for:

Oak Meadow Elementary: Health Clerk I, Luz Shaw
916-933-9746 x2130 Fax: 916-933-9784

Rolling Hills: Health Clerk I, Bertha Chau
916-933-9290 x3030 Fax: 916-939-7454

Silva Valley Elementary: Health Clerk I, Tara Nakano
916-933-3767 x2730 Fax: 916-933-6389

William Brooks Elementary: Health Clerk I, Raffaella Avina
916-933-6618 x2430 Fax: 916-933-3910

Best regards from your Buckeye Union School District School Nurses: Tristan Kleinknight & Sandy Chavez
tkleinknight@buckeyeusd.org & schavez@buckeyeusd.org

Please Join Us for the 10th Annual

Heritage Festival



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Wednesday, March 29th
5:30-7:30**

Oak Meadow Elementary School

At this free family event, we'll be celebrating the many amazing cultures in our community with country displays, crafts, prizes, performances and more!

Questions? Want to get involved?
Email Annie at amusefisher@buckeyeusd.org



Did You Know Your Child Can Get FREE Vaccines?

Vaccines for Children (VFC) can help! The VFC Federal program provides FREE vaccines to children who qualify 0-18 years!



Does my child qualify for the VFC Program?

Children who are 0-18 years of age and qualify under at least ONE of the following criteria:

- Medi-Cal eligible or currently enrolled
- Don't have insurance
- Are American Indian or Alaska Native

How much will I have to pay?

- All routinely recommended vaccines are free through the VFC Program.
- Immunizations are low-cost for people who have no health insurance (-\$10 administrative fee per vaccine). However, you will not be refused if you are unable to pay these fees.

Where can my child get vaccinated?

Placerville

931 Spring St.
Placerville, Ca 95667

 To schedule an appointment, call: (530) 621-6100

South Lake Tahoe

1360 Johnson Boulevard, Suite 103,
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

 To schedule an appointment, call: (530) 573-3155

For more information visit 


<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/PublicHealth/immunizations>



JOIN US FOR...



A CURBSIDE PICK-UP WITH YOUR COMMUNITY HUB!



**FREE FOOD, DIAPERS,
AND OTHER GOODIES!**

Provided by Placer Food Bank and Community Hub partners.
Subject to availability. No pre-registration required.

**COME SAY "HI" TO YOUR HUB 2 TEAM
...FROM YOUR CAR!**



MARNI PRICE
Library Navigator
marni_price@edcagov.us
Visit Marni for weekly Storytime and
hospital tips on talking, reading and singing
daily with your child.



KLAUDIA SILVA
Family Community Navigator
ksilva@edcagov.us
Ask Klaudia about Play and Learn groups,
developmental screens, parenting tips and
resources.

Community Hubs are a partnership between First 5 El Dorado, EDC Library, EDC Early Care and Education Planning Council, EDC Child Abuse Prevention Council, EDC Health and Human Services Agency's Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Program and Mental Health Services Act.



FAITH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WHERE: 2200 COUNTRY CLUB DR, CAMERON PARK

DATE: EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
(FEBRUARY 2, MARCH 2, APRIL 6, MAY 4)

TIME: 10:30AM-12PM

For more information, call or text:

(833) EDC-HUBS

OR (833) 332-4827





Buckeye Union Food Service

What's Cooking?

Mmmm...pizza! Our cheese and turkey pepperoni pizzas are made with a whole grain crust and a combination of mozzarella, provolone, Cheddar and Parmesan cheese for a flavor students love. It's delicious and available daily!

The Harvest of the month for March is cucumbers. Look for cucumbers to be offered as part of our daily vegetable selection. They are great with our homemade ranch dressing!



