Week of 2/3/2020

Rio Vista Middle School
Weekly Update
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This week we begin our “Pennies for Patients” campaign. Beginning February 3rd, Rio Vista will be collecting money to help find a cure for cancer. Please talk with your student about how they can help others in our community and encourage them to donate their spare change to this worthy cause. As a kick-off to the campaign, we will be having dress-up days this week. Please encourage your student to participate.

• Monday – Put Cancer to Sleep (Wear your favorite pajamas or cozies! No slippers!)
• Tuesday – Together We Change Cancer (Twin or match with some friends!)
• Wednesday – Kick Out Cancer (Wear your favorite sports gear!)
• Thursday – Ice Out Cancer (Wear blue & bring $1.00 to dump an ice bucket on your favorite staff member!)
• Friday – Cancer Attacks, Titans Fight Back (Wear red, white, or blue!)

***All attire must conform to the CUSD Dress Code unless otherwise stated.***

JUST A REMINDER---flowers, balloons, candy, or stuffed animals are NOT allowed on campus – NOT EVEN FOR VALENTINE’S DAY. Our focus remains on learning and the classroom. Thank you for understanding and discussing this with your student.

Joe M. Bracamonte, Principal

Fantastic Four: Be There, Be Ready!

Learning Never Ends ~
Let your middle schooler see that education is a lifelong process by sharing things that you learn. For example, you might tell them what you are learning in a class that you are in or show them a new yoga pose you’re practicing.

Asking for Help ~
When your child struggles with a lesson or concept in school, encourage them to go to their teacher, a tutor, or a classmate for help. Reassure them that it’s okay to admit they don’t understand and it’s important to get assistance before they fall behind.

Encourage Planning ~
Thinking ahead will help your tween stay on top of their responsibilities. Talk about how they can do this. For example, if they are going to a sleepover on Saturday, they’ll need to pack their overnight bag, return their library books that are due that day, and arrange to come home in time on Sunday to finish homework.
Things to Know:

• **TITAN AWARD**: The annual Titan Award is open to all students. The application form for this year is due (fully completed, with signatures and volunteer forms) by May 8th. The recording chart (application) and the handbook which details all aspects of the award are posted on the Rio Vista website under Students. Encourage your student to work with their 1st period advisory teacher to complete the chart.

• **DRESS CODE**: Please remember: 1) no legging or tights may be worn unless they are worn beneath dresses, skirts, skorts, shorts or culottes, 2) excessive wear is not allowed, and 3) no skin nor any undergarments may show and shorts can only be a maximum of eight (8) inches above the knee. Please keep jeans with excessive wear/excessive fraying for weekend wear. The district code is available on our website for you to review.

• **TARDIES**: One of our Fantastic Four beliefs is to “Be there, Be ready!” This means to be in the seat before the bell rings – not running through the door as the bell rings. Timeliness is an important skill that our students need to develop to be college, community, and career ready.

• **STUDENT CHECK-OUT**: Reminder—anyone checking out a student must ALWAYS bring their driver’s license, California ID or valid passport with them. If you do not have a proper ID, you will not be able to check a student out.

• **CAMPUS VISITORS**: Please remember that all parents visiting the school must first check in at the front office. If you are going to be on campus, you must have a visitor’s badge at all times. Angelica or Mia in our front office will be more than happy to assist you!

This week at Rio Vista:

• **Monday (2/3)**: Pennies for Patients Campaign Begins (thru 2/7)
• **Monday (2/3)**: After School Tutoring – Math (Rm. 407)
• **Tuesday (2/4)**: After School Tutoring (8th ELA-Rm. 209, 7th ELA-Rm. 202, 8th Science - Rm. 306, 7th Science – Rm. 308, 8th History – Rm. 206, Math – Rm. 407), 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
• **Wednesday (2/5)**: Club Day (Anime~Basketball~Best Buddies~Creative Writing)
• **Wednesday (2/5)**: Anti-Tobacco Parent Night, 5:30 p.m. (Library)
• **Thursday (2/6)**: After School Tutoring (7th ELA-Rm. 202, 7th Science-Rm. 308, 8th Science-Rm. 306, Math – Rm. 407), 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
• **Friday (2/7)**: Freshmen Fair (during lunch)
• **Friday (2/7)**: Spirit Day

**SPORTS**

**SPORTS PRACTICES**: 2:35 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. (M-T-Th-F)/1:25 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (W)
• **Monday (2/3)**: Boys Basketball & Soccer – Rio vs. Sanger @ Rio, 3:30 p.m.
• **Monday (2/3)**: Girls Basketball & Varsity Soccer – Rio vs. Sanger, 3:30 p.m.
• **Tuesday (1/28)**: Wrestling – Rio vs. Desmond @ Rio, 3:30 p.m.
• **Wednesday (2/5)**: Girls Basketball & Soccer – Rio vs. Dinuba @ Rio, 3:30 p.m.
• **Wednesday (2/5)**: Boys Basketball & Soccer – Rio vs. Dinuba, 3:30 p.m.
• **Wednesday (2/12)**: Spring Sports Victory with Honor Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (Gym)
• **Tuesday (2/18)**: Baseball, Softball, and Boys Volleyball Try-Outs Begin
Tuesday (2/18): Swim, Boys Golf and Track Practices Begin
Wednesday (2/19): Winter Sports Awards, 5:00 p.m. (Gym)

UPCOMING EVENTS:
• Monday (2/10): Lincoln’s Birthday – No School
• Wednesday (2/12): Fantastic Four Luncheon
• Thursday (2/13): Central High School Registration for 8th Gr.
• Friday (2/14): Special Olympics Basketball
• Monday (2/17): President’s Day – No School
• Saturday (2/29): Saturday School

Every Wednesday is a minimum day and school releases at 1:05 p.m.
Please refer to our school marquee and the Rio Vista webpage and calendar for current and up to date information at http://rv.centralunified.org

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