



A Message From Superintendent Dr. Nancy Lynch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was a pleasure to see so many parents attend our Back to School Nights, meeting teachers and learning about educational and social emotional learning goals and expectations for the year. Thank you for supporting your children by attending these important events.

What do Teachers do on Staff Development Days?

On September 19th, our staff participated in a training entitled, *Cultural Competency as a Tool for Educational Excellence*. Led by expert Robert Greene, the day focused on diversity and bias awareness. As a complement to our bully prevention and intervention efforts this year, we are excited to include this important component in which we will work to ensure optimal learning and inclusion for all students. One of the beliefs discussed during the day was, "I thought about you before you arrived. You have a place here". The RUSD team is enthusiastic as we continue to learn more.

Bully Prevention and Intervention Information

Please [click here](#) or visit our [home page](#) for the link that provides parents with information and research on bullying behaviors, and what we can do to support students. This page will be updated to provide expanded information on cyber safety, and information presented during my parent workshops on Monday, October 10 at Del Mar at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, October 28 at Bel Aire at 8:30 a.m.

2017-18 School Calendar

Last year, districts throughout Marin County collaborated to create a calendar for 2016-17 that aligns common vacations throughout the year. School districts that matriculate

into the Tamalpais Union High School District (TAM), such as Reed, follow the calendar that is approved by the TAM Board of Trustees. Their district is in the process of negotiating their calendar for next year. It is expected the proposed calendar will be finalized by November. Subsequently, we will meet with our teachers to negotiate the proposed calendar and then take it before the Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval. We understand that parents rely on receiving calendars early in the year to make plans for the summer, so we appreciate your patience during this process.

Superintendent Coffee Chats

I welcome opportunities throughout the year for parents to meet with me to chat about things to celebrate in RUSD, and areas in which we continue to strive for excellence. These meetings will be informal opportunities for open dialogue and for me to get to know you better.

Meetings will take place in the Boardroom, located on the Bel Aire campus (please sign in at the office) from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the following dates. Parking is available on Karen Way.

- October 24, 2016
- November 29, 2016
- December 20, 2016
- January 30, 2017
- March 16, 2017
- April 24, 2017
- May 22, 2017

Annual Parental Notice

Parents please read and sign the acknowledgement of the [Annual Parental Notice](#).

Reporting Absences - Religious Holidays

Absences due to religious observation are marked "excused," but only if you let your school office know that is the reason for absence. Please notify the school office by phone or email prior to 8:00am on the day of absence.

Sincerely,
Nancy Lynch, Ed.D.
Superintendent



From the Foundation

Get Ready to Run! Last Call for Early Registration!

The Foundation's 4th annual Run for Reed Schools will take place at Blackie's Pasture on

Wednesday, October 5th (3:30pm for the 1 mile run and 4:15pm for the 5K run).

This

year the entire family can run, walk or join us to celebrate our school community!

Go to www.runforreed.com and register your family. **Early Registration ends September 29th at 10pm!** Registration includes t-shirt, run bib, goody bag and finisher medal. Don't miss this fun community event.



Make sure to pre-order your 2016-2017 RUSD Directory and Smartphone App on-line by October 7th for in-class delivery. Go to www.FoundationForReedSchools.com to buy your RUSD Directory & Smartphone App. You will receive an email with secure login information in early October if you also purchase the Directory App.

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### **From the RUSD PTA**

**Join PTA for the 2016-2017 school year and enjoy these upcoming free Parent Ed events! For PTA membership, please [click here](#)**

***"Staying Connected to your Teenager - How to Keep Them Talking to You and How to Hear What They're Really Saying", featuring award winning author and teen expert Mike Riera, Ph.D.***

October 4th 7:00pm-8:30pm  
College of Marin Theater - James Dunn Auditorium  
Great for parents of teens and TWEENS  
Currently SOLD OUT, but join the waitlist, as tickets will be added prior to the event: [RSVP HERE](#)

### **"Raising Kids in a Digital World," with Todd Sarner, MFT**

Wednesday, November 2nd 7:00pm-8:30 pm  
Del Mar School gym  
This session is appropriate for parents of kids at all three schools! No RSVP necessary.

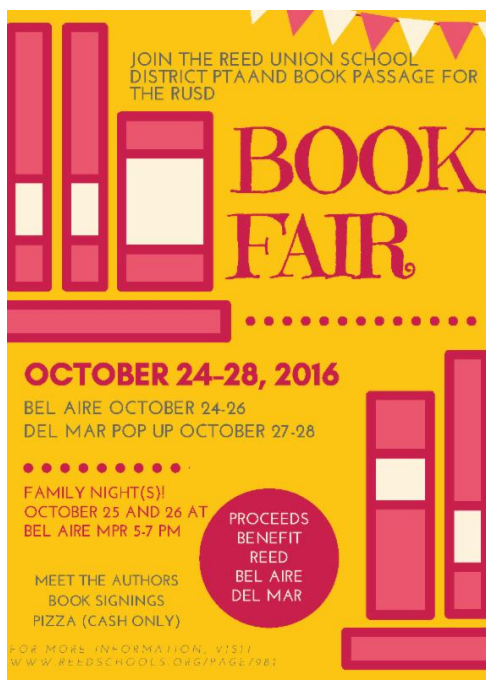
**October 5 is the 20th Anniversary of International Walk to School Day –** Safe Routes to Schools Parent Volunteers will be handing out prizes to students who WALK, BIKE, BUS, CAR POOL, SCOOTER, or SKIP to school on Wednesday, October 5. For more information, please contact:

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**Save the date for the RUSD Book Fair:** October 24-26 at Bel Aire & October 27-28 at the Del Mar pop-up.



To sign up for ChoiceLunch, please [click here](#)

*The RUSD Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a membership-based organization that brings together parents, teachers and staff to coordinate parent volunteers and special programs like Field Trips, Assemblies, School Plays, ChoiceLunch and much more. Please join us!*

**Join Our Mailing List!**

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