



ROLLING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Bengal Tigers

November 2023 Parent Bulletin

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October came and went with a flurry of activities, and the next few months are always a bit of a whirlwind in life and especially in schools. I'll try to summarize October and look ahead to January in this brief letter.

As always, safety is our number one concern at Rolling Hills. It's always on our minds and we're always looking at updating practices. To that end, I wanted to share some safety highlights from the past month:

1. Intruder practices—With the support of law enforcement's suggestions, we reviewed best practices and examined our current policies with our staff. As you can imagine, it's always a difficult conversation to have, but one we have frequently to be sure we're doing all we can to keep our students safe.
2. Stop It App—We do have an anonymous reporting system for students to share any information that they feel is unsafe for themselves or others. They may download an app to use on their phones, or they may access it from any device through this website: <https://appweb.stopitsolutions.com/>. It is 100% anonymous, and it alerts RH admin of any incidents that are entered immediately. We are able to communicate via direct messaging to get more information, but we don't know with whom we're communicating in order to keep it anonymous. A quick video about it can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpg-bli0xas> Finally, these QR codes will guide you to download the app on a phone:



3. Drug Awareness—The last week of October was Red Ribbon Week and we had a variety of activities to help students remain drug free. Though the week is over, the message will continue throughout the year. If you ever have any questions or need support for your child, please don't hesitate to contact us.

As a reminder, there is no school on Friday, November 10 in honor of Veterans Day. We are closed the whole week of Thanksgiving, November 20-24. The last day of classes before winter break is Wednesday, December 20 and school resumes on Monday, January 8, 2024. PLEASE do all you can to plan your travel, appointments, etc. with these dates in mind.

As November is always a time to give thanks, I want to thank our students, staff, and our community for a wonderful start to the school year. It's been a flurry of excitement with field trips, dances, and assemblies, and I think we may have overdone it a bit, but seeing kids happy to be at school is a gift that I cherish. Our kids were so excited to share their costumes on Friday and had such a blast on the party that the exhaustion we all feel is well worth it! I am thankful every day for this job that called me to it, and I'm thankful to you for sharing your children with us.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Debbie

NOTICES AND EVENTS

Checking out students: In order to expedite this process and get you on your way as quickly as possible, please send your child with a dismissal note indicating the time you would like your child checked out. Have them bring it directly to the office in the morning, and office staff will give them a pass to get out of class at the time indicated on your note. This is especially helpful when you try to check a student out at lunch or PE, as it's harder to get them to the office if the note wasn't brought to us in the morning.

Delivery of items: In order to minimize disruptions to class instruction, students will have a one time delivery pass for the year. After the pass is used, parents may deliver items to the office, and students should know that if they ever forget something to just stop in the office to pick it up. We will reiterate this with them when they use their one time delivery pass.

Absences:

1. What is considered an Excused Absence?

By law [EC § 48205], excused absences are: illness (fever 100° or more), persistent runny nose (not allergy related), vomiting, diarrhea, medical/dental appointments (doctor's note required for verification), death in the family, specific religious reasons, required appearance in court, and exclusion from school for contagious disease.

2. What can I do if my child needs to be out of school for a length of time?

If your child must be absent for three (3) or more days, you may request that your child is signed up for an Independent Study Agreement. Please note that teachers need at least one week's notice in order to prepare materials without interrupting their instructional time.

3. I called in to verify my child's absence; why am I still getting truancy letters?

Even excused absences can result in truancy notifications. Truancy letters are sent to all families who are in danger of being absent more than 10% of the school year. Obviously, earlier in the year that number could be only 3 absences. In order to teach our kids, we need them here!

Dine-Out-Event: Our November Dine Out event will be at Bawarchi Indian Cuisine from 11:30am-2pm & 4:30pm-9:30pm on Wednesday, November 15th. They are located conveniently in Town Center, near Cold Stone. Bring the flyer (included in this bulletin) and present it when purchasing your meal to make sure that 20% of the total sales will be donated back to the Rolling Hills Middle School!

