



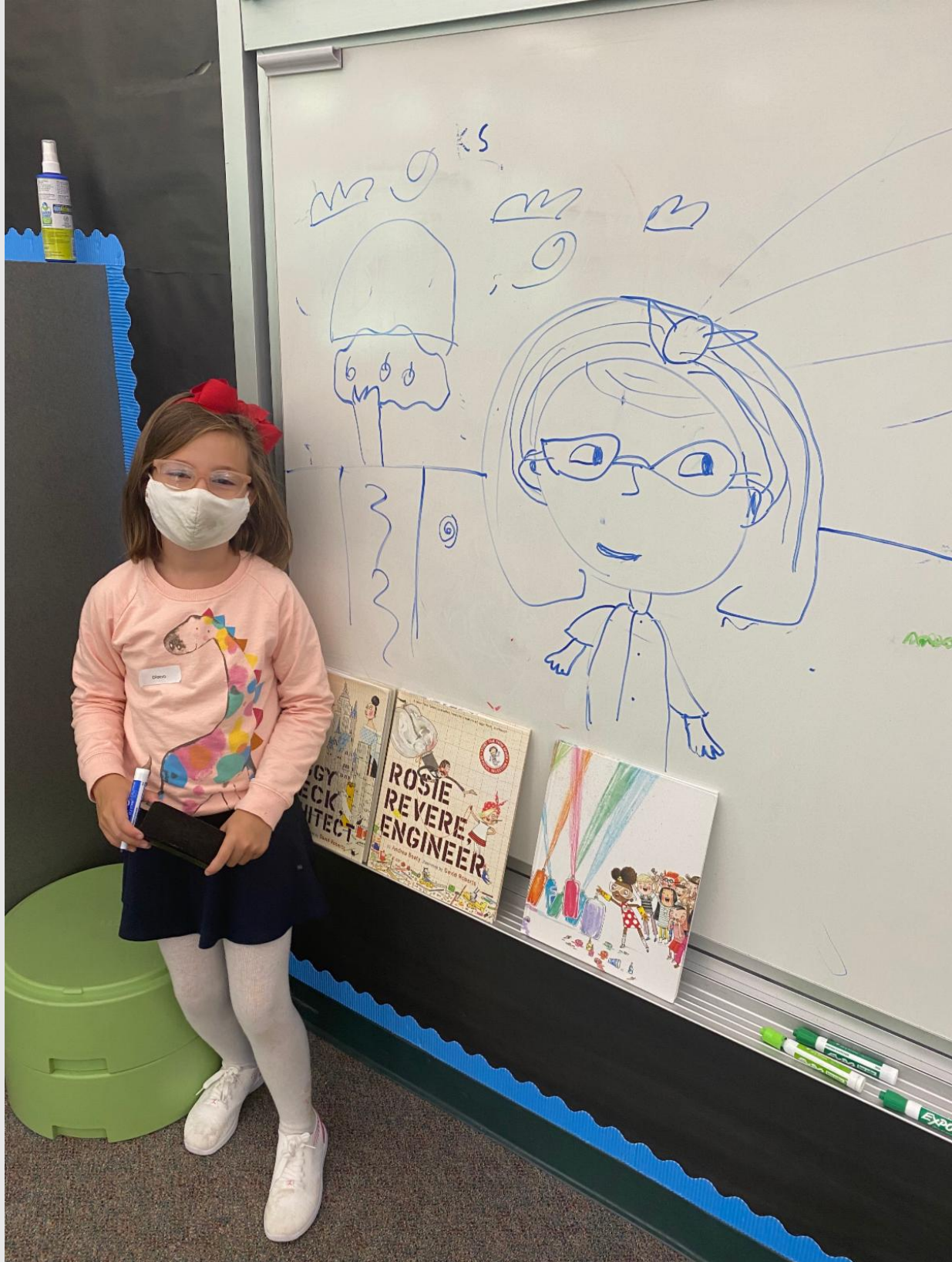
RUSD Headline News Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Dear RUSD Community,

Glad to see the sunshine today after a rainy weekend. Please make sure that we have your most current contact information to receive school notifications and updates.

