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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, we made it through October! We had quite a month of activities. Thanks to everyone who helped out with our annual Jog-A-Thon. Because of you all, the day ran very smoothly. The pledge envelopes have been turned in and we will know soon if we raised our goal amount of \$50,000.00.

Our first Family Fun Night was a success. The kids and parents enjoyed a Halloween themed evening of games, crafts and fun. The kids also enjoyed Red Ribbon Week. Thanks to everyone who dressed up and participated in the events of the week.

I hope everyone enjoyed our first PTA sponsored assembly entitled "Do the Right Thing". It tied in nicely with the idea of Red Ribbon Week. The second assembly is scheduled for December 4th and is called

"Popapella". The kids will enjoy this talented a cappella group.

Other PTA sponsored programs happening in November include our first session of "Hands on Science", and our second Art Masters project. Be sure to ask your kids about these activities going on at school. They are a wonderful addition to the curriculum.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for November 24th. It will be held in the MPR at 7:00. We will not have a December meeting. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Suzanne Graham
PTA President
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THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all who helped with the Jog A Thon. Thank you **Colleen Logomasini** and **Carrie Schwan** for heading up the event. It can't be done without the effort from everyone!

Thank you **Mary Core** for doing such a great job with our Membership drive this year. Our numbers are up from last year. Thanks to everyone for becoming members. Thank you **Kristen Smith** for putting together another great directory for our members!

Thank you **Alicia Smith, Susan Fortier** and **Connie Sutorius** for getting our Art Masters program underway for the year. We appreciate your time and efforts for organizing the program. The kids have already enjoyed their first project.

Thank you **Melanie Schrunk** and **Erin Hoskinson** for organizing Red Ribbon Week and Bike Rodeo for us this year! The kids enjoyed the assembly and dress up days. We appreciate the effort you put into setting up

the events.

Thank you **Brandi Hawkes** for your efforts in organizing the after-school programs. Many kids are participating, and learning new things.

Thank you **Heather Alexander** for recruiting and organizing our Room Mom volunteers!

Thank you **Lori Quigley** and helpers for heading up Disaster Preparedness!

Thank you **Trina Relph** and **Terri Graham** for putting on a great Family Fun Night!

Thank you **Theresa Gray** for providing training for our parent volunteers, and heading up our Programs for the year!

Thank you **Melody Downey, Joann Case, Theresa Gray** and **Nicole Ohlsen** for being our Picture Day helpers!

Thank you **Suzanne Rundberg** and **Amanda Thomas** for providing a delicious luncheon for our teachers during Conference Week!

ALL SYSTEMS GO! JOG-A-THON DAY!!!

Wow! Another great Jog-A-Thon day! The Jog-A-Thon "ALL SYSTEMS GO" in a big way! All of our superstar students did their best jogging, collecting pledges and rocking out to some great music! A big "THANK YOU" is in order for all who gave their time and efforts to make our annual Jog-A-Thon a successful event. It takes many people to organize this event, and we really appreciate all of you!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the following terrific volunteers:

MEDICAL FORMS

Arlene Mauro

HEAD MONEY COUNTER

Pam Erickson

POPSICLES

Trina Relph

LIMO RIDE

Melanie Jackson

FIELD PREP & SET-UP CREW!

Chris Dunn

Randy Case

John Sloka

Heather Alexander

Michelle Horowitz

KICK OFF PERFORMANCE CHAIR

Annie Lovley

MC EXTRAORDINAIRE

Brandi Hawkes

INCENTIVE PRIZES & DISTRIBUTION

Margaret Chao & Carrie Schwan

JOG CAPTAIN CHAIR!

Carrie Schwan

Bernie Fortier

Brian Leonard

Steve Core

Carrie Schwan

Suzanne Graham

HOSPITALITY!

Grace Blumley

NURSE VOLUNTEER ON SITE

Michelle Horwich

PARTY PLANNER

Lisa Fost

RECYCLING

Karen Skenes

Greg Verghe

Brad Schwan

Brian Wolbert

Trina Relph

Lili De Rojas

JOG CAPTAINS!

Andrea Gomez, Julie Rasem, Melanie Jackson, Dana Dickstein, Kristin McDonald, Susan Bundy, Alicia Smith, Emilie McVay, Sarah Waters, Jenny Nonora, Michelle Vacca, Lori Quigley, Yvonne Shade, Debbie Kayoda, Deborah Podesta, Hollie Schillig, Alisa Millers, Melody Downey, Peggy Shabaz, Tim Powers, Theresa Gray, Liz Vosseler, Chris Dunn and Shawna Wiser!

