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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March is going to be a busy month at Rancho Canada. The kids can look forward to two sessions of Hands on Science, as well as Art Masters this month. The annual Book Fair will be the week of March 16th. Look for more information to come on this. Our second Family Fun Night will also be during the week of Book Fair. This will take place on the evening of March 17th. Bring your kids for an evening of fun and book shopping. We will finish out the month with an assembly on the 26th, where the kids will enjoy an Aztec dance performance.

Parent teacher conferences will be going on from March 13th-March 20th. This would be a great time to thank your child's teacher for all the hard work and effort they put in to teaching. In fact,

Teacher Appreciation Day is March 24th! To celebrate exceeding our Jog-A-Thon goal of \$50,000, we will be having a BMX show! This will be on the afternoon of April 3, 2009. Look for a flyer to come home with your children.

The March PTA meeting will be on March 9th. It will be held in the MPR, at 7:00. I would like to invite everyone to come and find out what is going on with PTA. It is great to see new faces!

**Suzanne Graham
Rancho Canada PTA President
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THANK YOU!

Thank you **Tina Dunn** and **Chris Dunn** for organizing another wonderful Author's Week. The kids really enjoyed it, and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you **Dolores Winchell** for coordinating the SHAPE program.

Thank you **Susana Fazio** for your work on the Ralphs Community Program.

Thank you **Kim Golbuff, Latha Kumar** and **Dolores Winchell** for your hard work putting together the Yearbook.

Thank you **Cindy Caldwell** for taking care of our "Lost and Found" items.

Thank you to all our wonderful Rancho Canada Teachers for your dedication to all of our Rancho kids!

TEACHER APPRECIATION!!!!

Attention Rancho parents and students! Here's a reminder that Teacher Appreciation Day is almost here.... on March 24th. We all know how FABULOUS our Rancho Canada teachers are, so let's show them how much we value the time and effort they invest in our children's education and lives!

**LOOK FOR THE FLYER
WITH MORE
INFORMATION SOON!!!!**

If you have any questions regarding Teacher Appreciation Day, please contact your classroom representative or Heather Alexander @ 830-4021.

SVUSD SUPERINTENDENT'S BUDGET UPDATE

As you may know, the state of California finally passed a budget. With the closure of that process comes the reality of its impact to SVUSD. The state budget provided a COLA of .68% or \$40 per student. That translates into a \$1.28 million overall increase. However, once that amount is offset with losses in other areas, the net reduction for the current year is over \$2 million. We budget using multiple year projections, and, in 2009-2010, are facing further reductions in enrollment along with increased costs of operation. Therefore, in total, we expect that we may have to reduce costs by approximately \$8 million next year.

The adopted budget for this year already includes reductions in staff, programs and a wide range of services totaling \$13.5 million. Cuts of this magnitude eliminated 69 certificated and 43 classified positions District wide. These cuts regrettably have had a detrimental impact on our services, and we hope for the patience and understanding of parents and students as we come to grips with them. Additionally, as mentioned above, the continued risk areas of declining enrollment, rising payroll and health care costs, combined with a sagging state economy remain a concern for the District's current and future

budgets. The revised Budget Reduction List for the 2008-09 school year may be accessed on the SVUSD Budget Crisis webpage.

With the General Fund Budget reductions for 2008-09 combined with last year's reductions, SVUSD has cut more than \$16.7 million in just two years. Additionally, over the last six years in excess of \$15 million has been cut for a total reduction of \$33.7 million! As the state outlook on educational funding continues to look bleak, we must continue to make our voices heard. Letters and telephone calls to legislators can be instrumental in shaping their final budgetary decisions. Now that the budget passed, all efforts to highlight the importance of adequate funding for education should soldier on.