I have a lot of great information to share with you as we close out the month of October.

- Mark your calendars for **November 1st**. We need your input on our **YouthTruth survey**. This is an important tool for us to hear parent and student voices (3rd grade and up) around Social Emotional topics and more. I will send the link and reminder on the 1st. Your participation is important.
- We are also interested in your input around Math. Look for a math specific survey next week.
- Keep this [public health link](#) in mind. It contains up-to-date decision trees, travel recommendations, and more.
- If you are interested in COVID-19 vaccination clinics for 5-11 year olds, the first date of October 30th has been changed. Due to a delay in approval, public health is preparing for Nov. 6th to be the first vaccine clinic date. The full schedule is below.
- Big thanks to all guardians and staff for staying diligent with COVID protocols. Because of your dedication, we're able to keep case rates very low and maximize in-person learning. Right now, we have 5 active cases. This is still very low. Stay diligent! It's a team effort.
- If you're celebrating Halloween and/or Dia de los Muertos, you'll find tips below from Public Health.
- When we go through storms, I always look to children for that grounding feeling of warm inspiration. Kids ground us in what is great about the world! When I walked into the Builders' Studio at Reed, I loved this self-portrait Diana made that welcomed everyone into the studio. What a darling way to make everyone feel welcome in such an innovative space!
Thanks Diana!



If you are interested in more detailed information, you can find it below:

- Here is a [link](#) to the most up-to-date public health information.
- The [Marin County Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) is offering parents and kids **safe and responsible options** to celebrate Halloween (October 31) and Dia de los Muertos (November 1 and 2) while taking precautions to prevent the diseases spread.

Health officials note that last year's holiday season, starting with Halloween,

fueled the largest of Marin's four major surges of COVID-19 infections. This year, although the highly contagious delta variant is dominant in Marin, high vaccination rates are a cause for optimism.

"Last year we weren't in a place to really celebrate together—that's changed, thanks to the vaccine and the work of everyone in our community to control the virus," said Dr Matt Willis, Marin County Public Health Officer. "We need to stay mindful of our shared risks, but if we follow common sense precautions we can celebrate together."

For those eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine, completing a vaccination series remains the best protection against the virus. The best starting point is Marin HHS' [vaccine finder webpage](#). Most children who are giddy about the eerie holidays coming up are still not eligible to be vaccinated, so it's even more important for teens and adults around them to be fully vaccinated.

"Looking ahead, with our 5 to 11-year-olds nearly eligible to be vaccinated, it's good news that we could feel even more secure about the remaining holidays," said Dr Lisa Santora, Deputy Public Health Officer for Marin County. "Make vaccination part of your holiday planning: when everyone at home is vaccinated, we'll all be better protected."

Other [recommendations](#) include gathering outdoors instead of indoors whenever possible, wearing a face covering when close to others, skipping the festivities if not feeling well, and respecting one another's personal space by avoiding crowding.

Over the counter rapid COVID-19 tests are also recommended for those who want an added measure of security, to help ensure those who are gathered together are not infectious. Tests can be performed at home before joining a gathering or offered at the door. Test results can be reported to Marin Public Health through the online [self-test reporting form](#).

Here are [guidelines for safety precautions](#) when trick-or-treating with the youngsters.

- Wear a face covering or keep your distance from others to help reduce your risk of getting COVID-19. Remember, most costume masks does not provide trusted protection.
- Bring hand sanitizer and use it frequently. Wash hands after coming home, and especially before eating treats.
- Avoid distributing treats from inside the home; give them out from the porch or driveway.
- Place a table or another creatively decorated barrier between the treat-giver and the trick-or-treater to help with distancing.
- Monitor yourself and your family for symptoms for 14 days after participating in any holiday celebrations and activities. Pay special attention from days 3-7 because that is when people are most likely to develop symptoms.

