



A Message From Superintendent Dr. Nancy Lynch

Class Placements for the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear RUSD Parents:

Each spring teachers meet with administrators and support staff to discuss each child and to determine the best class placement for the following school year. Attention is given to creating classes that are equally balanced for size, ratio of girls to boys, academic abilities, leadership, behavior patterns, and special individual learning needs. Balanced classes not only create an equitable student-teacher ratio, but also provide the best learning environment for all students. The school staff is in the best position to determine appropriate class placement, therefore we respectfully request that parents do not send requests for specific teachers. If your child has special health needs, the school nurse should be contacted to develop a health plan.

Class lists are emailed the day prior to the opening of the new school year, at 4:30 pm. We wait to finalize lists because many changes occur over the summer, such as new students enrolling, other students moving out of the District, the addition or elimination of classes if required by numbers of children, and adjustments made in class lists to maintain balanced classes.

If, after students complete two weeks of the school year, parents have serious concerns about a child's placement, you may set up a conference with your school principal to discuss your concerns. Changes in class placement are rarely necessary and would only be made at the principal's discretion.

Please feel free to call your school principal if you have questions about the placement process.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Planning for the 2016-2017 school year

Each year at this time we begin budget development for the following school year. A key component in our planning is the number of students we project will attend RUSD next year. We greatly appreciate parents informing us as early as possible, if their child(ren) **will not** be returning in the Fall. Please take a moment to complete [this survey](#) if your child will not return next year. **If your child is returning or is in 8th grade you do not need to complete the survey.**

Remember to submit Phoebe Hearst Nominations

In the spirit of Teacher Appreciation Week, we would like to give parents the opportunity to nominate a favorite teacher for the [Phoebe Hearst Outstanding Educator Award](#). On [this survey](#), please tell us about the wonderful qualities that you and your child appreciate about his/her favorite teacher this year. All the notes of appreciation will be confidentially shared with the teacher you choose to recognize. We are thankful and fortunate to have such a wonderful staff. **Nominations must be received by April 29th.** The recipient of the Phoebe Hearst Award will be announced at the Celebration of Education on May 25, 2016. *Thank you for recognizing our fabulous teachers!*

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**From the Foundation for Reed Schools:**

**SHOOT FOR THE FINAL FOUR!  
A donation to The Foundation is a slam dunk!**

The top four classrooms with the highest percentage of families participating in The Foundation's Family Giving Campaign will win a pizza and popsicle party during lunch at school.

Currently in the lead for participation are the following classes:

Chitsaz (G3) & Bontz (G4) are tied for first at 63%

Vattuone (KG) follows closely with 62%

Narell (G6), Peters (G6) & G. Oefinger (G7) are also tied at 54%

Our goal is to have 100% of our families participate. A Family donation at any level counts. Contest ends April 1st.

**[DONATE TODAY!](#)**

**A donation at any giving level will put your family in the drawing for the amazing Giant's Experience.**

You can win 4 owners seats, a field visit for 4 and the chance for your child to say "Play Ball!" to open the Tiburon Night at the Giants game on Thursday April 19th, 7:15pm. Drawing will be held at Reed School's Open House April 7th. Donations must be received at The Foundation office by 3:00pm April 6th to qualify for drawing. Family donations from all schools at all giving levels qualify. All families who have already donated are automatically entered in drawing.

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From RUSD PTA:

The 2016 PTA Nominating Committee:

Canby Anderies, Tina Atherton, Minnie Carroll, Kirstin Hoefler-Brown, Liz Webb, and Principal-Advisor Mary Niesyn; began their work on February 29 to develop a slate of PTA officers for the 2016-2017 school year. These officers include District EVP, Del Mar Site Chair, Bel Aire Site Chair, Reed Site Chair and Reed Treasurer. **If you are interested in a PTA leadership position, please contact kirstinhoefler@gmail.com ASAP.**

UPCOMING PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS:

RAISING MONEY SAVVY KIDS with Faith Mellos

Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, Mill Valley Middle School Multi-Media Room

Please join us for a presentation addressing the following issues:

- In a world where traditional bank accounts yield little interest, how do we teach our children the value of saving?
- What kinds of accounts can children fund to help them understand the value of managing their money?
- How early do advertisers target kids and what role does the media play in our child's training on financial management?

NO RSVP necessary

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