

# Rancho Vista School

## Spring Student Council Election Information 2018/19

- Applications are available January 28- February 1 in the office or library
- Applications and speeches are due to the Principal by February 5th.
- Candidates must schedule a speech rehearsal February 6-7.
- Candidates will give their speech at a school assembly after lunch on Friday, Feb 8th
- The election will immediately follow the assembly on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Election results will be announced following the assembly.

## Student Council Offices

### President (5th only)

- Leads Meeting
- Sets the agenda after discussing the ideas with the advisors
- Monitors the responsibilities of other officers
- Writes articles for the banner

### Vice President (4th or 5th only)

- Leads meetings in the absence of the president
- Works on all student council activities
- In charge of posting and removing all student council signs

### Secretary (4th or 5th)

- Takes notes at each meeting and reads the previous meeting minutes at student council meetings
- Keeps track of representative and officer attendance

### Treasurer (4th or 5th)

- Responsible for keeping records of all expenditures and income
- Oversees counting money before and after each fundraising event

**Student Council Meetings will be held TWO Thursdays a month from 12:30-1:00p.m., please note that this is AT LUNCH. Student Council meetings are mandatory for elected officers.**

### Campaigning

- Each candidate will use the “Student Council Speech Tips Worksheet” to write a campaign speech.
- Candidates may not make any campaign promises as student council events/fundraisers are subject to approval by the principal and teacher advisors.
- Candidates may make on 18” X 24” (or smaller) poster. No other signage is allowed

**Rancho Vista School**  
**2018-19 Student Council Election Application for Officers**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a \_\_\_\_\_ grade student in  
(your name) (grade)  
\_\_\_\_\_ class wish to run for the office of  
(your teacher's name)  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(office of your choice)

Both you and your parent must initial after each of the following statements:

- I am a responsible and hardworking student \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have good attendance and am rarely late for school \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will attend scheduled student council meetings \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will set a good example for other students at Rancho Vista \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will follow all election rules \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will remove my poster once the election is over \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have and will maintain average or above grades \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will follow the rules for speeches and attend the mandatory candidate's meeting. \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Endorsement**

This student has my endorsement to serve on the student council. He/she is organized, hard working, and responsible. I have witnessed this student set a good example for students at Rancho Vista by being kind and respectful. Signed,

\_\_\_\_\_, Rancho Vista Teacher  
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\_\_\_\_\_, Rancho Vista Teacher

**Parent Participation**

**I am able to volunteer to assist the student council coordinators if my child is elected. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**I am unable to assist as a student council liaison.**

**Signed, \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**

## Student Council Speech Tips Worksheet

Below are some topics you might wish to discuss while making your student council speech. You might find it helpful to fill in the lines and then rewrite your answers into outline format for your speech. **Remember: you may not make any campaign promises as student council events/fundraisers are subject to approval by the principal and teacher advisors. A copy of your speech is due to the principal no later than the Thursday before elections. Speeches should be no longer than TWO minutes per candidate.**

1. List a few of your ideas and goals for Student Council that you have envisioned, and the things you would do to reach these goals. Think about ways to build school pride.

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2. What leadership experience have you had in the past and how would you use this to benefit Student Council?

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3. Explain in detail why you want to be a part of Rancho Vista Student Council.

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4. What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

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5. Explain your personal definition of a leader and explain how you are that leader.

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