Friends of Rolling Hills Meeting: The November FORH meeting will be held in the staff room on Thursday, November 9th 2023 12:45pm- 2:00pm.

Hands 4 Hope: October meetings will be Wednesday, November 1st and 15th from 1:15pm-2:00pm in J1.

Check out more information about Hands4Hope on our [website](#) and the [Rolling Hills Club page](#).

Girls Basketball and Boys Soccer: Tryouts will be after Winter Break. Start working on your cardio so you are ready to go after the Winter Break. Good Luck!

Are you interested in acting or stagecraft?

Auditions for the play, *I Hate Shakespeare*
by Steph DeFerie, are on Monday, Nov. 6th and Thursday, Nov 9th from 2:15-3:30 in the MP room.

This play is a hilarious, fast-paced
rundown of Shakespeare's classics with a modern twist.
See the attached Flyer or Click [HERE](#) to Sign up today!

November 2023 Library News

Battle of the Books (BOB) is off to a great start. This enthusiastic bunch of students is flying through our BoB books. In fact, we have two students who have already read all 10 books! We have three BoB meetings scheduled during November, all on Wednesdays during lunch - November 1, 15, and 29. As a reminder, the BoB kids are asked to complete a minimum of two books by December 1.

The Library Assistants, my library student volunteer group, are working hard to learn where everything belongs in the library. They have all been assigned a set of bookshelves to maintain, and are doing a great job making sure our library looks beautiful. Some of these students are going above and beyond by decorating their shelves for the season, and by providing fun bookmarks to browsers. I love seeing their creativity in action!

If your student is interested in BoB and/or Library Assistants, but did not sign up, please contact me at lleszinske@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

CJSF is the RHMS Honor Society. The purpose of CJSF is to encourage and recognize students who strive to do well academically, and who give back to our school and community through service.

Shout-Outs go to all of our volunteers during the 1st trimester. Our beautiful campus looks even better with the help of the Campus Clean-up team. The CJSF Recycling Crew collected the recycling from the classrooms every Thursday, helping to reduce waste on campus. CJSF students eagerly volunteered in the community at local Harvest Festivals. Employees from the school sites have emailed us sharing how amazing our students were during the festivals, and how they are acting as great role models for younger students.

On October 10, the 3rd trimester 2022-2023 qualifiers with service hours were invited to attend a "Spooky Breakfast" in the library. 86 students qualified, and they had a great time eating and hanging out with their friends. We are so proud of these hardworking students!

On October 17, a great group of CJSF Bengals came together in the library during lunch to make cards for American service members stationed overseas. They wrote heartfelt notes thanking our military for their service and sacrifice, and decorated their cards with patriotic stickers and drawings. These cards will be included in care packages sent abroad by the Blue Star Moms.

3rd Trimester 2022-2023 Qualifiers

7th Graders with Service Hours

Ira A	Avery H	Liya P
Kabir A	Devin J	John P
Eli A	Adam J	Abigail P
Kylie A	Diane J	Danny P
Madelyn A	Lola K	Caitlyn P
Hazel A	Mallory K	Arya P
Rob A	Maliya K	Mehreen R
Allison B	Lucia L	Reagan R
Sophia B	Parker L	Maddie S
Hudson B	Macy L	Evelyn S
Paxton B	Mohammed M	Levi S
Karrington C	Peyton M	Aayush T
Jack C	Mason M	Sophie T
Shayan F	Rachel M	Theo V
Connor F	Persia N	Summer X
	Logan O	Addie Y

8th Graders with Service Hours

Harshil A
Grace B
Natalie B
Vanessa C
Austin C
Seonghyun C
Benjamin C
Noah C
Payton G
Naureen H
Emme H
Evan H
Saanvi J
Chloe J

Abina K
Akhil K
Stella K
Braelyn K
Brooklyn K
Sahana M
Emalee M
Anishka N
Scottlyn O
Avanti R
Elliot R
Priyanka S
Zak S

Raman S
Rayhan S
Baran S
Jaiveer S
Samiya T
Dyuthi T
Jennifer T
Nico T
Athena W
Brooke W
Ethan X
Ayden Y

7th & 8th Grade Qualifiers

Chloe C
Talia H
Caidon I
Luke M

Michelle M
Brooklyn M
Samantha M
Albert W

The digital application for the 1st trimester will be available in Google Classroom beginning **November 9, 2023**. Students will need a picture or screenshot of their 1st trimester report card to submit with their applications. If they have volunteer hours, they must take a picture of their proof and submit that as well. Service hours are not required to be a member.