Please visit the District webpage to learn more about the State Budget Crisis, the specific impact on SVUSD and how to contact legislators. As devastating as this is to SVUSD, we will continue to provide the highest quality of educational service to all, especially our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Steven L. Fish
Superintendent of SVUSD

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS for 2009/2010

A	School Closure	500,000	6.5	
B	Athletics	1,638,854	9.6	
C	Technology Services	729,480	2.	
D	FieldStudies (Amount not funded by fees)	66,542	2.4	
E	School Librarians,LibraryMedia Clerksgr. 7-12	812,351	10.5	
F	Language Arts Assistance Program (LAAP)	522,575	13.6	
G	Elementary, Intermediate &HighSchool Asst,Principals	1,002,758	8.0	
H	ActivityDirectors	530,876	4.0	
I	Small Elementary Sites Sharing Principals	288,650	2.0	
J	IB Program	125,832	0.8	
K	CSR - Eliminate All Grades	620,978	62.6	
L	Special Education	209,101	2.0	
M	Deferred Maintenance Contribution	1,514,501	0.0	
N	NoTransportation except for Special Education	2,206,024	0.0	
O	PE replaces Music for Equalization time	141,478	1.5	
P	Secondary Counselors	197,775	2.0	
Q	District Office Services	997,391	12.0	
R	AssistantSuperintendent / Instruction	165,750	1.0	
S	Co-Curricular programs	163,707	0.8	
T	PrintShop	163,743	3.0	
\$12,598,366			144.8	

AUTHORS WEEK WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the writing and art contests in connection with the Author's Week presentations. Congratulations to the following students who received a book and a special luncheon with the author or illustrator.

WRITING WINNERS

3rd Grade Shannon Nonora
Londen Christensen

4th Grade Connor Hawkes
Paul Lovley

5th Grade Jillian Giorgio
Alex Pardee

6th Grade Kylie Wren
Zach Vacca

ART WINNERS

2nd Grade Lauren McGill
Dominic Vacca

3rd Grade Alexa Berg
Shelby Sullivan

4th Grade Lauren Nielsen
Kyra Vergo

5th Grade Melanie Fazio
Adrie Van Wonterghem

6th Grade Luke Martinez
Zach Vacca

A special thank you to our 5th grade teacher, Mr. Williams, for his help with coordinating this event and the contests. We also appreciate those parents and teachers who assisted with the contest judging.

Copies of the author's books and illustrator's books have been donated to the school library.

*Tina Dunn and Chris Dunn
Author's Week Co-Chairs*

ART MASTERS IN MARCH

ART MASTER STUDENTS MEET LEONARDO DA VINCI



Art Master students were recently introduced to Renaissance art through slides and stories about the legendary artist, Leonardo da Vinci. Students then used their experiences with 'right brain drawing' techniques to create a drawing from life in the manner of the great master himself.

MARCH ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY
MARCH 26, 2008

"DANCES OF THE
AZTEC"
BY
DANZA AZTECA
XOCHIPILLI



Learn about Mexican culture and history through stories, music and dance.

JOIN US ON A SAFARI HUNT FOR BOOKS



THE SAFARI BEGINS
 DATES: MARCH 16 - 19, 2009
 TIME: 8:00 - 3:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
 FAMILY FUN NIGHT
 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Dinner available for purchase by BAJA FRESH from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL DAYS INCLUDING SET UP!

PLEASE CONTACT DEB PODESTA: dpodesta@scglobal.net
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 OR TRICIA SKAGGS: jeffandtrish@cox.net

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
M A R C H	1	2 Student of the Month Assemblies Hands-On-Science	3 Hands-On-Science	4 Hands-On-Science At Docent Training	5 Hands-On-Science Art Masters Lectures	6 Hands-On-Science Flag Ceremony	7
	8	9 PTA Gen. Mtg. 7 pm Talent Show Tryouts	10 Talent Show Tryouts	11	12	13 Conferences Minimum Day Book Fair No Chorus	14
	15	16 Book Fair Conferences Minimum day	17 Book Fair Conferences Minimum day Family Fun Night	18 Book Fair Conferences Minimum day	19 Book Fair Conferences Minimum day	20 Book Fair Conferences Minimum day	21
	22	23 Hands-On-Science	24 Hands-On-Science Teacher Appreciation Day	25 Hands-On-Science	26 Hands-On-Science Assembly Aztec Dancing	27 Hands-On-Science	28
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