

Del Mar News Flash

Weekly Del Mar Campus, PTA & Foundation News



Key Dates:

Thurs. Oct 25th

8th Grade Parent Meeting with Redwood High School Principal. 6 pm. Del Mar Gym

Thurs. Oct 25-Fri. Oct 26th

Del Mar Pop-Up Book Fair

Wed. Oct 31

Halloween. Please donate treats for Advisory parties!

Fri. Nov 2nd

7th Grade parent meeting with Dr. Gold, Dr. Kover and Mr. Lynch. 8:20-10:30 am. Del Mar Library

Fri. Nov. 2nd Picture Day!

Monday-Friday Nov. 5th-

9th

Del Mar News



*****Important Halloween Party Plans!*****

The PTA is asking that you donate treats for the students' Halloween parties. Please see important information below, under PTA News, for details!

Pop-Up Book Fair

The Del Mar Pop-Up Book Fair opens tomorrow (Thursday) morning in the Library.

Hours: Thursday: 7:40 am to 4:00 PM and Friday: 7:40 am to 12:15 PM.

Students are welcome to visit on their own before school, during breaks, at lunchtime, and after school. All Humanities classes will also visit with their teachers. Cash, check, debit, or credit accepted. Thanks to the PTA for coordinating this annual fundraiser for all RUSD schools.

From the District Regarding Picture Day:

Dear Del Mar Parents,

Due to unforeseeable circumstances, RUSD recently terminated our services with our Photo Day

5th
Student-Led
Conference
Week
Early
dismissal all
week
(12:20pm)

**Mon. Nov.
12th**
Veteran's
Day-no
school

**Mon. Nov.
19th**
Turkey Trot

Nov. 21-23
Thanksgiving
Break

part to an unacceptable circumstance, I will be voluntarily terminated on October 26th. Our Photo Day photographer. We apologize for the delays and inconvenience you have experienced.

We have a new photography service provider, Dorian Studio, Inc. The new photographer will RE-TAKE ALL children and staff photos in the coming weeks in hopes of delivering photographs before the school winter break. We appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Del Mar's new PHOTO DAY is November 2, 2018

If you have already ordered and paid for your child's photographs but have not yet received photographs, please contact Hotshot Portraits (aka MyLegacy) at mylegacymatters.us | 707-297-7304 | 888-379-9328.

If you have not yet ordered photographs, please wait until after the re-take date. A reminder will come next week about the new picture day date.

From The Principal

October 24, 2018

From Brian Lynch
Principal, Del Mar Middle School

Dear Families,

I want to use this week's newsletter to encourage a dialogue between you and your children about their use of social media. For the past few years, issues related to our students' use of social media off campus, at night and on weekends are surfacing at school and impacting students' ability to be engaged in their learning. Recently, we have received multiple reports of our students using *Snapchat* to play a game called Show or Cover. This involves students asking a question, which can run the gamut, from "Hottest girl at school?" to "Most annoying boy at school?" to "Thoughts on (insert student name here)." The people playing then respond to the question and have the option to show their name with their response or ask for it to be covered (rendering them anonymous). The students we have spoken to say the game is getting played a lot, and of course, the questions asked don't tend to seek compliments or positive information, resulting in a good deal of mean behavior.

Middle School is a critical age in one's social and emotional development. As students are forming their identities, many begin exploring on-line and through social media who they want to be and how they want to fit in this world. With your partnership, we hope to develop our students into responsible digital citizens. Students are not allowed on social media sites on campus and during the school day. As such, we need your support in helping students to use social media in productive and healthy ways. We hope you'll speak with your children about Show or Cover, or any game on social media that asks them to comment on others. We hope that they'll recognize that very little positive commentary comes out of these games. It may be helpful for them to consider whether they would be willing to make any of these statements in a face-to-face situation, and to consider how the students getting talked about might feel when they discover they're being talked about in a public forum.

Please take time to read through articles linked below and consider attending our District Parent Education on Thursday, November 29th at 8:30 at Bel Aire Elementary.

Sincerely,
Brian Lynch
Principal

[It's Not Cyberbullying, But ...
Though someone's mean online behavior might not fit the definition, it can still hurt.](https://www.common sense media.org/blog/its-not-cyberbullying-but-though-someone-s-mean-online-behavior-might-not-fit-the-definition-it-can-still-hurt)

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/its-not-cyberbullying-but>

Article defines the trends -- ghosting, subtweeting, fake accounts, sharing embarrassing posts and pics, rumors, exclusion, grieving, hate speech -- **and** offers suggestions for parents to help their tween/teen.