Applications are due Friday, November 17th, by 11:59pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER: MEMBERSHIP IS NOT AUTOMATIC. STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE DIGITAL APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE EACH TRIMESTER TO BECOME AND REMAIN A CJSF MEMBER. The Google Classroom code is **msgobrb**.

Please contact Mrs. Burstiner (aburstiner@buckeyeusd.org) or Mrs. Leszinske (lleszinske@buckeyeusd.org) if you have any questions about CJSF.



Buckeye Union Food Service

What's Cooking?

Our Chili Verde Bowls are made from scratch and full of flavor. The rice is cooked with chicken broth, onion and garlic powder, cumin, allspice, black beans, corn and bell peppers. It's topped with chili verde diced chicken breast and cheese. Sour cream and green enchilada sauce are available as toppings. It's amazing!

Our pears this month come from Stillwater Orchards in Courtland, CA. Stillwater Orchards started growing pears in 1860. Today, this 6th generation family farm is still going strong, providing a variety of high quality fruits and vegetables.



BENGAL NEWS

NOVEMBER



A Note from Student Council

Happy November,
A huge thank you to all of the families who donated or loaned items to us for the Haunted Hallway and Monster Mash. All of the decorations and props made the event so much fun. We really appreciate your support!

This month, we are hoping to spread our Bengal support to families in need during the upcoming holiday season. From November 1 to November 9, we are hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank of El Dorado County. Please donate if you can to your child's Focus class.

To see all we have going on, please visit our Student Council [webpage](#).  RHMS Student Council

Opportunities

- ☐ Bengal Birthday Display
- ☐ Spiritwear (pj pants, beanie, etc.)
- ☐ Donations to Student Council

[Find Info on Student Council Webpage](#)

Events this Month

FOOD DRIVE	From November 1 to November 9, donate non-perishable food items to Focus classes.
SPIRIT	Wear school colors or Bengal wear each Wednesday to show your Bengal Pride.
SPORTS	Come support the girls soccer and boys basketball teams. Click here for schedules.
FUN FRIDAY	Yeehaw! Western Day is on November 17th. Wear your boots and join in lunch activities.
HOLIDAY	Enjoy the holiday week with your families. 

Questions?

Contact Kristin Cox, Leadership Advisor

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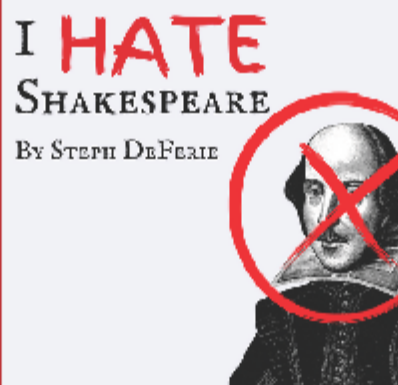
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Rolling Hills Middle School

I HATE SHAKESPEARE AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS November 6th & 9th - SIGN UP TODAY!



Scan to register

Mandatory Parent Meeting: November 15th; 6:00pm via zoom

Audition Dates & Times: November 6th & 9th; 2:15-3:30 pm

Rehearsal dates: Weeks of November 12th - January 28th.

Mondays & Thursdays; 2:15-3:30 PM

Rehearsal Location: School Cafeteria

Performances: Thursday, February 1st at 6 PM; Friday, February 2nd at 6 PM

FAQ sheet & Production Calendar: Press on icons above to access the Production Calendar & the FAQ sheet!

