



## A Message From Superintendent Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Congratulations to our Golden Bell Recipients!**

We are happy to announce the names of the four Reed Union School District staff members receiving the Golden Bell Award for 2016: Caitlin Shanley at Reed School, Bjorn Remmers from Bel Aire and Norlene Jones from Del Mar were selected in the Certificated category. Peggy Riley from Del Mar was selected in the Classified employee category. These four outstanding staff members will be recognized at the RUSD Celebration of Education on May 25<sup>th</sup> as well as at the Marin County Golden Bell Evening of Education at Dominican University in San Rafael on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Proof of Residency Requirements for Currently Enrolled Students Who Are Entering 3rd or 6th Grades in 2016-2017. *Deadline May 27, 2016***

In accordance with Board Policy 5111.1 we require parents of all currently enrolled students who will enter 3rd or 6th grades in 2016-17 to provide **ORIGINAL** documentation showing current proof of residency. Parents of 2nd grade students going into 3rd grade next year, please bring proof of residency to Bel Aire School. Parents of 5th grade students going into 6th grade next year, please bring proof of residency to Del Mar School. The deadline to do this will be May 27, 2016. See details regarding what documents must

be provided [here](#). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **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!

### **Final Year of Transitional Kindergarten**

RUSD parents were notified earlier in the year, that we will not continue our Transitional Kindergarten program after the 2015-16 school year. District funds that have been utilized to support this program will be used to meet the needs of students in kindergarten through eighth grades. When offering a Transitional Kindergarten program, districts were allowed to offer the program for the same minutes as kindergarten or a shorter day as was the practice in RUSD. Districts that offered the shorter day, applied for a waiver from the California Department of Education in accordance with Education Code Section 37202(a).

### **Bel Aire Bicycle Field Trip - Deadline for Sign Up 4/29/16**

The 4th grade class will be completing Youth Cycling 123 on May 19th during PE class. There will be an optional after school bike field trip to help children practice what they've learned during their classroom and blacktop instructions at school. The group ride will be lead by League Cycling Instructors, volunteers, and assistants. The ride will be held on local streets in low traffic areas. Students will learn the safest routes to and from school. Students will also learn dirt skills, shifting, descending and ascending techniques.

The field trip is sponsored by the [Tiburon Peninsula Foundation and the Belvedere Community Foundation](#). Parents with bicycling skills are encouraged to attend. The ride will end at 5:30 at Blackies Pasture where backpacks will be stored during the ride. Call Kathy at 415-686-3805 for questions on pick up times or places.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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**From the Foundation for Reed Schools:**

**Tickets to all the Foundation's Spring Events are now on sale!**

Our annual gala auction, ***A Night in Old Havana***, is coming up on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, under the tent on Blackie's Pasture.

We hope you will also join us in the tent for family fun, pizza and prizes at ***Kids' Bingo Night*** on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm.

And finally, we hope to see all the ladies under the tent on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm for ***Fashion on Ocean Drive***, our annual fashion show and boutique.

Click [here](#) for more information and to buy your tickets to all the exciting events that week.

**EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS!** For families that would like to donation but have not yet had the opportunity, there is still time! Donations to The Foundation can be made through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please help us reach our goal of \$2 million by giving at a level that is meaningful to you!

[DONATE TODAY](#)

**Thank you for supporting to The Foundation! We count on you!**

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**From RUSD PTA:**

**PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD SLATE** - The 2016 PTA Nominating Committee has completed their work on the Executive Board slate. Congratulations to the following individuals for being nominated to the 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board!

- EVP: Co-Chairs: Jenny Sims and Leilah Gilligan
- Del Mar Site Chair: Tracy Rittenhouse

- Bel Aire Site Chair: Stacy Achuck
- Reed Site Chair: Alie Hart
- Reed Treasurer: Deb Holland

The slate will be presented to the PTA Membership for election into office at the May 5 General PTA Meeting.

### **UPCOMING PARENT ED EVENT - "RAISING MONEY SAVVY KIDS"**

**Tuesday, April 26th | 7 - 8:30 pm**

**Mill Valley Middle School Multi-Media Room**

- 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?

When talking to children about money and your family's assets, you may be wondering what to say and when to say it. You may want your children to be ready to carry your wealth forward but also want them to have strong values and a perspective of their own. At this seminar, you'll learn to help your children earn, save, spend and give responsibly. This session is designed to help us find ways to help our children be wise money managers and to develop healthy financial habits. [RSVP HERE](#).

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK STARTS MAY 2** - Stay tuned for information from your school site on ways you can show appreciation to teachers and staff every day of that week. Big thanks to ChoiceLunch for partnering with the PTA to kick off the week with a free lunch for teachers!

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