



RUSD Headline News Wednesday, March 31, 2021

A Message from Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There have been so many challenges to overcome in the past year living in the midst of the pandemic. It has changed so many aspects of our lives, including daily routines, working remotely, gathering with others, enjoying celebrations, and how students attend school by following new protocols and procedures.

As we move into the Spring, we are beginning to experience a closer sense of normalcy than we have in a year. Our team is reimagining the format for end of the year events and recognitions so we can continue some of our special RUSD traditions. One of those traditions is nominating a favorite teacher for the PTA sponsored Phoebe Hearst Outstanding Educator Award.

Phoebe Hearst 2021 Outstanding Educator Award:

Each year parents have the opportunity to nominate a favorite teacher for the PTA sponsored Phoebe Hearst Outstanding Educator Award. Please tell us about the wonderful qualities that you and your child appreciate about their favorite teacher this school year [at this link](#). Each note of appreciation will be confidentially shared with the teacher you choose to recognize. We are thankful and fortunate to have such a dedicated and exceptional faculty who have risen to every challenge. Responses must be received by Friday, April 30th.

All RUSD Students Will Transition to a Nearly Full Day Schedule on Monday, April 19th

Following Distance Learning week on April 12-16, all traditional program students will have very similar in-person instructional minutes as a regular school day, pre-COVID-19 since the time that has been reduced is mainly a result of decreasing the time for recess and lunch periods.

- Reed and Bel Aire, students will be on campus for 4.5 hours per day on Mondays, and 5.5 hours per day on Tuesday – Friday.
- Del Mar, students will be on campus for 6 hours per day, with virtual office hours and clubs resuming after school Tuesday – Friday.

- Stable classroom groups must still be maintained throughout the day, and we must still avoid school wide mixing of students and staff, according to the updated public health guidelines.
- The day still accommodates staggered start/end times, which also allows time for teachers to check-in and provide instruction/support to students who are ill or under quarantine that are accessing the Test or 10 learning plans at home.

Public Health Guidance for Spring Recess:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Travel Advisory](#) includes recommendations to curb the spread of COVID-19 and contain new sources of infection. Marin County Public Health [recommends](#) that families and school staff take caution during the upcoming school holiday.

Recommendations include:

- Schools have the authority to implement stricter requirements for returning travelers.
- Avoid non-essential travel to any part of California more than 120 miles from one's place of residence, or to other states or countries.

*If you **must** travel, take steps to protect yourself and others:*

- If you are eligible, [get fully](#) vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Before you travel, [get tested](#) 1-3 days before your trip.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you.
- All persons arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries, should [self-quarantine](#) for 10 days.
- Quarantine may be shortened to 7 days if all travelers in the household are asymptomatic and test negative with an antigen or molecular viral test on Day 5 or later.
- Fully vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine unless required by employer.
- Students who did not travel with their parents / guardians can attend school if returning parents / guardians can quarantine.

Those adhering to the advice and staying close to home still need to consider restrictions on in-person gatherings.

- CDPH [recommends](#) holding gatherings outside, where air circulation is better.
- Non-essential travelers from other states or countries are still strongly discouraged from entering California.

See [link](#) for full Marin Public Health Guidance.

RUSD On Campus COVID-19 Testing Information:

RUSD has secured the services of PMH Laboratory, Inc. to provide families access to COVID-19 testing during the week of April 12-16, see details below:

The testing times are from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. **[The deadline to sign-up for an appointment is Wednesday, April 7, 2021.](#)**

Tuesday, 04/13/21 - Reed School

Wednesday, 04/14/21 - Del Mar Middle School

[COVID Testing - Del Mar Middle School](#)

Thursday, 04/15/21 - Reed Union School District/Bel Aire School

[COVID Testing - Reed Union School District/Bel Aire School](#)

If Your Child Tests Positive for COVID-19:

To ensure that we continue to keep our school campuses safe and open, we need to be aware if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over the Spring Recess. We will then communicate with other families to notify them their child may have been exposed to COVID-19. Please email your school office personnel with the subject line of **Positive COVID Test if your child tests positive for COVID-19 over the Spring Recess.**

- Reed – Isabelle Moattar at imoattar@reedschools.org and/or call 415.435.7840 x1002
- Bel Aire – Lora Nazarian at lnazarian@reedschools.org and/or call 415.559.8112
- Del Mar – Laura Kristy at lkristy@reedschools.org and/or call 415.435.1468 ext. 0

Updated School Site Protection Plans:

Our administrative team has reviewed the updated School Site Specific Protection Plans (SSSPP) that incorporates the new Marin County [Guidelines for Return to Site-based Classroom Instruction](#) with their site teams, and they have been updated on the RUSD [website](#).

Wishing everyone a joyful and safe Spring Recess!

Warm regards,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Have questions or comments?

Click on the **Parent Feedback Form**. A few of our District Communications Committee members will regularly check this link for new questions and comments and will be able to help respond to questions promptly.

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HOW FOUNDATION DOLLARS ENRICH YOUR CHILD EACH DAY

HEALTH + SAFETY

We funded \$160K in PPE to keep students Covid safe and able to return to on-campus instruction including outdoor tents, HEPA filters, plexiglass partitions, hand washing stations, and increased janitorial and nursing hours.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

At most elementary schools, this outdoor time is facilitated by a classroom teacher. The Foundation funds a full-time P.E. teacher at Reed and Bel Aire.

ART

The Foundation funds two full-time art teachers. We fund the salary of a shared art teacher at the elementary level and a full-time art teacher at Del Mar Middle School.

MUSIC

The Foundation funds three full-time music teachers. Over the years, this has allowed us to build up many musical options: K, 1st, and 2nd grade music performances at Reed, 3rd and 4th grade percussion, 5th grade band, the All School Choir, Steel Pans and Intermediate and Advanced orchestra at Del Mar, in addition to daily or regular instruction at school.


TECHNOLOGY

In addition to the 1:1 student to iPad ratio district wide, the Foundation funds a STEAM lab at each school, access to 3-D printers and robotics kits, as well as engineering, coding and robotics electives.

SPANISH

We are a rarity in offering a second language from K-8th. Our Del Mar Spanish program is a highlight of the district. Many 8th grade students test into second and third year Spanish in High School.

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