If someone you had close contact with tests positive for COVID-19, that's your signal to go get tested. To learn more about symptoms and testing, visit Marin HHS' [testing webpage](#). If you receive word about close contact and are not fully vaccinated, stay home to quarantine. Remain home and isolated regardless of your vaccination status if you do not feel well or if you test

positive.

For information on what to do after an exposure or a positive test, visit the [isolation and quarantine webpage](#). Much more is available on [Coronavirus.MarinHHS.org](#).

Please see below for the new COVID-19 vaccination plan for 5-11 year olds, pending approval of course!

LARGE COUNTY/SAFEWAY CLINIC PLAN

	<i>1st Dose Clinic</i>	<i>2nd Dose Clinic</i>	
Miller Creek	November 6th & 7th	December 4th & 5th	
Strawberry Point	November 13th & 14th	December 11th & 12th	
Novato High	November 20th & 21st	December 18th & 19th	

There will also be several other places to receive the pediatric vaccine which will be posted on <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccinefinder> when the vaccine is approved.

Best regards,

Kimberly McGrath
Superintendent
Reed Union School District
"We are even stronger together!"

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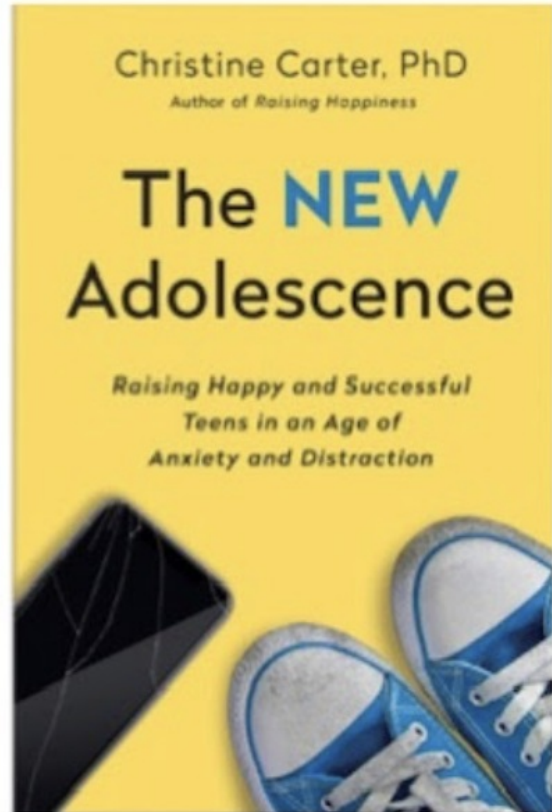
NOVEMBER 5

- Pledge day is crucial to our fundraising success
- Early financial commitments (donations OR pledges) allow us to accurately forecast our fundraising progress
- RUSD uses this information for staffing and program planning for the next school year
- Pledge Day saves valuable volunteer hours as our team reaches out, personally, to each and every family

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A Conversation about Raising Happy and Successful Kids with Dr. Christine Carter

Wednesday November 17th @ 6:30PM via ZOOM

The first 50 people to register for this event will receive a free copy of Dr. Carter's book *The New Adolescence*

[Register Now!](#)

Join us for a conversation and Q&A between sociologist Dr. Christine Carter, author of *Raising Happiness: Ten Simple Steps for More Joyful Kids and Happier Parents* & *The New Adolescence: Raising Happy and Successful Teens in an Age of Anxiety and Distraction* and Dr. Mary Niesyn, Principal of RUSD Elementary School.

Dr. Carter and Dr. Niesyn will discuss how our experience of parenting can dramatically change (for the better!) during adolescence, as well as the three key skills today's kids need -- and how parents can instill them.

In this interactive virtual event, you'll find practical guidance for providing the support and structure kids need, helping them overcome the distractions that hinder learning, and guidance for protecting them from anxiety, isolation, and depression.

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