Parent Volunteers, our wonderful teachers, and Mr. Schroer! For cheering on the kids, running, and helping out!

Don't forget to get in your pledges on Wednesday, November 5th!!!

*Our goal is \$50,000... and we want to celebrate
with a fun school wide event!*

*All prizes will be distributed on December 10th and
top classes will have their breakfasts on December 11th.*

The top pledge earner per grade level Limo Ride with Mr. Schroer will be scheduled soon!

*Colleen Logomasini & Carrie Schwan
Rancho Canada Jog-A-Thon Co-Chairs*

PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

The PTA and Lori Quigley would like to thank the members of the Disaster Preparedness Committee who helped distribute, label, and collect for storage the bins containing emergency food packets. Many thanks to Birgie Lamphear, Marty Connair, Terri Graham, Michelle Vacca, Andrea Gomez, Dina Watts, Jenny Nonora, Denise Ramires, and Suzanne Graham

BIKE RODEO UPDATE

Rancho Canada 's annual Bike Rodeo, went off without a hitch this year with over 80 kids participating! We owe a special thanks to so many: the Lake Forest Police Department & their volunteers, Steve Manke, Trish Lasher, Jenny Nonora & Girl Scout Troop 1438.

Melanie Schrunk & Erin Hoskinson

RANCHO CANADA MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

The classes with the most PTA members per grade level were announced at the flag ceremony on Friday October 3rd. Congratulations to the winning classes!

We hope you enjoyed your Popcorn Party!

Kindergarten: Mrs. Shields

1st grade: Mrs. Stein

2nd grade: Mrs. Stahr

3rd grade: Mrs. Coller

4th grade: Ms. Wiemann

5th grade: Mr. Williams

5/6 combo: Mrs. Pelzer

6th grade: Mrs. Christensen

We also wanted to thank our fabulous teachers for their membership. Yet another year where we have 100% of our teachers joining our PTA! Thanks also to all the families that help support our school by joining Rancho Canada 's PTA. Our community support to our school helps to make our school a terrific environment for our kids to learn. We look forward to another great year at Rancho Canada Elementary!

For those of you who did not join, it is not too late.

Please pick up a membership form in the office today.

Mary Core
VP, Membership

GREAT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION NEWS!!!

Rancho Canada PTA earned more than \$8,000 in our first year with the Ralph Rewards Program!!!

We want to say thanks to all the Rancho families, staff and friends who already renewed their support to our school by signing up with the program for the 2008/09 school year.

If you have not yet linked your Ralphs Rewards Card please stop by Rancho's office, pick up a form and fill out the information. You can register online; go to www.ralphs.com complete the online form following the simple steps. Or, simply return the completed form to your child's classroom, and we'll do the rest!

Please sign up your friends, neighbors and relatives. It is a great way to help our school!

Thanks for your participation!!!

Questions? Call Susana Fazio at #949-859-7080 or email faziofamily@cox.net

ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR PTA COVER CONTEST

Thank you to all who sent in artwork this year for the Directory Cover Contest. We had an extremely hard time choosing from all of the amazing drawings that were done. This year our winner was chosen from the 4th – 6th graders as every year we alternate. (Last year our winner was from K – 3rd)

Congratulations to....

**Cover Contest Winner –
Heather Nonora – Mrs. Christensen**

**Back Cover Winners -
Ryan Alexander – Mrs. Pelzer AND
Sabela Relph – Mrs. Duran**

We had many drawings to choose from but had to narrow it down due to available space. Remember to follow all rules, follow the theme, and use "Black ink". Below is the list of students that will have artwork throughout the directory this year. Congratulations to all.

Lauren Nielsen, Mya Sunderman, Adrie Van Wouterghem, Rebecca Villagrancia, Jenna Quigley, Paul Skenes, Montana Quigley, Ryan Sunderman, Laurie Skenes, Nick Maimone, Jonathan Huynh, Jason Schillig, Melanie Fazio, Brandon Schillig, Alex Gill, Sydney Brewer, Travis Alexander, Kyra Kay Vergo, Jessica Leech, Connor Hawkes, Brandon Parsio, Cole Sexton, Alexis Ballidis, and Paul Lovley.

Kristen Smith
Student Directory Editor

FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

The Food Drive Contest was a HUGE success with Gauchos collecting 1382 cans/boxes of food for needy families in our community! Mrs. Anderson's fourth grade class was the clear winner with 150 cans and Mrs. Manning's kindergarten came in second with 105 cans. Thank you to everyone who participated - you really made a difference! PTA C.O.O.L. Rep Jenny Nonora

In November through December we will be collecting new toys, art supplies/kits and things for needy kids. Look for the flyer coming out soon with more information!

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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