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Bawarchi Indian Cuisine

2085 VINE STE #102
EL DORADO HILLS
(916) 222-8222

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
11:30AM-2:30PM & 4:30PM-9:30PM
DINE-IN | CARRY OUT



20% OF THE PROCEEDS DONATED TO ROLLING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
WHEN YOU SHOW OR MENTION THIS FLYER!

THIRD-PARTY ORDERS NOT ELIGIBLE
ORDERS MUST BE CALLED IN AT (916) 222-8222

BENGAL SPIRIT WEAR

DEADLINE
TO ORDER
11/6/2023

Purchase in the Student
Store After School

~OR~

Use [This Link](#) to
Order Online



All proceeds go to the RHMS Student
Council for student activities and events.



beanie
\$20















PJ pants
\$25



tshirt
\$15

☆ Want to start a club? Click [here](#) for more information. ☆

STUDENT CLUBS 2023-2024

mondays	tuesdays	wednesdays	thursdays	fridays
 Cheerleading 2:15-3:00 outside of Room H3 with Mrs. McGee	Brushing Colors of Art  2:15-3:00 in Room G1 with Mrs. Kamman	Battle of the Books "BOB"  During Lunch in the Library with Mrs. Leszinske	 Chess Club After School 2:15-3:15 in Room K3 with Mr. Blubaugh	 Drama After School 2:15-3:00 in Room G3 with Ms. Van Camp
 Mountain Biking 2:15-3:00 outside of Locker Rooms with Mr. Nowag	 Anime 2:15-3:00 in Room H6 with Mr. Flater	Hands 4 Hope Alternating Wed 1:15-2:00 in Room J1 with Mrs. Roberts	 Paws for a Cause 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each Month 2:15-3:00 in Room L1 with Ms. Acree	 Rubik's Cube After School 2:15-3:00 in Room F2 with Mrs. Cox
	 Coding 2:30-3:30 in Room G3 with Ms. VanCamp	Quiz Bowl in Room F1 with Mrs. Clark See attached schedule	 Board and Video Games After School 2:15-3:00 in Room L6 with Mrs. Rose	Quiz Bowl in Room F1 with Mrs. Clark See attached schedule
			 Running After School 2:15-3:00 Locker Rooms with Mrs. Pickett	

2023 - 2024 Quiz Bowl Club
Meeting Dates and Tournament Opportunities

- Wednesday, November 8 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, November 17 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, November 29 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)

***TOURNAMENT at Cavitt Jr. High** - Saturday, December 2 (all day - must provide own transportation and lunch)




- Friday, December 15 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, December 20 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, January 10 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, January 17 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, January 26 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, February 7 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, February 16 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, February 28 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, March 8 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 13 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, March 22 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 3 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, April 12 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Friday, April 19 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 24 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 1 (1:20 - 2:00 p.m.)
- Friday, May 10 (2:15 - 3:00 p.m.)

****END-OF-YEAR Club Celebration and Competition** vs. Staff Volunteers - Wednesday, May 15 (1:30 - 2:30)

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black Hands 4 Hope Meeting @ 1:15	2	3 End of 1 st Trimester
6	7	8 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black	9 Friends of RH Meeting 12:45- 2:00	10 No School Veterans Day Observed
13	14	15 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black Hands 4 Hope Meeting @ 1:15 Dine Out @ Bawarchi Indian Cuisine	16	17 Fun Friday- Western Wear CJSF Application Due
20 No School 	21 No School 	22 No School 	23 No School Thanksgiving 	24 No School 
27	28	29 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black	30	

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black	7	8 Pep Rally
11 Candy Gram Sale Starts	12	13 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black Hands 4 Hope Meeting @ 1:15	14	15 CJSF Dessert Party
18	19 CJSF Meeting	20 Spirit Day: Wear Orange & Black Dine Out @ The Melt	21 Winter Break Starts 	22 
25 Winter Break 	26 	27 	28 	29 