[What should parents know about Snapchat?](https://www.common sense media.org/facebook-instagram-and-social/what-should-parents-know-about-snapchat)

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[Snapchat App Review](https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/snapchat)

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[How to Balance Social Media](http://www.familiesmanagingmedia.com/social-media/)

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Site includes great infographic about physical effects of social media alerts, peek into what teens do online, add suggestions to "rethink, reset, and reconnect."

[Family Media Contracts](https://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/uploads/research/familymediacontracts1.pdf)

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Covers grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12, plus a blank template. These contracts set the stage for discussions of media use in three areas: "Stay Safe, Think First, and Stay Balanced."

[What age should my kids be before I let them use Instagram, Facebook, and other social media services?](https://www.common sense media.org/social-media/what-age-should-my-kids-be-before-i-let-them-use-instagram-facebook-and-other-social)

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[Did You Miss Any Of The Recent Meetings? No worries-check out these links below!](#)

[Fall 2018 Eighth Grade Level Parent Meeting--10/15/2018](#)

[Fall 2018 Sixth Grade Level Parent Meeting-10/12/2018](#)

[Principal's Coffee on Grading-10/19/2018](#)

PTA NEWS

TIME TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN!!!



On Wednesday, 10/31, Del Mar students will celebrate Halloween with a lunchtime costume contest and then parties during Advisory!

All costumes need to follow the dress code. No weapons or masks will be

allowed. Yes, your child may wear his or her costume to school!

IMPORTANTLY:

We are asking for your support to provide donations of healthy snacks and treats.....and yes, even a few not so healthy ones!

This year, all treat and snack donations will be divided up and spread between all classes by the Del Mar staff; this means your donation will not be class specific (just in case you had that question!).

All snacks and food donations need to be *individually wrapped* and should be nut free. **We are looking for donations to be dropped off to the Del Mar office between Monday, October 29 and 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 31 at 10 am.**

Del Mar has an initiative this year to minimize the amount of plastic used on campus, so please do not bring small bottles of water. If you would like to donate drinks, large bottles and a package of paper cups are appreciated.

Thank you for your support of Del Mar's **Advisory Class Halloween Party!!!!**



Please join PTA!

Sign up here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/parent/mip/McGA>

WHILE YOU ARE AT IT, ORDER YOUR DEL MAR SPIRIT WEAR AND YEARBOOK AT THE SAME TIME! ALL CAN BE DONE AT ONCE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK!

Yearbooks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pajama bottoms and water bottles are available for order [HERE](#). Get yours today!!!

THE RUSD BOOK FAIR

BEL AIRE MPR: OCTOBER 23 +24 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
DEL MAR POP-UP: OCTOBER 25 FROM 7:30 AM - 4PM
OCTOBER 26 FROM 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

and do not miss...

FAMILY NIGHT

FEATURING

Book Passage & Marin Pizza

FROM 5-7 PM

Bring your kids, shop for the latest books from Book Passage and enjoy pizza and salad selections from Marin Pizza ALL while supporting RUSD libraries!

SEE YOU AT THE BOOK FAIR!

FOUNDATION NEWS



PLEDGE DAY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Families who pledge or donate on or before November 9th will automatically be entered into our Pledge Day Raffle!

The Foundation is proud to be celebrating its 40th year of supporting educational excellence! This year, we have, once again, made a \$2 million commitment to RUSD, \$1 million of which is due in January!

Our goal is 100% participation in the annual Family Giving Campaign!

With a continued decrease in the number of families living in the district, emphasis on family participation is critical. This year it will cost RUSD **\$1,450 per student** to fund our teachers and programs.

Last week, you received a copy of the 2018-19 Foundation for Reed Schools brochure containing

comprehensive information about our operations, how we raise funds for RUSD and how the district allocates those funds annually. Please have a look! We welcome any questions and comments you may have.

If you have specific questions about your donation or are interested in participating in our Scholars' or John Reed Circles, please visit our [website](#) or contact the following individuals:

Scholars' Circle: Sherrill Lybrook lybrooksm@gmail.com or Katrina Sent katrina.sent@gmail.com

John Reed Circle: Trish Jacob trishjacob3@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Foundation and know that early donations and pledges save valuable volunteer time and reduce fundraising costs. **Join a Community of Givers and invest in our schools!**

JOIN THE PARTY!

Sign-Up Parties are a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a fun day or night out while raising essential funds for our schools! Join the party and help our kids by visiting <http://www.foundationforreedschools.com/sign-up-parties>. Tickets are available for many great parties this school year!

Interested in hosting a party next year, working on a team to organize an event, or just wish to learn more? Contact Monica Coleman (monica_coleman@hotmail.com) or Tina Davis (tina_e_davis@yahoo.com).