MARCH 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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		<p style="text-align: center;">LIGHT THE NIGHT Movie & Dodgeball - Tickets on sale F2 & K4 SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear <i>Orange & Black</i> RHMS CLUBS</p> <p>BoB Mtg – Library/Lunch 1:15PM – CJSF Clean Up 1:15PM – Hands4Hope 1:15PM – Theater Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIGHT THE NIGHT Super Slamming (Focus)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:04PM – Q, Q & A 2:04PM – Wildlife 2:10PM – Running Club 2:15PM – Paws 4 a Cause</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LIGHT THE NIGHT Dodgeball (Tickets Required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Merit Maintainer Awards Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6PM Movie Night (Tickets Required)</p>
6	7	8	9	10
<p>CJSF 2nd Trimester Applications Due!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 12:37PM – Super Seeds 2:04PM – Club Live 2:15PM – Cards Club 2:15PM – Mtn Bike 2:15PM – Quiz Bowl 2:15PM – Theater</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:30PM – Coding Club</p> <p>6:30 PM – 8th Grade Promotion Activities Parent Mtg - Library</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear <i>Orange & Black</i> RHMS CLUBS</p> <p>BoB Mtg – Library/Lunch 1:15PM – Theater Club</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CJSF Top Golf Permission Slips Due</p>	<p>12:45PM - FORH Mtg (Guest - Dr. Roth)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:04PM – Q, Q & A 2:04PM – Wildlife 2:10PM – Running Club 2:15PM – Mandatory Track Mtg - Gym</p>	<p>County BoB Competition (Amphitheater) 9AM – Noon</p>
13	14	15	16	17
<p>NO SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:30PM – Coding Club</p> <p>2:15PM – Track & Field Begins (Most have paperwork to attend.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear <i>Orange & Black</i> RHMS CLUBS</p> <p>BoB Mtg – Library/Lunch 1:15PM – Hands4Hope 1:15PM – Theater Club 1:15PM – CJSF Clean Up</p>	<p>7:50AM - Reader Leader Meeting (Library)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CJSF FT – Top Golf</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:04PM – Q, Q & A 2:04PM – Wildlife 2:10PM – Running Club 2:15PM – Paws 4 a Cause</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bengal Boot Camp (Takes place during PE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shamrockin’ Dance Party (6th & 7th Grade Only) 2:25 – 3:45PM</p>
20	21	22	23	24
<p style="text-align: center;">Mindful Mondays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 12:37PM – Super Seeds 2:04PM – Club Live 2:15PM – Cards Club 2:15PM – Mtn Bike 2:15PM – Quiz Bowl 2:15PM – Theater</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SBA ELA P/T TESTING IN FOCUS CLASSES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:30PM – Coding Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear a TuTu for 3/22.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 1:15PM – Theater Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SBA ELA P/T TESTING IN FOCUS CLASSES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHMS CLUBS 2:04PM – Q, Q & A 2:04PM – Wildlife</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Library Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SBA ELA P/T TESTING IN FOCUS CLASSES</p>
27	28	29	30	31
SBA ELA P/T MAKE UP TESTING IN LIBRARY MARCH 27th – MARCH 31st				
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APRIL 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Spring Break!				
10	11	12	13	14
<p><u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 2:04PM – Club Live 2:15PM – Cards Club 2:15PM – Mtn Bike 2:15PM – Quiz Bowl 2:15PM - Theater</p>	<p><u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 2:30PM – Coding Club 2:30PM - Site Council Meeting in J3</p>	<p>SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear Orange & Black <u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 1:15PM – Theater Club</p>	<p>12:45PM - FORH Mtg <u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 2:04PM – Q, Q & A 2:04PM – Wildlife 6 PM – Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation</p>	<p>9:30 AM – Incoming 6th Grade Student Orientation</p>
17	18	19	20	21
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24	25	26	27	28
<p><u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 2:04PM – Club Live 2:15PM – Cards Club 2:15PM – Mtn Bike 2:15PM – Quiz Bowl 2:15PM - Theater</p>	<p><u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 2:30PM – Coding Club 3:30 PM Math Placement Testing for Incoming 6th Graders at Camerado</p>	<p>SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear Orange & Black <u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 1:15PM – Theater Club 3:00 PM Math Placement Testing for Incoming 6th Graders at Rolling Hills</p>	<p><u>RHMS CLUBS</u> 2:04PM – Q, Q & A 2:04PM – Wildlife 3:30 PM Math Placement Testing for Incoming 6th Graders at Valley View</p>	<p>Learn Something New Student Assembly</p>